



## [2] How Has God Revealed Himself? | October 5, 2014

Nearly all the wisdom we possess, that is to say, true and sound wisdom, consists of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves. [John Calvin](#)

We're continuing our study of key Christian beliefs. This week we are looking at how God has made Himself known, specifically in two ways:

*General revelation* is knowledge about God given to all people at all times.

*Special revelation* is how God makes Himself and His plan known more completely and specifically.

### General Revelation: God speaks through creation, history and conscience.

[Q] What is the extent of God's revelation of Himself according to Romans 1:19-20?

[Q] What do the consciences of unbelievers tell them in Romans 2:14-15?

Has this been your experience with unbelieving friends? Please explain.

[Q] If you did not have the Bible, what could you determine about God from nature? List the attributes of God that are evident from:

Romans 1:19-20

Psalm 19:1-2

Acts 14:16-17

[Q] What does general revelation *not* tell us about God?

## Special Revelation: God speaks through His Son, His Word.

God has supplemented *general revelation* with the further revelation of Himself as Savior through Jesus Christ. This *special revelation* was given in history and embodied in Scripture.

*Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, Hebrews 1:1-2 ESV*

[Q] What insights do you gain concerning the Old Testament writings from the following passages?

Romans 15:4

Luke 24:25-27

2 Peter 1:20-21

[Q] According to 1 Corinthians 2:12-13, what is important about the words of the apostles in the New Testament?

## God speaks to you through His Word.

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV*

[Q] God's Word is a great gift to His people and to the world. How has it been a gift to you personally?

[Q] What have you heard from God through His Word recently? Please explain.

[Q] When will you set aside time to hear God speak to you through His Word this week? \_\_\_\_\_

*Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, <sup>24</sup> but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me..."*

Jeremiah 9:23-24 ESV

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