

## Beginning

**Genesis 1:1- In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.** (KJV)

Trust in the teachings of God's Holy Church is necessary regarding Creation. Serious believers benefit from thinking very intently on the world's Creation. Active love of God and experiencing God increases with life in the Church. Serious believers look to God in the Church for vital guidance throughout life. God created the world and gave life to each person with an intended purpose.

**Job 8:7-Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.** (KJV)

Each person of faith with a functioning mind will look to the Lord for purpose. Active prayer and love unite the believer with the Lord in realizing that purpose. As a person grows in Christ, life's purpose becomes increasing clear and realized. Hunger in the soul is satisfied when the life in Christ is lived as Divinely intended. God's Church provides nourishment for each person to increase in Jesus Christ.

**Proverbs 9:10-The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.** (KJV)

Prudent believers look to the Lord and the saints for wisdom through the centuries. The desire to please the Lord God is paramount in the lives of serious believers. A slightest personal affront to the Lord is felt deeply in the serious person's heart. Repentance is greatly valued as the opportunity to begin life anew in Jesus Christ. Jesus' love, mercy and forgiveness make new beginnings in life always possible.

**Ecclesiastes 7:8-Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.** (KJV)

As Christ makes all things new, so the believer has the opportunity to begin anew. Unending gratitude is due Jesus Christ for the opportunities to begin life anew. Sins and affronts to Jesus Christ occur throughout each Christian's daily life. Whether intentional or unintentional, sins and affronts require serious repentance. Only the love of the Lord Jesus Christ can bring desired lasting peace of mind.

**Isaiah 46:10-Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:** (KJV)

God's Holy Church teaches believers about the world's very beginning and end. Every day affords attentive believers with the opportunity to prepare for the end. Wise believers make full use of the life in God's Holy Church to prepare well. Blessed is the believer seriously repenting and remaining humble until the end. Seeking the Lord's forgiveness, grace and mercy facilitates preparation for the end.

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