

Monthly Memory Verse - July 2010



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Publisher & Author Message

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Message from the publisher and author

Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes

Dale's Notes are provided as an encouragement to study the context from where the monthly memory verse was selected. It's my desire to provide some background information and practical understanding of some things, which I see within my own study of God's word. It's my hope through reading the notes; you will desire to study God's word in more detail.

Dale's Notes are only a layman's attempt to share the good news of our savior Jesus Christ through a monthly memory verse and the study of God's word in our daily walk with the Lord.

Brother in Jesus Christ,

Dale ☺

Dale A. Kaye

Message:

Prayer request:

Pray with me in asking God for help to provide a consistent format for the Men's Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes. I continue to ask your prayers and encouragement to serve in this way through email and site hosting. Please, remember my family as we truly make changes to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you,

Dale

Quick Bio-glance

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George Whitfield

December 16, 1714 – September 30, 1770

George Whitefield (pronounced /' hwi tfi: ld/) (December 16, 1714 – September 30, 1770), also known as George Whitfield, was an Anglican itinerant cleric who helped spread the Great Awakening in the Kingdom of Great Britain and, especially, in the British North American colonies.

Whitefield was born at the Bell Inn, Southgate Street, Gloucester in England. An influential figure in the establishment of Methodism, Whitefield was famous for his preaching in British North America, which was a significant factor in an 18th-century movement of Christian revivals, sometimes called "The Great Awakening."

Whitefield was the son of a widow who kept an inn at Gloucester. He was educated at the Crypt School, Gloucester, and Pembroke College, Oxford. He was a part of the 'Holy Club' at Oxford University with the Wesley brothers, John and Charles. After reading Henry Scougal's *The Life of God in the Soul of Man* he became very religious. Following a religious conversion, he became very passionate for preaching his new-found faith. The Bishop of Gloucester ordained him before the canonical age.

Whitefield is remembered as one of the first to preach to the enslaved. Phillis Wheatley wrote a poem in his memory after he died. In an age when crossing the Atlantic Ocean was a long and hazardous adventure, he visited America seven times, making 13 trans-Atlantic crossings in total. It is estimated that throughout his life, he preached more than 18,000 formal sermons, of which 78 have been published. In addition to his work in America and England, he made 15 journeys to Scotland, (most famously to the "*Preaching Braes*" of Cambuslang in 1742), two to Ireland, and one each to Bermuda, Gibraltar, and the Netherlands. He is considered to be one of the fathers of Evangelicalism. He was the best-known preacher in England and America in the 18th century, and because he travelled through all of the American colonies and drew great crowds and media coverage, he was one of the most widely recognized public figures in America before George Washington.

He died in the parsonage of Old South Presbyterian Church,^[9] Newburyport, Massachusetts on September 30, 1770. He was buried, according to his wishes, in a crypt under the pulpit of this church.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Whitefield and <http://www.ccel.org/w/whitefield/>

Theology term:

Dualism

In its theological meaning, Dualism is the theory that there are two independent and opposing forces (God and the Devil) in continual conflict, and that the outcome of that conflict is not decided until the end. This theory is considered heresy by some because it denies the Omniscience and Sovereignty of God, over all things.

<http://www.mountainretreatorg.net/faq/glossary.html#dualism>

Memory verse for the month: July 2010 (ESV)

Dale's Notes

Read: Gen 1:1-2 (KJV)

July - Part I

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

b.) Gen 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

"In the beginning God..."

The bible is clear when it comes to who created what, when, where, and how: there is no misunderstanding to the point blank statement of Genesis 1:1. Most, if not all, Christian churches teach this simple truth to the youngest of our children at their earliest age. The amazing thing about this truth is children have no problem with getting it right with who made it all! The next time you visit the church pick out the pre-k (3 year olds) and have the teacher ask them who created everything. This beautiful truth will fall out of their mouths to the glory of God and bless your ears.

Mar 10:13 And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and *his* disciples rebuked those that brought *them*.

Mar 10:14 But when Jesus saw *it*, he was much displeased, and said unto them, **Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.**

Mar 10:15 Verily I say unto you, **Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.**

Mar 10:16 And he took them up in his arms, put *his* hands upon them, and blessed them.

Now faith is a word we all throw around, sometimes without weighing its importance, by over simplifying and not expressing its meaning with clarity. A quick search of the word will return 245 accounts of the English word [FAITH] in the New Testament (*King James Version*). Stay with me here: if you do a quick search of the English word faith in the Old Testament you will get back two verses Deu 32:20 and Hab 2:4 (*I'm using e-Sword search tool*).

(Deu 32:20) gives an account of the children of Israel provoking the Lord God with no gods [false gods] and worshipping and sacrificing to devils. The Lord calls them "...children in whom is no faith".

