

## ***Revelation***

I believe . . .

- the living God is knowable because he has allowed himself to be known in nature (Ps 19:1-2; Rom 1:20), human conscience (Rom 2:15), and written communication (Bible).
- that I may know him by trusting in the gift of his Son, Jesus (Rom 1:16-17).

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- the Bible (66 books) is the authoritative revelation of the purpose and plan of God.
- that God superintended the human authors in the original writings to compose and record without error (Pss 111:7; 119:160; Rev 21:5) his revelation to humanity (2 Pet 2:21).
- that inspiration extends over all parts of Scripture (2 Tim 3:16), even to the very words (1 Cor 2:13; 1 Thess 2:13).
- that proper interpretation depends on illumination by the Holy Spirit as the individual determines the normal (i.e., literal) usage and meaning of phrases and terms within their cultural and historical setting (Jn 16:12-15; 1 Cor 2:7-14). It brings people to a saving relationship with God through his son, Jesus, and grows them to maturity (Jn 20:31; 1 Jn 5:9-12).
- that the written Word is eternal (Isa 40:8), powerful (Rom 10:17; 2 Tim 4:2), living and active (Heb 4:12), and provides life (Ps 19:7-10).