

# The Seven Cs of history

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## Creation

God perfectly created the heavens, the earth, and all that is in them in six normal-length days around 6,000 years ago.

### Evidence for creation:

- Science - the amazing design that we see in nature— whether in the veins of a leaf or the complexity of your hand—is all the handiwork of God. DNA and information—the information in every living thing was created by God’s supreme intelligence.
- Mathematics—the laws of mathematics reflect the order of the Creator.
- Biological diversity—the distinct kinds of animals that we see were created during the Creation Week, not as products of evolution.
- Art—the creativity of man is demonstrated through various art forms.
- History—all time scales can be compared to the biblical time scale extending back about 6,000 years.
- Ecology—God has called mankind to act as stewards over His creation.

## Corruption

After God completed His perfect creation, Adam disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit. As a result, sin and death entered the world, and the world has been in decay since that time. This point is evident throughout the world that we live in. The struggle for survival in animals, the death of loved ones, and the violence all around us are all examples of the corrupting influence of sin.

### We see corruption in:

- Genetics—the mutations that lead to diseases, cancer, and variation within populations are the result of corruption.
- Biological relationships—predators and parasites result from corruption.
- History—wars and struggles between mankind, exemplified in the account of Cain and Abel, are a result of sin.

## Catastrophe

God was grieved by the wickedness of mankind and judged this wickedness with a global Flood. The Flood covered the entire surface of the earth and killed all air-breathing creatures that were not aboard the Ark. The eight people and the animals aboard the Ark replenished the earth after God delivered them from the catastrophe.

The catastrophe described in the Bible would naturally leave behind much evidence. The studies of geology and of the biological diversity of animals on the planet are two of the most obvious applications of this event. Much of scientific understanding is based on how a scientist views the events of the Genesis Flood.

### **Results of the Flood:**

- Biological diversity—all of the birds, mammals, and other air-breathing animals have populated the earth from the original kinds which left the Ark.
- Geology—the layers of sedimentary rock seen in roadcuts, canyons, and other geologic features are testaments to the global Flood.
- Geography—features like mountains, valleys, and plains were formed as the floodwaters receded.
- Physics—rainbows are a perennial sign of God’s faithfulness and His pledge to never flood the entire earth again.
- Fossils—Most fossils are a result of the Flood rapidly burying plants and animals.
- Plate tectonics—the rapid movement of the earth’s plates likely accompanied the Flood.
- Global warming/Ice Age—both of these items are likely a result of the activity of the Flood. The warming we are experiencing today has been present since the peak of the Ice Age (with variations over time).

### **Confusion**

God commanded Noah and his descendants to spread across the earth. The refusal to obey this command and the building of the tower at Babel caused God to judge this sin. The common language of the people was confused and they spread across the globe as groups with a common language. All people are truly of “one blood” as descendants of Noah and, originally, Adam.

The confusion of the languages led people to scatter across the globe. As people settled in new areas, the traits they carried with them became concentrated in those populations. Traits like dark skin were beneficial in the tropics while other traits benefited populations in northern climates, and distinct people groups, not races, developed.

### **Results of confusion:**

- Genetics—the study of human DNA has shown that there is little difference in the genetic makeup of the so-called “races.”
- Languages—there are about seventy language groups from which all modern languages have developed.
- Archaeology—the presence of common building structures, like pyramids, around the world confirms the biblical account.
- Literature—recorded and oral records tell of similar events relating to the Flood and the dispersion at Babel.

### **Christ**

God did not leave mankind without a way to be redeemed from its sinful state. The Law was given to Moses to show how far away man is from God’s standard of perfection. Rather than the sacrifices, which only covered sins, people needed

a Savior to take away their sin. This was accomplished when Jesus Christ came to earth to live a perfect life and, by that obedience, was able to be the sacrifice to satisfy God's wrath for all who believe.

The deity of Christ and the amazing plan that was set forth before the foundation of the earth is the core of Christian doctrine. The earthly life of Jesus was the fulfillment of many prophecies and confirms the truthfulness of the Bible. His miracles and presence in human form demonstrate that God is both intimately concerned with His creation and able to control it in an absolute way.

#### **Christ is the answer for our world:**

- Psychology—popular secular psychology teaches of the inherent goodness of man, but Christ has lived the only perfect life. Mankind needs a Savior to redeem it from its unrighteousness.
- Biology—Christ's virgin birth demonstrates God's sovereignty over nature.
- Physics—turning the water into wine and the feeding of the five thousand demonstrate Christ's deity and His sovereignty over nature.
- History—time is marked (in the western world) based on the birth of Christ despite current efforts to change the meaning.
- Art—much art is based on the life of Christ and many of the masters are known for these depictions, whether on canvas or in music.

## **Cross**

Because God is perfectly just and holy, He must punish sin. The sinless life of Jesus Christ was offered as a substitutionary sacrifice for all of those who will repent and put their faith in the Savior. After His death on the Cross, He defeated death by rising on the third day and is now seated at the right hand of God.

The events surrounding the crucifixion and resurrection have a most significant place in the life of Christians. Though there is no way to scientifically prove the resurrection, there is likewise no way to prove the stories of evolutionary history. These are matters of faith founded in the truth of God's Word and His character. The eyewitness testimony of over 500 people and the written Word of God provide the basis for our belief.

#### **Evidence for the cross:**

- Biology—the biological details of the crucifixion can be studied alongside the anatomy of the human body.
- History—the use of crucifixion as a method of punishment was short-lived in historical terms and not known at the time it was prophesied.
- Art—the crucifixion and resurrection have inspired many wonderful works of art.

## **Consummation**

God, in His great mercy, has promised that He will restore the earth to its original state—a world without death, suffering, war, and disease. The corruption introduced

by Adam's sin will be removed. Those who have repented and put their trust in the completed work of Christ on the Cross will experience life in this new heaven and earth. We will be able to enjoy and worship God forever in a perfect place.

**Hope for the future:**

- History—in discussions of war or human conflict the coming age offers hope.
- Biology—the violent struggle for life seen in the predator- prey relationships will no longer taint the earth.
- Medicine—while we struggle to find cures for diseases and alleviate the suffering of those enduring the effects of the Curse, we ultimately place our hope in the healing that will come in the eternal state.