



## Getting From Chaos to Wonderful

### Genesis 1:1-2:3

**Listen!** Alaska Bible College, Anchorage Extension, had dwindled down to three part-time students....

**Why talk about this?** Life is full of chaotic areas, areas where form and function are lost, content and contribution are gone, beauty and productivity are a thing of the past. We need to understand what to do with those kinds of areas.

**The Central Idea of Genesis 1:1-2:3:** The Creator God Who speaks to change chaos into good...created us in His image so we would act to change chaos into good.

- Formless:
- Void:
- Dark:
- Deep:
- Formed:
- Filled:
- Lighted:
- Solid:
- He spoke:
- Good:
- Blessed:
- Us in His image:
- Expects us to act on chaos and bring it to good.
- Seven days:

**For Instance:**

**Application #1.** Do you have a personal chaos that is beyond your fixing that you need to submit to God?

**Application #2.** Do you have a chaos that is within your fixing that you need to tackle?

**Application #3.** God is at the Center. Are you living with God at the center?

# “Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.

**The Big Idea:** The Creator God Who speaks to change chaos into good...created us in His image so we would act to change chaos into good.

Please take some time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas:

- **Today.** Read Genesis 1:1-2:3 with “The Big Idea” in mind. Can you see the text supporting that idea? Would you change the idea in any way to make it more accurate to the text?
  
- **Monday.** List all the areas of your life that are chaotic and that you believe you can do nothing about—the stuff where God must speak order out of the chaos. Take time today to pray and “re-submit” each one of these areas to Him for help.
  
- **Tuesday.** List all the areas of your life that are chaotic and that you believe you can do something about—the stuff where you could imitate God and bring order if you applied yourself. Start on the first one—or the important one.
  
- **Wednesday.** Ask yourself the hard question about where your life is centered—in God? In work? In someone else? In security? In your home or other possessions? What is the evidence? Why would it be absolute joy to center your life in God? What are your fears about centering your life in God?
  
- **Thursday.** Would you be willing to make a new dedication today to center your life in God? The entire Bible begins with these words: “In the beginning God...” These words are more than an accurate historical record of what happened. These words are a statement about the reality that life only works when we begin with God.
  
- **Friday.** Make a list of the major ways that you have been used by God to bring something from chaos to good. Thank Him for these. Rest in the fulfillment and joy of these times when you have imitated God by bringing good out of chaos.
  
- **Saturday.** Read Genesis 2:4-25 and reflect on this passage for tomorrow.

***“Nothing goes from chaos to good by accident—that process always involves God and intention.”***