Deu 32:20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end *shall be*: for they *are* a very froward generation, children in whom *is* no faith.

Why do you think the Old Testament has two accounts and the New Testament returned 245 for the word faith? It's not hard to understand knowing under the Old Testament God was moving in a different economy under a different covenant. It wasn't that faith was not needed but the adhering to the strictness of law given by Moses was forefront, to be practice under as a schoolmaster, until the time of faith was revealed.

Gal 3:23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

Gal 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Gal 3:25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Once Jesus Christ had come, he established the new covenant [the time of faith] where righteousness is obtained through faith in the message preached [the Gospel] unto all who are under heaven (*Acts 4:12*).

So, the establishment of righteousness is through faith under the new testament with the old being removed with its requirements of perfection to the law and the new being established with the requirement of righteousness by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, clearly showing salvation is the work of God and not the work of man.

Rom 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Gal 3:11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."

We all know the word faith is sometime synonymous with the words believe and trust but we are going to stay with the English word Faith for now. Overall, our topic is not about faith but of the mighty working of God in His creative power! It's my worry you will fly through this verse and not drink the freshness sitting here at the beginning of our bibles. My concern is you won't take the time to meet with God, our Creator, who gives His introduction to all mankind on this first page and in this first verse of His Holy Word. It should be noted here our God begins and ends his holy word with himself, and that's not to say He doesn't expound himself throughout all of scripture.

Here we see Jesus Christ expounding himself throughout scripture (*God has given all scripture: 2Ti 3:16*).

Luk 24:25 Then he said unto them, **O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:**

Luk 24:26 **Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?**

Luk 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

The Bible begins with God:

Gen 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

The Bible ends with God (*He alone is the beginning and the end of all things*):

Rev 22:13 **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."**

Rev 22:21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

The words "*In the beginning*" call us to attention making us wonder as to what comes next. So the verse doesn't disappoint but proceed to announce the Creator of all things, GOD! The verse puts Him [God] at the beginning and implies He was before the beginning because it forces all the acts of creation to be explained only by Him and Him alone, who brought them [Heaven and Earth] forth into existence!

Keil & Delitzsch commentary on the Old Testament

Gen 1:1

"*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*" - Heaven and earth have not existed from all eternity, but had a beginning; nor did they arise by emanation from an absolute substance, but were created by God. This sentence, which stands at the head of the records of revelation, is not a mere heading, nor a summary of the history of the creation, but a declaration of the primeval act of God, by which the universe was called into being.

The verse reads with the act of God in his creative power [created – a verb (action)]. It does not read as to a question such as "in the beginning" as to what beginning. The verse is implicit; it flows completely together as one solid statement, not disjointed "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

It tells the reader [who] in the beginning created what, when, and where. It shows God as the creator and demands our attention as to the explanation of our existence, how we came to be! The reader is to understand God did it [created all things] without explanation of who he is and the following verses of creation will put forth His argument as to Him being the only true God, The Creator.

For some reason, I feel people come to this verse apart from God and think there is no need for faith. Oh, they just manhandle the creation of all things with their wonderful intellects and think to themselves; they are able to answer the questions of the universe! It's amazing to me because we could never understand these things apart from God and faith to believe. The whole verse sits upon the subject of the person name God! GEN 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

Don't you see man's science may explain many things to the observing eye, even their intelligence to express complicate logic of physics / astrophysics of the known cosmos but man's understanding could never cross the gulf of God's infinite wisdom; this is why faith is employed to understand and know God.

Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

The truth of our verse comes to us whether we understand or not. The truth of our verse is not dependent on intellectuals to explain it. It's truth and it stands alone as our God is alone (*unique / no comparison*) without the need of men's explanation (*Though God uses men*). He said it and that alone makes it right; what more needs to be said "In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth".

When reading our verse you are looking back in time, when there was nothing! Now tell me with all your great wisdom what does nothing look like? How does one truly explain what they cannot but God does! He writes our verse showing only Him standing alone at the creation of all things! It reads "In the beginning God...." and I don't see any architectural firms, engineers and skilled craftsmen named in the listing of our verse. Only God, our Creator doing divine things He only can do, creating the heavens and the earth!

Are you troubled by this world's technology racing upon us, at what seems to be light speed? Don't be, God created it all. Look to faith in Jesus Christ the avenue of true knowledge and wisdom, rest in him alone. Remember it was our savior Jesus Christ, who brought forth the visible and the unseen things.

King James Version

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

It is Jesus Christ that calls his children to faith and belief in him. Hear our savior's words.

