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How can we know Jesus Christ?

Are the days of revelation over?

Is Christ still being revealed, or has the revelation been sealed?

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The Bible traces that progressive revelation.

His revelation to Job, Noah, and Abraham was not as advanced as it was to Isaiah.

The nature of God's self-revelation takes what has been revealed, or made know, and expands and expounds upon it.

So, Biblical theology draws its information from the Bible and from historical information.

Biblical Theology reveals God as He has disclosed Himself periodically through History.

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In the Garden of Eden the existence of God is assumed.

God is Elohim- the almighty, omnipotent, sovereign, majestic, glorious, creator God.

God revealed Himself as holy.

He demanded obedience for fellowship with Himself.

God's grace was revealed after man's fall.

God revealed the promise of a Savior.

During the Noahic period God revealed Himself as a righteous God, demanding obedience to His command.

God revealed His holiness by not overlooking sin. God is both transcendent (beyond and outside human experience) and immanent (omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent).

The first mention of worship with a blood sacrifice is during this era.

God revealed His sovereignty, His will shall come to pass.

The Progressive revelation of God is seen during the Abrahamic era.

God moves to resolve the dilemma of sin that has entered the human race.

God begins to reveal Himself through a special people.

Through Abraham's seed all the nations will be blessed.

Abraham's descendants will be the mediators of God's will on earth.

When Moses arrives on the scene, God continues to progressively reveal Himself to man.

In Moses, we learn more about the Holiness of God.

Moses learns that even the ground becomes "holy ground" when God is near.

Through Moses, God continues to reveal His immanent nature.

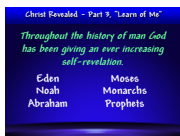
He demonstrates His love and care for His people by dwelling with them and providing for them.

Worship becomes more defined as God requires a blood sacrifice to expiate (put away) sin.

By the time of the Monarchs God has revealed Himself as the God of blessing.

God has established a covenant with Abraham, Moses, and now with David.

Much of the Old Testament has revealed man's alienation through sin.



Now God continues to reveal the hope of a Messiah through David's descendants, and the restoration of man from sin.

The Prophets provided an expanded revelation of God's redemptive plan through His substitutionary atonement.

Isaiah details His substitutionary atonement.

Zechariah speaks of His sufferings.

Isaiah and Ezekiel spoke of the holy God.

Ezekiel detailed future worship and His glorious appearance.

Zechariah concludes with an emphasis on God's holiness.

In the New Testament God is revealed through His Son.

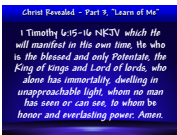
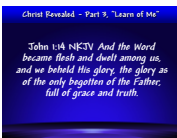
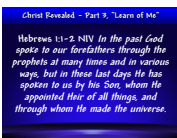
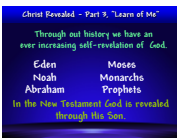
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Jesus made several revolutionary statements about His knowledge of God.

John 1:14 NKJV And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

1 Timothy 6:15-16 NKJV which He will manifest in His own time, *He who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honor and everlasting power. Amen.



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Jesus demonstrated God's love, mercy, and goodness.

He taught about God's provision for the birds,
Matthew 6:26; 10:29

He taught the Fatherhood of God.

Matthew 6:32

He said "God was on the throne" Matthew 23:22

He said: "God is the Lord" Matthew 3:7; Luke 4:8

He said: "God will avenge His own" Luke 18:7

The Glory of God was revealed through Him on the Mount of Transfiguration, Matthew 17:1-8

He said the goodness of God is incomparable,

Matthew 19:17

The Power of God able to raise the dead,

Mark 12:24-27

Nothing is impossible with Him,

Mark 10:27; Luke 1:37

The Trinity was clearly revealed at the baptism of Christ, Mark 1:9-11 and when He commissioned His disciples, Matthew 28:19

Jesus taught the kingdom of heaven,

56 times in Matthew

21 times in Mark

46 times in Luke

5 times in John

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Christ is presented, and then everything is measured and judged in the light of Him.

Everything for God and for us is bound together with a heart-revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is not enough to observe the glory of His creation.

The affirmation of New Testament doctrine and truth is not even enough.

Doctrine, technique, and disciplines are nothing but cold dead framework.

The life, and the glory is not there.

God's way of life is in His Son.

God's way of the power is in His Son.

God's way of the heavenly nature is in His Son.

Our need is to see the Son.

If you see the Son everything else will follow.

It is impossible to have or know anything of all of the fullness that God has shut up in His Son without the Holy Spirit's revelation.

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The Bible is all about the revelation of God's Son.

The revelation of the Son is a revelation of the Father.

It is impossible for us to know the Father or the Son unless the Holy Spirit reveals Him to us.

***Knowledge about Christ is not enough.
The knowledge of Him is always bound up with practical situations.***

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Throughout history, God's revelation has been bound up with practical situations.

He gave manna in the wilderness (bread from heaven).

The Apostles got their revelation for the Church in practical situations.

When times were desperate, they called and the Holy Spirit revealed Christ.

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