

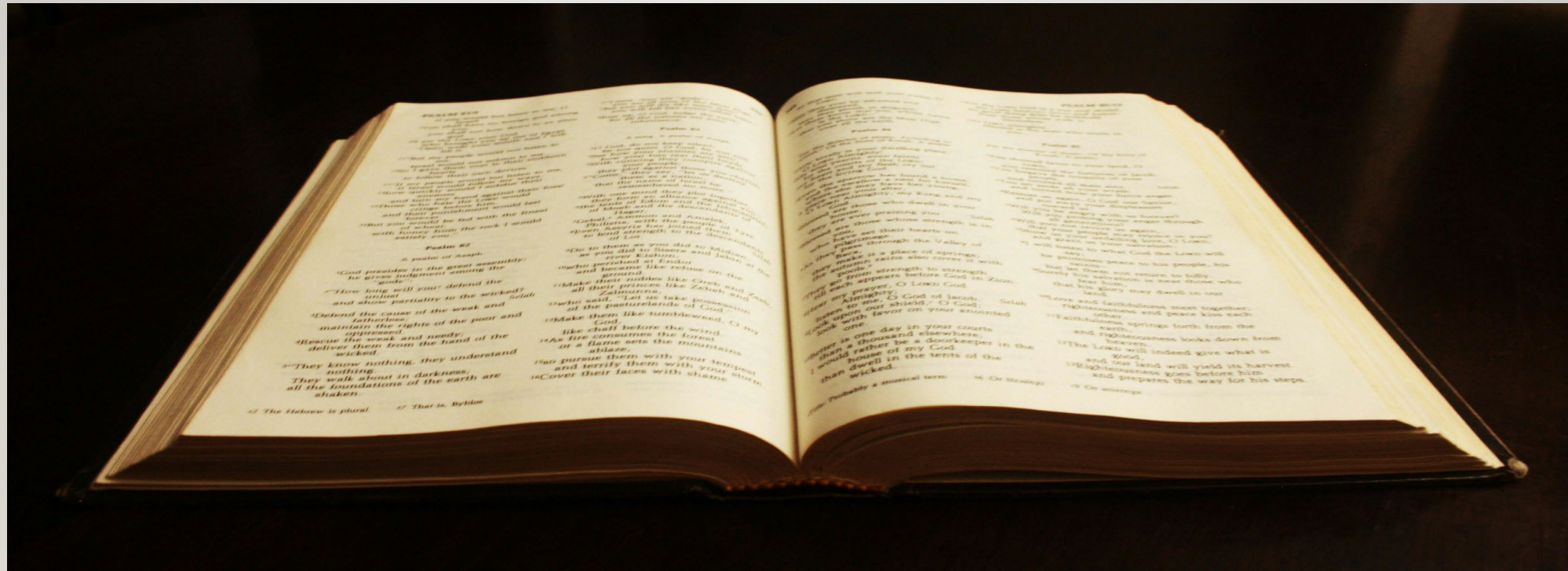
# TRANSFORMATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP.

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TRANSFORMATIONAL THEOLOGY/DOCTRINE

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# TRANSFORMATIONAL THEOLOGY/DOCTRINE



# TRANSFORMATIONAL THEOLOGY AND DOCTRINE

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- Welcome to the world of theology and doctrine. I pray that you are as excited as I am to both study and share my convictions about these two exciting subjects. This teaching is designed to both enlighten and empower your daily walk with God. In these lessons, you will gain knowledge of why the study of doctrine and scripture are vital to your Christian survival.

# TRANSFORMATIONAL THEOLOGY/DOCTRINE

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- Would you consider yourself a theologian? Why or why not?
- Is everyone a theologian?
- How would you define theology and doctrine?
- How many biblical doctrines do you know?

# TRANSFORMATIONAL THEOLOGY/DISCIPLESHIP

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- Well, as a disciple of Christ ***every Christian*** is a theologian!
- Theology means ‘the science of God’, or **‘thought and speech which issue from a knowledge of God.’** (cf. 1 Cor. 1:5)

# TRANSFORMATIONAL THEOLOGY/DOCTRINE

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- By being regenerated (born again) we all have begun to know God, and therefore understand His character and actions.
- This is why the study of Christian doctrine is so vital to the survival of the believer.