Joh 14:1 **Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.**

Maybe you have thousands of questions, just like the rest of us, in some way or another but don't let your ignorance or search stop you from this simple truth of faith; God has created you. The fact that you are here and exist is not explained by you but by Him who made all things, so you have a devine purpose in regards to His will.

God speaking of Israel and the creation shows His sovereignty in birth and creation.

Isa 44:24 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: "I am the LORD, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself,

Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, creator of the universe, who causes his sun to shine upon us and gives us rain to replenish the earth, who heals all our diseases, who gives us our stay of bread and fills us with the grapes of gladness in life. Who bares all our sins and burdens and washes our garments pure, white and clean in his own blood. Thank you gracious God for your sustaining power in life and in death, amen.

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July - Part II

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

b.) Gen 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

“...God created the heaven and the earth.”

“I, the Word created”, this was my thought this week when thinking about Jesus Christ, the Logos/ the Word incarnate; God becoming man! The simple, overall thought is Jesus Christ the word of God created everything!

John the apostle speaking of the incarnate Word of God: Jesus Christ our Savior.

(KJV) Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Paul the apostle speaking of Jesus Christ in deity, creative power, and preeminence:

(KJV) Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Col 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

Col 1:19 For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;

The word “created” in our verse Gen 1:1 must be examined because truly it’s the action only God can do! Who else can make something out of absolutely nothing and put it somewhere and tell it to stay! The doctrine *creatio ex nihilo* the “creation out of nothing” is our position of this truth! As I said in part 1, it’s this truth which is not dependent on today’s science or man to prove its validity. We are bound to it through faith in God’s revealed Word (**Heb 11:3**). John 1: 3 points out clearly nothing was made without him [Jesus Christ]! Simply meaning, if there is anything, God made it! We do not see it as a matter of science but of truth and faith in the One who said it and wrote it down! Our position does not sit with those who say there had to be something, *creatio ex materia* (*creation out of pre-existing substance*), as out of matter, nor are we like the scientists of our day desperately trying to point origin to evolved from primordial matter such as radiation found within the universe.

Webster 1828 Dictionary:

CREATED pp. Formed from nothing; caused to exist; produced; generated; invested with a new character; formed into new combinations, with a peculiar shape, constitution and properties; renewed.

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A primitive root; (absolutely) to *create*; (qualified) to *cut* down (a wood), *select*, *feed* (as formative processes): - choose, create (creator), cut down, dispatch, do, make (fat).

Also, the fallacies of mankind rob faith of the dominions God created, because the intellects of science fail to affirm their existence. We understand not only the universe seen but the unseen worlds such as Heaven and Hell to exist too and by faith we embrace the truth. Our second verse Gen 1:2 tied to our memory verse clearly states God is spirit (*Jn 4:24*), "...and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters" (*Gen 1:2*). This tells mankind at the introduction of Genesis that our God is unseen!

Paul the apostle speaking of Jesus Christ as to his nature (God is Spirit) as the "image of the invisible God"! (*KJV Col 1:15*) Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

And Paul speaking to the Romans shows the Spirit of God is synonymous with the Spirit of Christ. They are one of the same Spirit.

Rom 8:9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

The word here in Gen 1:2 for spirit is breath, wind; translators of the Hebrew clearly find unifying agreement to mean the "Spirit of God" displaying His power and person in action! God at work!

Now, we can sit here all day and debate the truth of God's word but you will have to come to a place in your belief as to what God has said in regards to his creative work. Let me remind you.

(*KJV*)

Exo 20:8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Exo 20:9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

Exo 20:10 But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates:

Exo 20:11 For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

I'm in agreement with John MacArthur; the earth is no older than 10,000 year. I too believe the bible clearly teaches thousands of years not millions with regards to a creation date.

The John MacArthur Study Bible

"Scripture does not support a creation date earlier than about 10,000 years ago."

I have read Albert Barns, Adam Clark, Keil and Delitzsch, (Jamieson, Fausset and Brown), Jonathan Gills and John MacArthur Study Bible and looked at the translations of bible versions KJV, ESV, ASV, LITV, BBE, Bishop and the list could go on.

All translated the word [*Ruach*] "breath" in the Hebrew as "Spirit" so the verse is correct in reading the "Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters", not wind. This showing God at work until he ends the first day, by which we understand six days of creation work and on the seventh He[God] rested. No gap between verses 1 and 2.

Keil & Delitzsch Commentary on the Old Testament

(Speaking on the formation of the earth [without form and void] during the initial creation of Heaven and Earth)

"...But it was in process of formation, for the Spirit of God moved upon the waters, רוח (breath) denotes wind and spirit, like πνεῦμα from πνέω. *Ruach Elohim* is not a breath of wind caused by God (*Theodoret*, etc.), for the verb does not suit this meaning, but the creative Spirit of God, the principle of all life (*Psa 33:6; Psa 104:30*), which worked upon the formless, lifeless mass, separating, quickening, and preparing the living forms, which were called into being by the creative words that followed. רוח in the *Piel* is applied to the hovering and brooding of a bird over its young, to warm them, and develop their vital powers (*Deu 32:11*)."

