



## What is the Point of the Bible?

### Act I: God creates.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Genesis 1:26-30



## in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and

So God created man in his own image, And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill Genesis 1:26-30



over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.

Genesis 1:26-30



### And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

### Genesis 1:26-30



## Act I: God creates. Act II: Creation rebels.

## was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who

So when the woman saw that the tree



## was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in





## the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God him, "Where are you?" And he said,

the garden in the cool of the day, and among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to



## "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I

was naked, and I hid myself." He said, commanded you not to eat?" The man



said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."



## Act I: God creates. Act II: Creation rebels. Act III: God rescues.

### For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.





## promise is void. For the law brings is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the

For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the wrath, but where there is no law there



## promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not to the one who shares the faith of

only to the adherent of the law but also Abraham, who is the father of us all...



### ...as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed



# He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was

against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." as good as dead (since he was about a



## hundred years old), or when he womb. No unbelief made him waver grew strong in his faith as he gave

considered the barrenness of Sarah's concerning the promise of God, but he glory to God, fully convinced that God



### was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness."



## for ours also. It will be counted to us dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but who believe in him who raised from the

Romans 4:23-25



Act I: God creates. Act II: Creation rebels. Act III: God rescues. Act IV: God restores.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.



## And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling and God himself will be with them as from their eyes, and death

place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, their God. He will wipe away every tear



mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for

# shall be no more, neither shall there be passed away." And he who was seated



### these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.