# TRANSFORMATIONAL THEOLOGY/DOCTRINE

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To some readers, the word doctrine may prove somewhat frightening. It conjures up vision of very technical, difficult, abstract beliefs. Doctrine is not that, however, Christian doctrine is simply statements of the most fundamental beliefs that the Christian has. (Erickson, Millard J. Christian Doctrine 2<sup>nd</sup> edition pg. 16)

# TRANSFORMATIONAL THEOLOGY/DOCTRINE

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- Doctrine speaks of the nature of God. His actions, about the formation of man, who we are as his creatures. Doctrine introduces us to salvation, how Jesus brings us into relationship with himself etc. Again, the study of doctrine is crucial to your survival.

# TRANSFORMATIONAL THEOLOGY/DOCTRINE

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- When one studies doctrine, they come away with knowledge of truth, fundamental issues of life:

1. Who am I?

2. Where am I going?

These answers are found within doctrine.

# THE IMPORTANCE OF SOUND (CORRECT) DOCTRINE

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- Read: 2 Timothy 4:3
- Notice the word “sound” (hygiaino) opinions are free from any mixture of error.
- What error? (read verse 4)
- Read: 1 Timothy 4:1-2, 1:3, 2 Tim 2:15-18

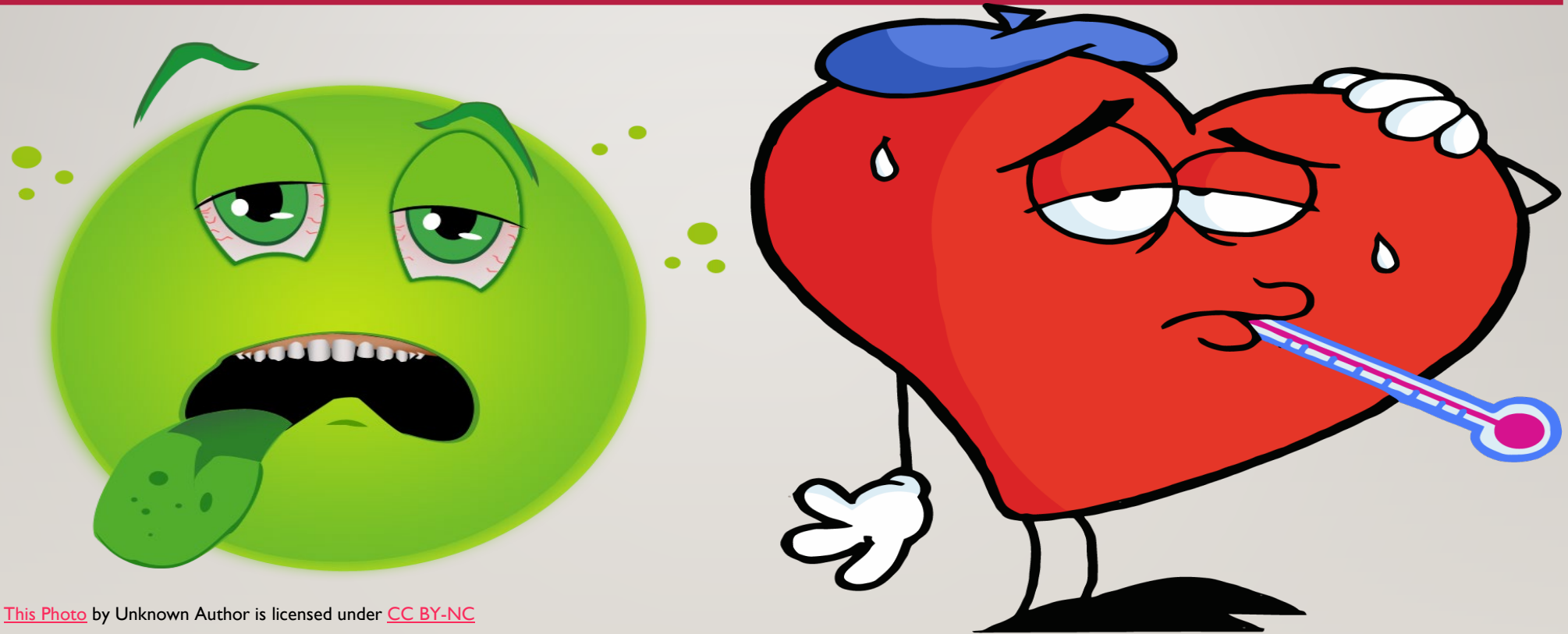
# THE IMPORTANCE OF “SOUND” DOCTRINE

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- The word “hygiaino” also means to be in good health, to be well.
- There are sadly too many Christians who are “unhealthy spiritually.” Why? The lack of the knowledge of doctrine!
- Read: 1 Timothy 1:10, Titus 1:9

# THE IMPORTANCE OF “SOUND” DOCTRINE

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# SICK AND MALNOURISHED CHRISTIANS

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- How many saints, are like this now? Both sick and malnourished. Hearts have become wayward; they have contaminated the sanctuary. Spread heinous and harmful disease throughout the body because they are the “host.” (every virus must have a host to spread!)