Peter the apostle speaks of the changes of the earth from the time of creation:

2Pe 3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

2Pe 3:2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

2Pe 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

2Pe 3:4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.

2Pe 3:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

2Pe 3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

2Pe 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

The Gap

When looking at Gen 1:1 and Gen 1:2 there are those who put forth an argument of a gap. Saying there must have been a pause or waiting before the first day. It is completely clear to me there is no such thing as a gap or interval or waiting or another calendar, another time period but only a solid continuation is read.

Dale why? Because many if not most translations of the verse Gen 1:2 use the word “and” when starting this verse, which shows literary continuation: in succession but if you start the verse with the word [The], as in ESV, this does not conclude their [Gap] argument either. Why, because it only shows directed attention to the ongoing creative work of the Earth, which is being addressed by the brooding over of the Spirit of God on the face of the water, currently active in the creation process. How do you know the creation process was still ongoing? Because God speaks in verse 3 and guess what the verse starts with? Yes, the little word “and”, showing continuation.

Let me ask you a question who/what is the subject of chapter one? Hmmmm...

How could anyone ever miss the words “And God” or the name “God” throughout the whole chapter! All of it shows a constant continuation until He [God] has completed His work in creation and then He [God] rests.

To more accurately clarify the subject it's God in his creative work but there's no doubt about it, the chapter is all about GOD and what he has done!

What are the last two words in chapter one? Now that's a hard one and look at the beginning of chapter 2.

Here is your conclusion of what the writer has been talking about.

Gen 1:31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Chapter 2

Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

Gen 2:2 **And on the seventh day God finished his work** that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.

Gen 2:3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it **God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.**

Who's counting days anyway? God is! So it's important that you get it right!

Also, look here: after the creative work was completed God gives us His Holy name: LORD. The author finisher of all life “Jehovah”!

Gen 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

What's not to understand? But Dale, the Hebrew word (this or that) and (this word in that sentence), Oh they found this in outer space, we now know, we didn't understand and the list can go on.

Let's clear up the real problem, faith.

Rom 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness **suppress** the truth.

Rom 1:19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

Rom 1:20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, **ever since the creation of the world**, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

They don't believe God. Remember: (Deu 32:20) "...children in whom is no faith."

Planets

Have you not studied the makeup of other planets in our solar system? Let's take Jupiter, a quick glance will tell you that planet is without form and void with regards to supporting anything. There are other planets, which are so unstable their crust change constantly. How is it we don't understand this when it comes to the only planet in our solar system which can support life? Our planet supports life because God brought forth the land, earth out of the void "chaos", the deep, and the waters and formed a place of habitation.

When God gave his account of creation it was to a people living in the desert, in tents and it had immediate connotation for being understood by them as it does for us now. Let it say what it says! It's a general, straightforward, chronological order until God rested on the seventh day.

Seeing our Savior in light of our future

Joh 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Joh 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were not so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Joh 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

Joh 14:4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Jesus Christ is the God of Heaven and it's His blessed Father that sent Him for us sinners. God's creation was in trouble, in total darkness. Sin entered into our world and all things now die with man returning to the dust he came out of but our God is eternal and His word stand forever and He judges' everlasting things. He is a Great God! Therefore, our sins have condemned us leaving us no way to retrieve ourselves from the righteous condemnation laid upon us for breaking His holy laws, thereby separating us from our God forever.

These truths are not yours if you have not received Jesus Christ as your Lord. I mean they're not yours, if you have not repented of your sins and cried out for forgiveness, in faith towards God through Jesus Christ our Savior. How can you look at all the splendor of creation all around you and fail to see your need of a savior so great? Sin separates (your wrong doing), it does not bring together. It kills, destroys and blinds the sinner of the godness of God towards them.

Now God has provided a way, His way for life not death through his only son Jesus Christ. Will you hear his call today and not harden your heart to what you know to be true. "Come unto me all you who are heavy laden..."

Mat 11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Are your sins forgiven? They can be all washed away through Jesus Christ our savior, if you will repent and believe.

Prayer

Thank you Heavenly Father for your Living, Mighty, Word. Father forgive us for not studying in a way that pleases only you. Open our hearts to see our Savior Jesus Christ within your holy word and make us doers of the truth. Fill our hearts with love so people can see you in us, so they may find their way out of this dark world. We love most gracious Father and thank you for your provision in all things pertaining to life.

Amen