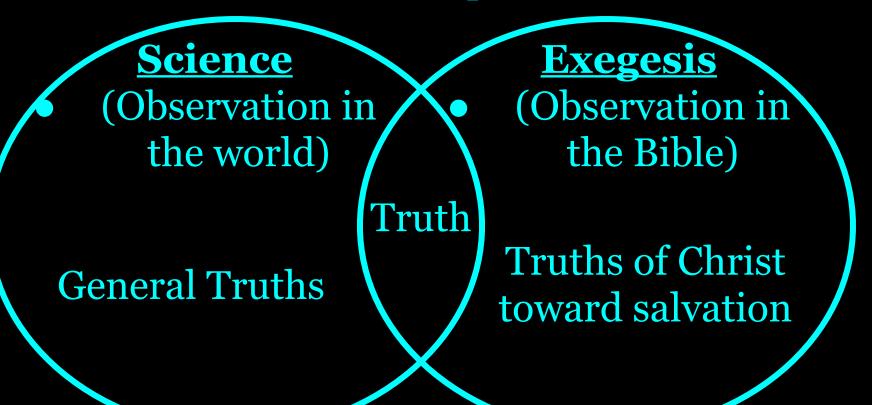
Main Point:

Creation displays God's glory, love, and goodness. We are to enjoy and steward it, in Christ, until he recreates the world.

General Revelation Special Revelation



Structure:

Belief - What to believe (What Bible teaches) Opinion - God's Thoughts Reaction - Our Reaction + God's Reaction Now What? - How does this impact us?

Belief - What does the Bible teach?

Misconception:

God created to fill a lack in himself: God was...

. Alone

2. Insecure

3. Hungry

Answer: Acts 17:24-26 -

"The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, **as though he needed anything**, since he himself **gives** to all mankind life and breath and everything."

God created the universe to display his glory, love, and goodness.

4. GOD'S CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE AND MAN

4.1 We believe that God created the universe, and everything in it, out of nothing, by the Word of His power.

Hebrews 11:3 -

"By faith, we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things visible."

Image of God:

Knowledge - Think/Reason Righteousness - Moral (be good) Holiness - Set apart

Opinion - God's Thoughts

<u>Creation is GOOD</u> Gen 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31

"God saw the it was good"

Good:

1. Fitting 2. Pleasant

Reaction: Ours and God's

- 1. Praise
- 2.Fall
- 3.Grace

Psalm 8: 1-2

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Romans 1:18 and 21

Humans, by their unrighteousness suppress the truth... they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him

Redemption:

- 1.Image
- 2.Fellowship
- 3. New Creation

Now What?

How does this affect our relationship to creation and God?

To God: Obedience, Faith, Appreciation

To Creation: Enjoy, Care