

DEEPER THINGS



REVELATION

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Definition

God's act of making Himself - His character, will, and redemptive plan - known to human beings.

The two types of “Revelation”

General Revelation: The Knowledge of God that is accessible to all people, in all times/places.

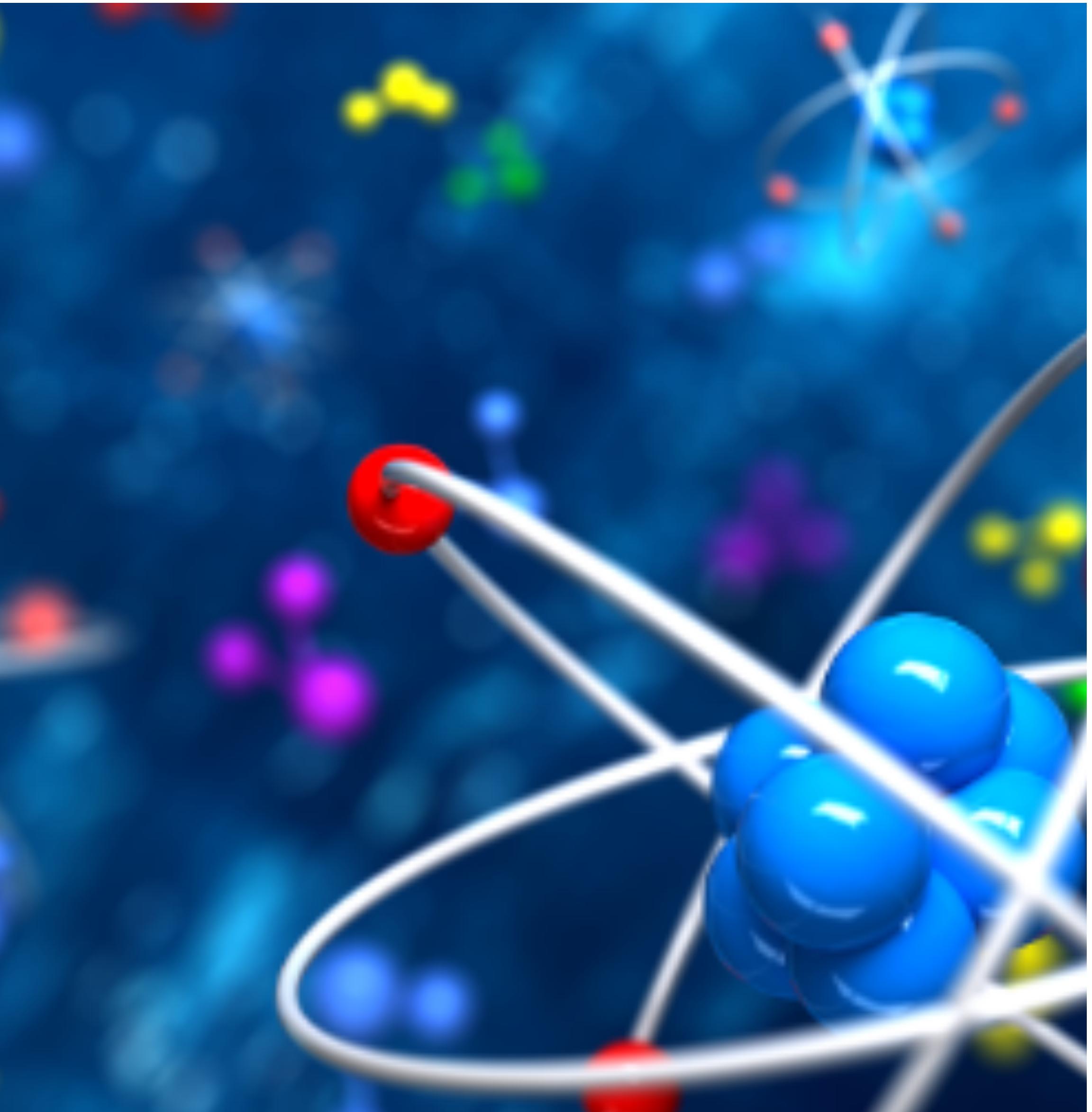
Special Revelation: God’s specific acts of self-disclosure at particular times and places, culminating in the person and works of Jesus Christ.