# THE IMPORTANCE OF “SOUND” DOCTRINE.

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- Getting doctrine right is the key to getting everything else right!
- In order to know who God is, who we are, and what God wants of us, what should we do?
- **STUDY THE SCRIPTURES!!!!!!!** (Read: 2 Tim. 3:15-16)



# THE IMPORTANCE OF “SOUND” DOCTRINE

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- Beloved, we are not going to receive the things of the spirit, if use ‘carnal’ methods. God desires to bless us, however, blessings will be in line with the scriptures. Therefore, we must align ourselves with doctrines that are found within them.

# THE IMPORTANCE OF “SCRIPTURE”

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- What is scripture?
- Answer: a collection of sacred writings.
- What is doctrine?
- Is a term that means the teachings and principles that are taught in the bible.

# THE IMPORTANCE OF “SCRIPTURE”

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- Latin term that supports our belief.

“Sola scriptura”

Defined: the bible alone is the ultimate and final authority of all Christian doctrine and practices.

Scripture alone is the Churches ultimate authority

# “5” SOLA SCRIPTURA

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- The five solas of the Reformation, which distinguished the Reformers from the teachings of Rome.
- Sola scriptura=Scripture alone    Sola gratia=Grace alone
- Solus Christus=Christ Alone    Soli Deo gloria=glory to
- Sola Fide=Faith Alone    God alone.

# THE IMPORTANCE OF “SOUND” DOCTRINE

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- Doctrine and scripture go together to transform the thinking of the believer.
- **Every point of right living begins with right thinking!**
- **Sound doctrine is the KEY TO LIFE! God uses the Holy Spirit to work his truth through us.**

# THE IMPORTANCE OF “SOUND” DOCTRINE

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- Worship=John 4:23
- Witnessing=Acts 17:11
- Discipleship=John 8:31
- Christian Relationships=1 Cor. 12:12
- Daily Work=Ephesians 6:5-9



# WHO IS TO STUDY DOCTRINE AND SCRIPTURE?

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- This is a simple answer; **YOU!**
- Read: 2 Timothy 2:14-15 (Read from NLT)

Study= “Spoudazo” verb (to exert one’s self, endeavor, give diligence, to be prompt or earnest.

Approved=“Dokimos” people of integrity, accepted, pleasing.      Workman=“Ergates” a laborer

# WHO IS TO STUDY DOCTRINE AND SCRIPTURE?

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- The study of doctrine is an expression of loving Lord with our minds.
- Read: Matthew 22:37
- Doctrine is vital because it is impossible finally to separate Christ from the truths which Scripture reveals concerning him.

