Essential Doctrines

of the Faith Series (Part 2)

“Revelation: god speaks”

“But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.”

Titus 2: 1

Answering the questions:

1. What is Revelation?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: God’s means by which he has chosen to reveal himself, and to speak to us.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Human effort to guess what God is like, or what God wants us to believe, or how God wants us to behave.

2. How does God Reveal Himself?

a. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Revelation – God’s revelation to all people in all times and all places, all cultures, all circumstances.

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“What can be known about God is plain to them because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely his eternal power and his divine nature have been clearly perceived ever since the creation of the world in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.” Romans 1: 19-20

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - God’s rule over creation.

“[God] did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.” Acts 14:17

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“14 For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. 15 They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them.” Romans 2:14-15.

b. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Revelation – Clear and specific revelation from God to a specific person or group.

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Occurrences
* Jesus

“the Word was God…And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, ”

 John 1: 1, 14

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

“He [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.” Colossians 1: 15

* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

“16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,” 2 Timothy 3: 16

3. What are the Scriptures?

Scripture- “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

Holy Bible – “The book that is filled with those books that God has divinely inspired.”

Bible – a “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_” arranged not chronologically but according to genre. (Law, history, poetry, etc.)

Total of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ books (OT & NT)

Written by about 40 authors over the course of 1,500 years.

4. WHAT DO SCRIPTURES SAY ABOUT THEMSELVES?

a. The Bible says that nothing is to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to it or taken from it.

“[E]very word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his word, or he will rebuke you and prove you to be a liar” Proverbs 30:5-6

b. The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“My word that I send forth will not return to me void. It will accomplish exactly what I intend for it to accomplish.” Isaiah 55:11

c. The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;” Psalm 19:7, 119

d. The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“17 [Father] Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.” John 17:17

e. The Bible is all you need to know God. (Sufficiency)

“They already have Moses. They have the law and the prophets.”

Luke 16

“12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12

e. The Bible is standard for all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and teaching.

“11 Now these Jews (in Berea) were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.” Acts 17: 11

5. WHO WROTE THE BIBLE?

* God / Human \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

God working THROUGH the authors’ personality, education, and experience- INSPIRED the authors to write a perfect record.

“10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, 11 inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.” I Peter 10: 10-12

6. WHAT IS “INSPIRATION”?

* Verbal Plenary Inspiration. (Inerrancy of Scripture)

“18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.” Mathew 5: 18

“Every word of God is flawless.” Proverbs 30:6

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man or person of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3: 16

“No prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” 2 Peter 1:20-21

15 … Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, 16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.” 2 Peter 3:15-16

7. WHY CAN WE TRUST THAT THE BIBLE IS ACCURATE?

Two Questions:

* How \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ early manuscripts do we have?
* How old are these manuscripts?

8. WHAT IS A ‘BIBLICAL LIFE’?