General Revelation

The Evidence of God

- 1. Creation/Nature:** The order, beauty, and design of the World. (Psalm 19:1-2)
- 2. Human Conscience:** The universal belief in good and evil. (Romans 2:14-15)

Purpose: *To prove to all people at all times that God exists.*



Special Revelation

God's Redemptive Plan

- 1. Direct Speech/Prophecy:**
God speaking and interacting directly with prophets and apostles. (Hebrews 1:1)
- 2. Christ Himself:** The fullest revelation; God Himself walking among us. (Hebrews 1:2-3a)

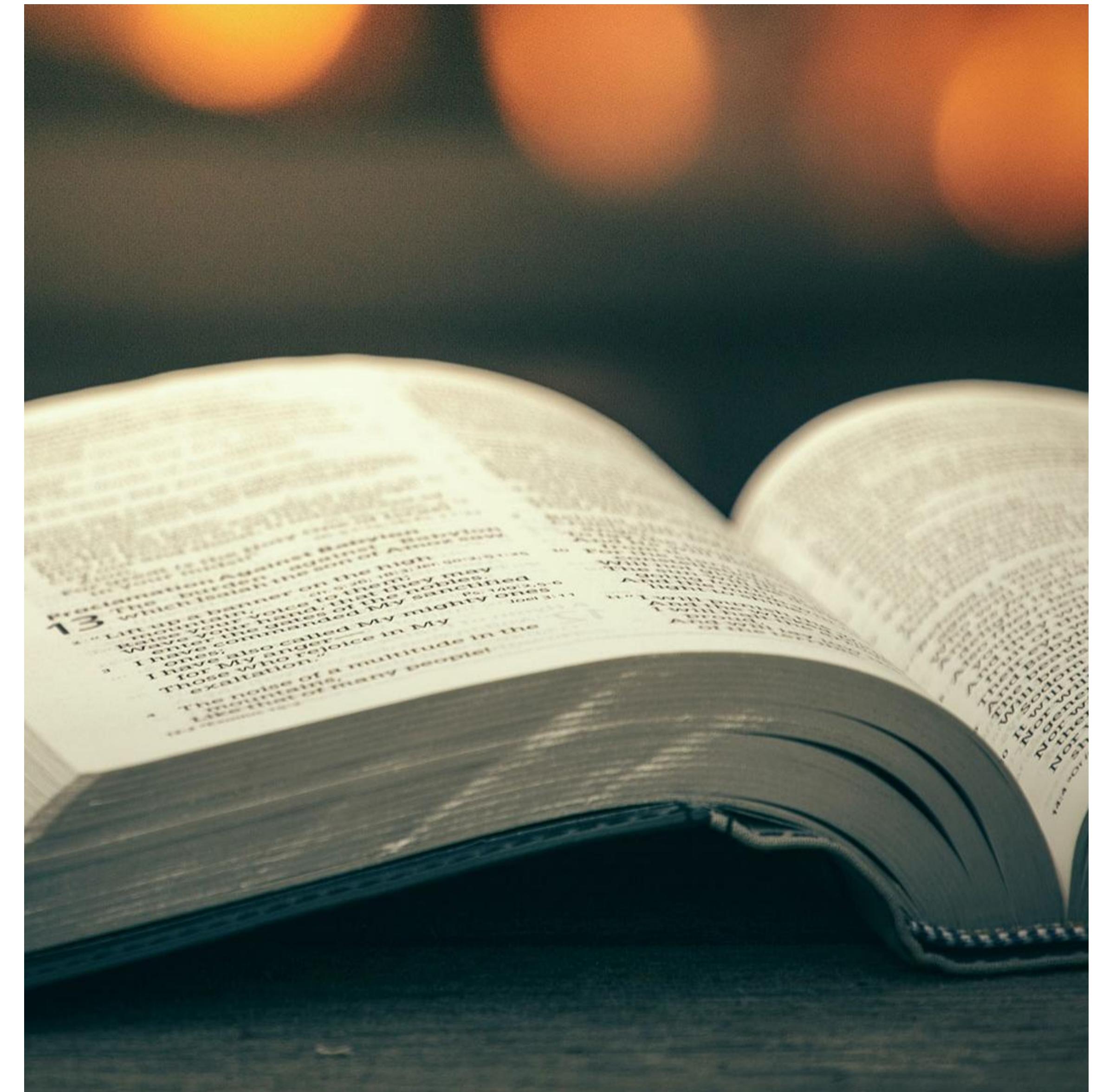
Purpose: *To reveal God's redemptive plan - Jesus' death and resurrection and the New Covenant - to humanity.*



Special Revelation

The Holy Scriptures

- 1. Record of God's Special Revelation:** Only Scripture holds the full account of who God is, what God has done, and what God has promised to do. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- 2. Christ-Centeredness:** Only Scripture claims to be entirely from Jesus and entirely about Jesus. (Luke 24:27)
- 3. Authoritative:** Only Scripture has the authority to authenticate both special and general revelation. (2 Peter 1:19-21)



Why Does “Revelation” Matter?

- 1. Because of General Revelation, everyone is accountable to God; no one has an excuse for not knowing He exists.**
- 2. Because of Special Revelation, we can know God personally and intimately; we understand his specific plan for salvation and we know what God requires of us.**
- 3. Because we have Scripture, we have a reliable, unchanging guide for faith and practice; we can test claims bout God against His revealed Word and are not dependent on subjective feelings or experiences.**