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Topic 8: The Bible Understanding God's Living and Active Word

"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Hebrews

The Disciple needs to know certain things about the Bible, God, and the Church

The Bible is our primary source for information about God. Another word for receiving information about God is "revelation." Scholars speak of two kinds of revelation: *general* and *special*.

By *general* revelation they mean God's Creation (Romans 1:18-21; Psalm 19); acts where God provides for the needs of all people (Acts 14:17; Psalm 107:9); or the conscience God gave all humans (Romans 2). All of these point to the existence of God and his power.

By *special* revelation refers most commonly, to the Bible, God's written word. In the Bible, we see details about God's person and plan, and an explicit record of the teaching and actions of Christ, who is the living Word (John 1:1-18).



For tonight, please take a look at the following concepts as defined for this study and supportive scriptures.

From God to Us

- Revelation - God's act of unveiling to humankind truth about Himself and his eternal plan/
Consider this - The Bible does not reveal everything about God to us (Deuteronomy 29:29).
The Bible reveals all we need for life and godliness (1 Peter 1).
- Illumination - The special ongoing work of the Holy Spirit to enable God's people to comprehend and apply the written Word of God (Luke 24:44, 45; 1 Corinthians 2:11-14).