

**Creations Time**  
**Genesis 1:1-3**  
**June 29, 2020**

*In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.*

*Genesis 1:1-3*

*for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*

*Romans 8:20-22*

Every day we wake up and we think that we are living in a dream, and things will return to our habits of comfort very soon. We will feel free to come out of our houses and enjoy shopping, going to restaurants and walks around town. We dream of feeling free to call up friends and say, "Let's go out tonight." In other words, we wake up to the dream that we will get back to living. But then we are confronted with the reality that creation has put its foot down and said, "I am taking over for a while and you must find a way to work with me to get back to living." This is something that we are not use to. Humbling ourselves to creations power and will is a foreign desire. We have felt for years, even with climate change, that we are in control. God has set creation before us, as our home and our privilege to be its gardener. But then, as history has shown, we have been mischievous children, who think we can abuse without consequence. Creation is our partner and says to us, "It is time to take care of the forces that face both of us.

We often forget that the Spirit that hovered over the earth, bringing order out of chaos in the creation story, is the same Spirit that embraces us. This Spirit comes to us to hover over us, and within us; to tear out the storms inside us, that injure us and work against a partnership to establish creations purpose. At this time, in the history of humanity, we are called again to be true partners with creation and the Spirit to help humanity establish God's purpose for "freedom of the glory of the children of God".

What does all this mean for us every day. It means defeating the invisible enemy with love. The more we love each other, the more this army of deadly germs loses its power to infiltrate our communities. The more we respect each other, the more the enemy will be in retreat. Even the scientists who suggest a behavior that can protect us, is an act of responsibility and respect for others, and creation. Masks, hand washing, social distancing are not infringements of our rights, it is an invitation to be responsible.

The more we engage in the activity of respect and hospitality, we will find a way to keep the enemy within its own camp. Just like racism this is not a political issue, it is a spiritual issue. Until racism and the fighting of this invisible enemy is adopted by the church and theologians as a spiritual issue of some kind, we will not be able to fight it, in

order to defeat it. Every time you stay home or keep your distance, you are partnering with the Spirit to restore creation, and save the lives of others in our communities.

All communities are connected by a common purpose to thrive, but also to survive. We are connected by those things that can tear us apart, defeating our will to reach our common purpose. Fighting this virus is now the common goal of the world's communities. Unless we fight this together our partnership will be shattered. We will have failed our neighbor, our friend and God. Stay hopeful and stay steadfast in our quest to heal creation.