

## Genesis 1:3-5

3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

### 1. *The first of all visible beings which God created was light;*

- not that by it he himself might see to work (for the darkness and light are both alike to him), but that by it we might see his works and his glory in them.
- Like the first-born, it does most resemble its great Parent in purity and power, brightness
- In the new creation, the first thing wrought in the soul is light: the Holy Spirit enlightens our understanding.

### 2. *The light was made by the word of God's power.*

- He said, Let there be light; he willed and appointed it, and it was done immediately. O the power of the word of God! He spoke, and it was done.
- Christ is the Word and by him the light was produced, for in him was light, and he is the true light, the light of the world, John 1:9; 9:5.
- God commanded the light to shine out of darkness, 2 Cor 4:6. Darkness would have been perpetually upon the face of man if the Son of God had not come, and given us an understanding, 1 John 5:20.

### 3. *God divided the light from the darkness,*

- And yet he divided time between them, the day for light and the night for darkness, in a constant and regular succession to each other. Though the darkness was now scattered by the light, yet it was not condemned to a perpetual banishment, but takes its turn with the light, and has its place, because it has its use;

### 4. *God divided them from each other by distinguishing names:*

- He called the light day, and the darkness he called night. He gave them names, as the Lord of both; for the day is his, the night also is his.

## Psalms 74:16

The day is yours, and yours also the night; you established the sun and moon.

### 5. *This was the first day's work,*

- The evening and the morning were the first day. The darkness of the evening was before the light of the morning.
- This was not only the first day of the world, but the first day of the week.
- The new world began on the first day of the week likewise, in the resurrection of Christ, as the light of the world, early in the morning. In him the day-spring from on high has visited the world