

3 And God ^{1a}said, Let there be ^{1b}light; and there was light.

4 And God saw that the light was ^agood, and God ^{1b}separated the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light ^aDay, and the darkness He called Night. And ^bthere was evening and there was morning, one day.

b. The Waters under the Expanse Separated from the Waters above the Expanse, the Second Day
1:6-8

6 And God ^asaid, Let there be an ¹expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it ^{2b}separate the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters which were under the expanse from the ^awaters which were above the expanse, and it was so.

8 And God called the expanse Heaven. And ^athere was evening and there was morning, a second day.¹

c. The Earth Separated from the Seas and the Plant Life Generated, the Third Day
1:9-13

9 And God ^asaid, Let the waters under the heavens be ^bgathered together into one place, and let the ^{1c}dry land appear; and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land ¹Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called ¹Seas; and God saw that it was ^agood.

2:3 refers not to God's original creation but to God's restoration of the damaged universe, plus His further creation, in six days.

2⁵ Heb. *ruach*, variously translated *spirit*, *wind*, *breath*. This is the first mentioning of the Spirit in the Bible. The Spirit of God, as the Spirit of life (Rom. 8:2), came to brood over the waters of death in order to generate life, especially man (v. 26), for God's purpose. In spiritual experience, the Spirit's coming is the first requirement for generating life (John 6:63a).

3¹ After the Spirit's brooding (v. 2b), the word of God came to bring in the light (cf. Psa. 119:105, 130). In spiritual experience, the coming of the word is the second requirement for generating life (John 5:24; 6:63b), and the coming of the light is the third requirement (Matt. 4:13-16; John 1:1-13).

The Spirit, the word, and the light were the instruments used by God to generate life for the fulfillment of His purpose. The Spirit, the word, and the light are all of life (Rom. 8:2; Phil. 2:16; John 8:12b). Christ as the Spirit is the reality of God (Rom. 8:9-10; 2 Cor. 3:17; John 16:13-15); Christ as the Word is the speaking of God (John 1:1; Heb. 1:2); and Christ as the light is the shining of God (John 8:12a; 9:5).

4¹ The separation of the light from the darkness for the purpose of discerning day from night (v. 5; cf. 2 Cor. 6:14b) is the fourth requirement for generating life.

6¹ The atmosphere, the air surrounding the earth.

6² The separating of the waters by producing an expanse between them, signifying, spiritually, the dividing of the heavenly things from the earthly things through the work of the cross (Col. 3:1-3; Heb. 4:12), was the fifth requirement for generating life.

8¹ At the end of the second day there is no record that God said that the expanse (the air) and the waters were good (cf. vv. 4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25). This is because in the air there are fallen angels (Eph. 2:2; 6:12), and the water is the dwelling place of the demons (Matt. 12:43 and note).

9¹ The appearing of the dry land is the sixth requirement for generating life. This took place on the third day, corresponding to the day of resurrection (1 Cor. 15:4). In the Bible the sea represents death and the land represents Christ (see note 7¹ in Deut. 8) as the generating source of life. After the land appeared, every kind of life—the plant life, the animal life, and even the human life—was produced out of the land (vv. 11-12, 24-27; 2:7). This typifies that the divine life with all its riches comes out of Christ. On the third day Christ came out of death in resurrection to generate life (John 12:24; 1 Pet. 1:3) for the constituting of the church.

10¹ Dividing the land from the waters signifies separating life from death. From the second day (vv. 6-7) God began to work to confine and limit

3^a Gen. 1:6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26; Psa. 33:6, 9; Heb. 11:3
3^b Isa. 45:7; 2 Cor. 4:6; cf. John 1:4-5
4^a Gen. 1:10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31
4^b cf. 2 Cor. 6:14
5^a Psa. 74:16; Jer. 33:20
5^b Gen. 1:8, 13, 19, 23, 31
6^a Gen. 1:3
6^b Psa. 104:6-7
7^a Psa. 148:4
8^a Gen. 1:5
9^a Gen. 1:3
9^b Psa. 33:7; 104:7-9; Job 38:8-11
9^c 2 Pet. 3:5; Job 38:4-6
10^a Gen. 1:4