# WHO IS TO STUDY SCRIPTURE AND DOCTRINE?

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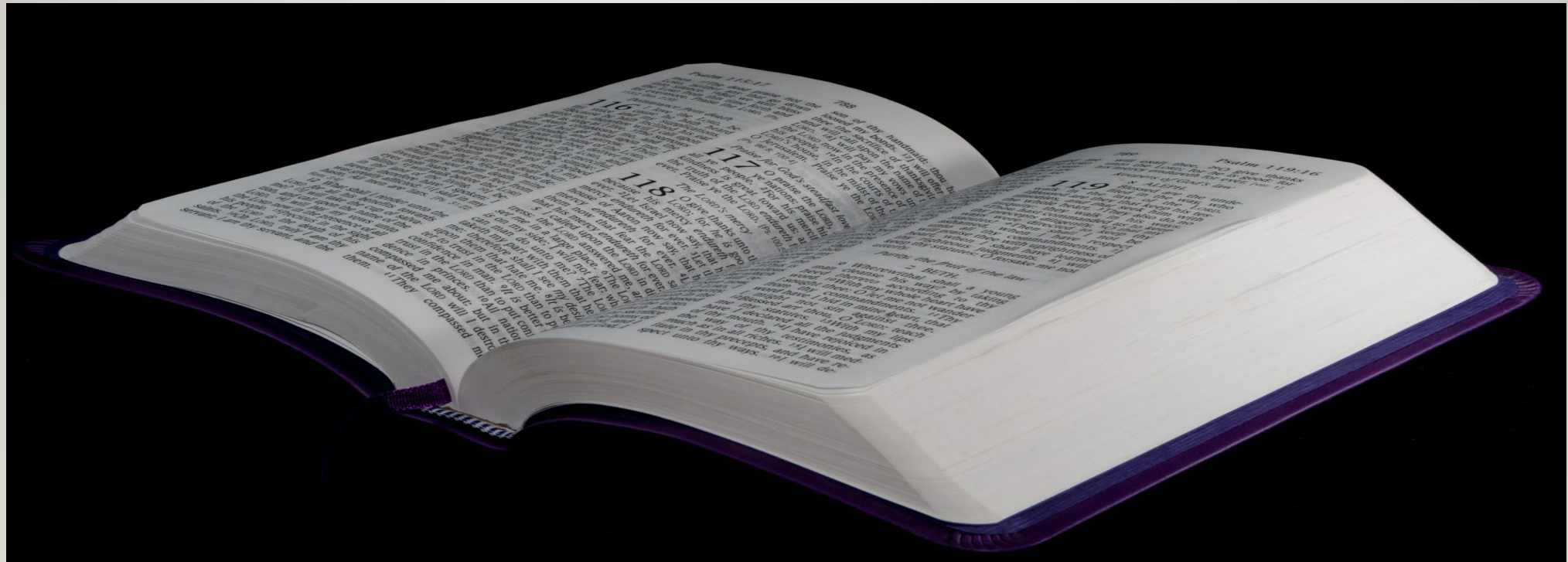
- Correct doctrinal beliefs are essential to the relationship between believer and God. (Erickson, Milliard J. Christian Doctrine 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, pg. 17)
- Read: Hebrews 11:6, John 4:2, Romans 10:8-15

# BENEFITS OF KNOWING SCRIPTURE

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- I. Resistance against Satan's lies
- II. Assistance in Spiritual Maturity
- III. Cast Down Strongholds
- IV. Effective Witness
- V. Discernment

# THE HOLY SCRIPTURES/THE BIBLE



# THE BIBLE IS “GOD BREATHED”

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- Read: 2 Peter 1:19-21
- ‘Inspiration’ refers to the way in which God’s self revelation has come to be expressed in the words of the Bible. It is the activity of the Spirit of God whereby he superintended the human authors of Scripture so that their writings become a normative expression of human language of God’s word to humanity. (Know The Truth, Bruce Milne, pg.47)

# THE HOLY SCRIPTURES/THE BIBLE

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- It is through 'special' revelation that God reveals himself through the Bible.
- Revelation means to 'unveil' something that was hidden so that it might be seen and known for what it is.
- (2) types of revelation.

# THE HOLY SCRIPTURES/ THE BIBLE

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- (2) Types of Revelation
  - a. General= Nature, creation
  - b. Special= Jesus Christ, Holy Scriptures

Read: 2 Timothy 3:15-16

Written word cannot be separated from Incarnate word.

# THE HOLY SCRIPTURES/THE BIBLE

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- Name of the Bible;
- Ta-biblia= “the books”
- Bible is called the “Book”
- “Haigia Graphi=Holy Scripture
- Biblion=“Koine Greek”

# THE HOLY SCRIPTURES/ THE BIBLE

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- In order for God to communicate with man, God uses **REVELATION** in order to be made known.
- Revelation is defined as; an unveiling something that is hidden, so that it may be seen and known for what it is.
- Because we are human, we are limited, thus we cannot know God unless He reveals himself to us.

# THE INTERNAL WORKING OF THE SPIRIT

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- Revelation is God making his truth known to humankind. Inspiration guarantees that what the Bible says is just what God would say if were speaking directly. For the Bible to function as if it is God speaking to us, the Bible reader must understand the meaning of the Scriptures and be convinced of their divine origin and authorship. (Christian Doctrine, Milliard Erickson, pg. 77)

# THE HOLY SCRIPTURES/THE BIBLE

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- There are two general classifications of revelation;
  - a. General—God's self-manifestation through nature.

Three modes: nature, history, and the constitution of man.

- a. Special—God's manifestation of himself to particular persons at definite times and places.

