

The Doctrine of Revelation: Special Revelation

The Definition and Necessity of Special Revelation:

“Special Revelation refers to the more specific divine self-disclosure to and through certain persons that brings about human salvation.” (Grenz, 102)

Why is Special Revelation necessary?

What are the Modes of Special Revelation?

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Special Revelation Propositional or Personal?

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Scripture as Revelation:

“1. The Holy Scriptures are the only sufficient, certain, and infallible standard of all saving knowledge, faith, and obedience.¹ The light of nature and the works of creation and providence so clearly demonstrate the goodness, wisdom, and power of God that people are left without excuse; however, these demonstrations are not sufficient to give the knowledge of God and his will that is necessary for salvation.² Therefore, the Lord was pleased at different times and in various ways to reveal himself and to declare his will to his church.³ To preserve and propagate the truth better and to establish and comfort the church with greater certainty against the corruption of the flesh and the malice of Satan and the world, the Lord put this revelation completely in writing. Therefore, the Holy Scriptures are absolutely necessary, because God’s former ways of revealing his will to his people have now ceased.⁴”

The Possibility of Knowledge of God:

Homework:

Reflection from this Week:

Review the first Chapter of *The 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith in Modern English*

<https://founders.org/library/1689-confession/chapter-1-the-holy-scriptures/>

Preparation for Next week:

Watch a short 3-minute video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yh0sRmlb0Qk>

Read interview with Scott Swain - <https://credomag.com/article/the-undivided-trinity/>

Resources for Going Further:

Daniel Akin, editor, *A Theology for the Church* (or Grudem)

Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology* (or Akin)

Millard J. Erickson, *Christian Theology*