

## New City Catechism Class Week Five

**Q5:** What else did God create?

**A5:** God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.

**Genesis 1:31** "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good..." (ESV)

Discuss the question:

- Why should we spend time learning about the doctrine of creation?
- How is this week's question different from last week's question?
- When did all this creation stuff happen?
- This question implies a certain worldview. What is unique about the Christian worldview that includes creation in contrast to other worldviews?

Discuss the Scripture:

- What does the word "everything" refer to?
- How good was God's creation in the beginning? Why is this important?
- How should we think about the goodness of creation after the fall?

Discuss the answer in light of the Scripture:

- What does it mean that all things were created "by his powerful Word"?
- Why is "Word" capitalized in the answer? (Jn 1)
- Knowing what happens with Adam and Eve in Genesis 3, why is it important to note the very goodness of all that God created?
- If "everything flourished under his (God's) loving rule," what does this mean for life outside of God's loving rule?
- Why does it sometimes seem that life under God's rule does not bring about the flourishing we want?
- What happens when mankind supplants the greatness of God with the goodness of creation?

*Knowing that God made all of creation "very good," how should this truth impact how we interact with the world around us?*

*Knowing that everything under God's loving rule will flourish, how should we then live?*