



“Genesis Mandate”

Communion Sunday

May 12, 2024

Introduction

3 "How great are His signs And how mighty are His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom And His dominion is from generation to generation. [Dan 4:3 NASB95]

The Genesis _____.

God's plan to...

1. ..._____ the earth is through procreation.

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and **fill the earth**, and **subdue it**; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." [Gen 1:26-28]

34 "But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom [endures] from generation to generation. 35 "All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And [among] the inhabitants of earth; And no one can ward off His hand Or say to Him, 'What have You done?' [Dan 4:34-35 NASB95]

37 "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride." [Dan 4:37 NASB95]

2. ..._____ the earth is through the seed of the woman.

15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between **your seed and her seed**; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel." [Gen 3:15 NASB95]

22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, 24 then [comes] the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death. 27 For HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him. [1Co 15:22-27 NASB95]

6 But this I say by way of concession, not of command. 7 Yet I wish that all men were even as I myself am. However, each man has his own gift from God, one in this manner, and another in that. 8 But I say **to the unmarried** and **to widows** that it is good for them if they remain even as I. [1Co 7:6-8 NASB95]

SANCTITY OF LIFE: We hold that all humankind is created in the image of God and is sacred from conception to natural death. (Genesis 1:26; Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah.1:5) Abortion on demand, infanticide, and euthanasia are morally and ethically reprehensible to God and should be opposed by God's people. We protest the killing of over 60,000,000 pre-born babies since the Roe vs. Wade decision in 1973.

SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE: Marriage is a divinely instituted lifelong covenant between one man and one woman. Marriage was ordained by God for His glory (Genesis 1:26-28), for companionship in our journey (Genesis 2:18), for mutual assistance in God's purposes and calling (Genesis 1:28; 2:18b, 24), for procreation of the human race (Genesis 1:28) for the stability and promotion of tribes and nations (Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Proverbs 14:34), and for the pleasure and intimacy of legitimate sexual union (SofS; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 7:2-5). Adultery, homosexual relations, and polygamy are considered rebellion against the prescribed one man/one woman divine institution (Genesis 2:24; 1 Corinthians 6:9). Living together outside of marriage is sin. Our position is that the believer is to conform to the clear commands of Scripture. We are to submit to the authority of the divine institutions of church and state where the believer resides as long as they do not violate God's prescribed commands. (Romans 13:1-5; Hebrews 13:7).