

# Bulletin Article

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## The Power of the "Start"

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The most profound words offered to humanity have to do with chronology - "In the beginning." This is where we address ourselves through the fabric of time. We are defined and purposed by these words and their implication. By quelling our question of beginnings, the Lord puts to rest man's fear of where he stands in God's plan.

God tells us that He has quieted the waters which to man seems to represent chaos on the grandest scale. Even darkness is lit and controlled by God. Early man believed light controlled all, and yet God claims control over light as well.

Man is always in the present asking the question of where God is when life gets so confused. God's answer starts with "beginnings." (Genesis 1-2) God is the "bringer of order." He rules all and everything answers to Him. God looks at us and in essence asks why we would bother to fear - He is present. "I've got this." "It will all be taken care of."

In Matthew we learn of another beginning. (Matthew 1-2) It is through Jesus that the world was created. (Colossians 1:16-17) Not only that, but Jesus is the force which holds all of creation together. Chaos is brought to order in the presence of the Almighty. To really know ourselves, we start with this frame of reference.

*Colossians 1:16-17, For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.*

We too stand in the present trying to correlate chaos with life. In order to have peace in our world, we must let Jesus take control. The world is not out of control because Jesus can't hold on to it. It's out of control because we spend way too much time trying to hold on to it ourselves. Only Jesus can bring the order we need. In the book of Genesis God wants us to see that He can bring peace to His creation. In the Bible, God wants us to see peace through Jesus our Savior.

*Ecclesiastes 1:1-5, The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity." What advantage does man have in all his work Which he does under the sun? A generation goes and a generation comes, But the earth remains forever. Also, the sun rises and the sun sets; And hastening to its place it rises there again.*

May you have a blessed holiday and a prosperous new year!