

The Doctrine of Revelation *How God reveals Himself to us*

αποκαλυπτω (apokolupto) -

Revelation is necessary because...

1. God is _____ and we are _____.
2. We are _____.

If we are going to know God, we need Him to _____ Himself to us and to _____ our eyes to see Him.

Two Categories of Revelation:

General / Natural Revelation: *Speaks to _____, _____, _____ time.*

God reveals Himself through His _____.

1. _____ (Ps 8:1, 3-4).
2. _____ (Ps 8:2).

Humanity: _____ (Gen 1:26-28).

1. _____: Human beings have a sense of the Divine.
2. _____: Sense of right and wrong.

Natural Revelation should **not** be confused with _____.

This would say, we can develop theology without special revelation, through reason alone.

Should be evident through _____ (our depravity gets in the way).

Mankind _____ heart against natural revelation. We need a _____ heart. (Rom 1:18-32).

Heresies to Avoid:

1. _____: There are many ways to God.
2. _____: "While Christ is the only way to God, it does not mean you explicitly must put your faith in Him to be saved."

General Revelation alone is enough to _____, but not enough to _____.

Special Revelation: *God revealing _____ content about Himself to a _____ audience at a _____ time and place.*

_____ Events: God makes Himself known to certain people at a certain place.

1. The Burning Bush (Ex 3:1-9) or Jesus' Baptism (Matt 3:13-17).

Divine _____: God spoke out loud at times.

1. Mount Sinai (Deut 4).

The _____: Highest form of Special Revelation.

1. Hebrews 1:1-4; John 14:9.
2. Jesus, the Word, God in the flesh, walked on the earth.

_____: The Bible. God's written, inspired, holy Word.

1. Contains everything we need to know to be right with God.

The Doctrine of Scripture:

2 Timothy 3:16 -

The Bible contains not just _____ inspired words, but _____ inspired words.

Reasons we can trust the Bible:

1. _____ (Lk 4:21, 1 Cor 15:3).
2. _____ Discovery.
3. _____ - _____ Testimony (Lk 1, Acts 26, 1 Cor 5:5).
4. _____.
5. Internal _____.
6. Witness of the _____.

In order to understand Scripture, we first need the Holy Spirit to open our eyes & hearts.

Summarized:

“God’s revelation is His communication of truths that people otherwise would not know, or at least know with certainty. God has revealed Himself and His will on a level that human beings can understand and communicate to one another so that we may receive His revelation because He made man in His image. He communicated with His people through *general revelation*, which He gives naturally through the created world, and *special revelation*, His Word, which He gave supernaturally to select people. God applies special revelation to His people so that they respond with faith, love, obedience, and prayer” (Dr. Joel Beeke).