

WHAT IS SPECIAL REVELATION AND WHAT DOES IT REVEAL?**I. Special Revelation**

In the simplest terms, Special Revelation is the Word of God or the Bible. There are sixty-six books included in our Bible, divided into two Testaments (Old and New). The Old Testament was written over approximately one thousand years, beginning with Moses around 1400 BC and continuing with various other prophets and men of God. There are 39 books in the Old Testament. The last book of the Old Testament is Malachi, which was written around 400 B.C. The New Testament contains 27 books and was written over a relatively short period of time, from around A.D. 40 to either the mid 60's or 90's, depending on differing opinions regarding when the Apostle John wrote Revelation.

- A. What do 2 Peter 1:20-21 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17 tell us about Special Revelation?
- B. What do Exodus 34:1, Isaiah 30:8, and Jeremiah 30:2 explain to us?
- C. What does 2 Timothy 3:16-17 explain to us about the intended benefit of studying God's Special Revelation?
- D. What sorts of things does the Bible tell us?
- E. What is the gospel of Christ? (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)
- F. What is necessary for men to be saved? (John 3:3-8; 1 Corinthians 2:14-15; Ephesians 2:8, 9; Romans 10:9-10)
- G. Read Psalm 19:7-11 and explain some of the benefits of studying the law of God contained in the Bible.

- H. Read Isaiah 55:11 and comment on the truth expressed.
- I. Read Hebrews 4:12-13 and identify one key effect or benefit of bible study.

How about Psalm 119:11?

- J. Some Food For Thought:

“True biblical faith is not something you and I are able to work up ourselves, as if we could merely decide to be men and women of faith in the same way we might decide to take up aerobics or pursue a degree in higher education. Faith is only as strong as its object, and it is created in us by God and built up by God through our coming to know him. The only way we can come to know God is by studying God’s revelation of himself in Scripture and then applying it to our own circumstances.”

(James M. Boice in *Two Cities, Two Loves*)

Is it possible to grow and mature as a Christian apart from studying and reading of Scripture?

What is the proper focus of Sunday morning worship?

What happens to a church when it fails to emphasize and focus on biblical preaching and teaching?

Is there a fundamental relationship between the created universe and the Word of God?
(See Psalm 119:89-91.)