# SPECIAL REVELATION

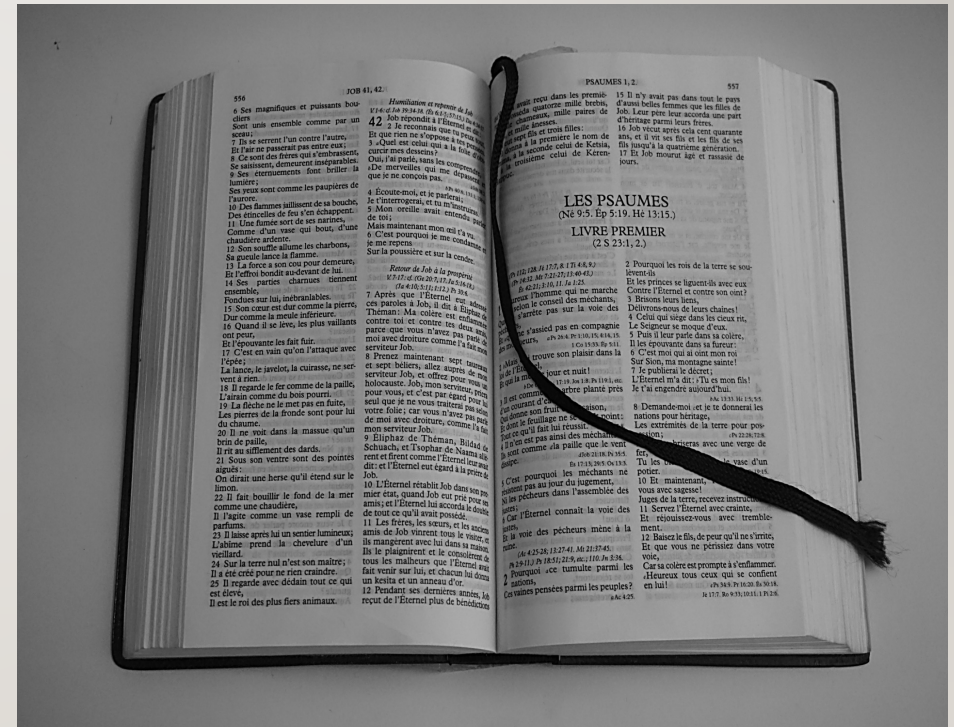
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- Special revelation was necessary because the human race had lost the relationship of favor which they had with God before the fall.
- A personal God presents himself to persons (Yehovah)
- Read: Exodus 3:14

# SPECIAL REVELATION



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# SPECIAL REVELATION/THE BIBLE:THE MATERIAL FORM OF SPECIAL REVELATION

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- The special revelation of God comes to us in and through the Bible. There we learn about and meet Jesus Christ. It is the basis and norm for all Christian preaching and teaching, and it can therefore be described as the material form of divine revelation. (Know the Truth, pg. 39 Bruce Milne)

# SPECIAL REVELATION

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- (2) modes;
  - a. Jesus Christ
  - b. Word of God

Read: John 1:1, 14

Read: 2 Timothy 3:16

# GOD'S WORD NAMES

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- Graphe=Written word, “Writings or scripture”
- Rhema= Utterance or thing said. It is a word that signifies the action of utterance (Rhēmata Christou, Jesus Christ’s sayings.)
- Logos= meaning designates a word, speech, or the act of speaking

# FOUNDATIONS FOR RECEIVING THE BIBLE AS GOD'S WRITTEN WORD

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- As believers we have “conviction” (a firmly held belief or opinion) that the Bible is ‘God’s Word’
- Creative Word: (Genesis 1:1; Ps. 33:6)
- Personalized Wisdom of God: (Psalm 8)
- Vehicle of God’s activity: (Isa. 55:11)

# FOUNDATIONS FOR RECEIVING THE BIBLE AS GOD'S WRITTEN WORD

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- Jesus spoke more from the word of God.
- Read: Deuteronomy 8:3
- Deuteronomy 6:16, 6:13
- Read: Matthew 4:1-11
- Jesus quoted and used the book of Deuteronomy more than any other book in the O.T.

# SPECIAL REVELATION/ THE BIBLE

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- Authoritative
- Inherent
- Incorruptible
- Infallible



It is only the reading, studying, memorizing, meditation, and application. That the word will begin to transform you!

# SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION IN THE LIFE OF DISCIPLE WHILE IN THE WORD

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- In spiritual transformation, we move from one place to another. We move from the person we are and continue to change by degree into the image of Christ.
- Read: 2 Cor. 3:16-18

