



Message One: THE HOLY TEXT *Pastor Mike Chapman*

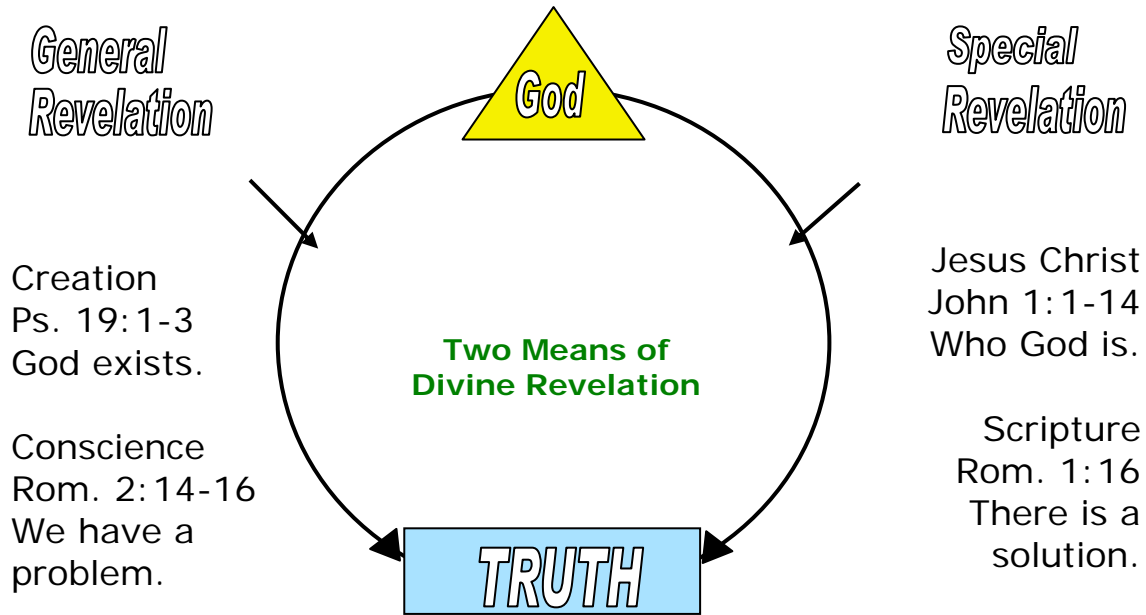
We gain information in one of three ways: *Empiricism* – through our five senses; *Rationalism* – through logic; *Faith* – through trusting in the information provided by another. There is much about life that cannot be perceived by our senses nor processed by our reason. So how shall these mysteries be known? Is there an information source from “outside us” that we can trust?

Has God spoken? And if God has spoken, did he speak the truth? And if God has spoken truth, where can we find it? Those are the great questions of our time. In this series, let us journey down this road of faith.

REVELATION

To reveal is to make known something that has been concealed or unknown; to uncover as if by drawing away a veil; to lay open and thereby invite inspection.

1 Corinthians 2:8-9, *That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, ‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.’ But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. (NLT)*



Revelation is rooted in human history.

Hebrews 1:1, 3, Long ago in many ways and at many times God's prophets spoke his message to our ancestors. But now at last, God sent his Son to bring his message to us...God's Son has all the brightness of God's own glory and is like him in every way. (NCV)

INSPIRATION

The Scripture is God's Word.

2 Timothy 3:16-17, All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (NIV)

Inspiration was a divine-human interaction.

2 Peter 1:20-21, *Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.* (NIV)

Inspiration is **all inclusive**.

Matthew 5:18, *I tell you the truth, nothing will disappear from the law until heaven and earth are gone. Not even the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will be lost until everything has happened.* (NCV)

IF GOD HAS SPOKEN...NOW WHAT?

Question: **Do you believe the Bible is the Word of God?**

The Goal: **Preparing you to live well**

The Process: (1) **Teaching**
(2) **Rebuking**
(3) **Correcting**
(4) **Training in right living**

The Bible is the Word of God whether you read it or not. It is the Word of God whether you believe it or not. It is the Word of God whether you obey it or not. But, oh the blessings that come when it is read, believed, and obeyed!