

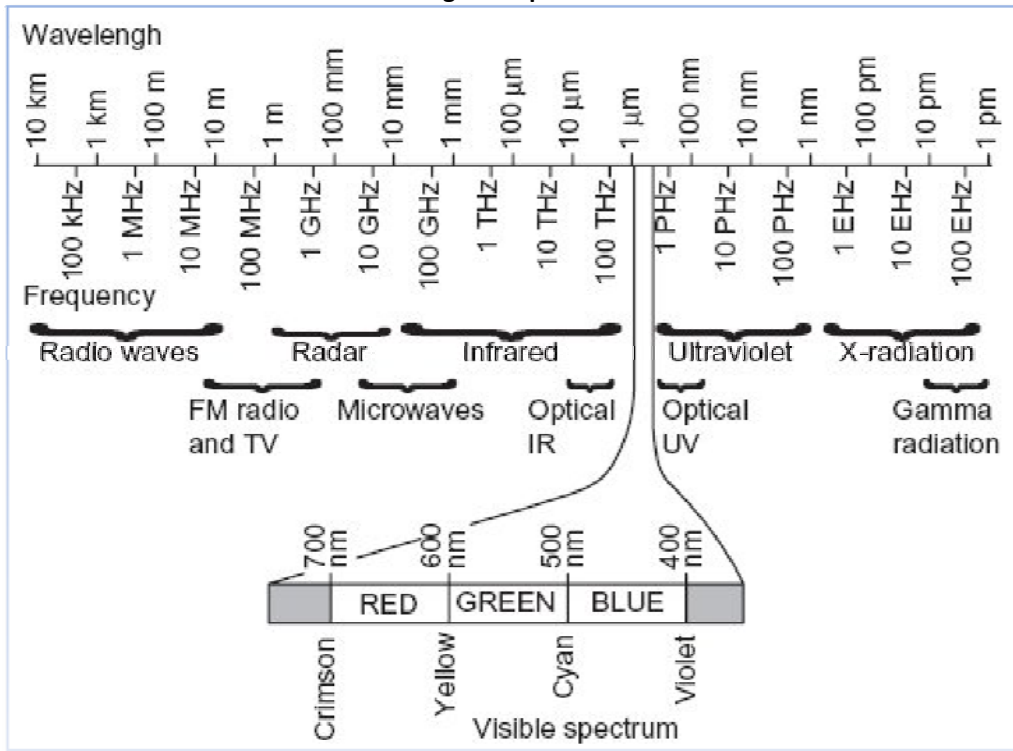
## Genesis Foundations Series

**Genesis 1:1-5** <sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

### God Creates Light

1. **God** \_\_\_\_\_ (And God said "Let there be light")
2. **God** \_\_\_\_\_ (and there was light)
  - Light → Energy (electromagnetic spectrum)

**The Electromagnetic Spectrum**



(by Graham Saxby, as shown on <http://www.answers.com/topic/electromagnetic-spectrum>)

- We do not know what light is (particle & wave properties), but we know what it does
  - Light is the constant on which all of modern science is built, and on which all creation relies upon
  - God is the source of ALL light/energy (the sun/stars – “lights” – were not created until Day 4)
  - God provides the power for all of creation to hold together
3. **God** \_\_\_\_\_ (and God saw the light, that [it was] good)
    - Possible outcomes (for us): good, bad
    - Absolutes...
    - We, too, should be evaluating our work, and measuring it against God’s standards
  4. **God** \_\_\_\_\_ (and God divided the light from the darkness)
    - From chaos to organization
    - Life involves separating, dividing, choosing, distinguishing, discerning
    - God draws the lines. We simply acknowledge them and live by them.
  5. **God** \_\_\_\_\_ (God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night.)
    - God assigns labels and meanings
    - Light = “Day”
    - Darkness = “Night”

### Summary

- “The evening and the morning were the first day”
- The earth likely rotating on its axis now, with the cycle of normal days beginning
- Light & dark areas on the earth, even without the sun (hint at understanding starlight?)

## ***Light Is a Spiritual Concept Referred to Throughout the Bible! You Have to Grasp Creation to Understand!***

Light is referred to in a spiritual sense in at least 6 ways:

### **1. As \_\_\_\_\_ (It Marks or Characterizes)**

OF GOD

- God is light (1 John 1:5)
- I am the light of the world (John 8:12)
- who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom [be] honor and everlasting power. Amen. (1 Tim 6:16)
- Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. (James 1:17)
- There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever. (Rev 22:5)

OF GOD'S PEOPLE (Believers)

- You are the light of the world. A City that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. (Matt 5:14)
- You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of the darkness. (1 Thes 5:5)

### **2. As \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation; Truth)**

- Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! (Is 5:20)
- In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. (John 1:4-5)
- That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. (John 1:9)
- And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
- For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God. (John 3:19-21)
- While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light. These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them. (John 12:36)
- I have come [as] a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. (John 12:46)
- But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. (Eph 5:13)

### **3. As \_\_\_\_\_**

- 'to open their eyes, [in order] to turn [them] from darkness to light, and [from] the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.' (Acts 26:18)
- For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to [give] the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Cor 4:6)
- giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. (Col 1:12)
- But you [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; (1 Pet 2:9)

### **4. As \_\_\_\_\_ (Spiritual Growth & Conduct)**

- The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. (Rom 13:12)
- For you were once darkness, but now [you are] light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), (Eph 5:8-9 – "Spirit" is phos in NU)
- But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:17)
- He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. (1 John 2:10)

### **5. As \_\_\_\_\_ (Holiness)**

- Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? (2 Cor 6:14)

### **6. As \_\_\_\_\_ (Evangelism)**

- Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matt 5:16)
- "that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the [Jewish] people and to the Gentiles." (Acts 26:23)