

Class Notes 10/04/15

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I. Special Revelation

a. Definition

b. Types

- i. The Word
- ii. Holy Spirit
- iii. "Particular" revelations

c. The Word

i. Living Word - Jesus Christ

1) John 1:1-4

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

From <<https://www.bible.com/bible/111/jhn.1.niv>>

ii. Written Word - Holy Scriptures

1) 2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

From <<https://www.bible.com/bible/111/2ti.3.niv>>

d. Holy Spirit

i. John 14:25-26

²⁵ "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

From <<https://www.bible.com/bible/111/jhn.14.niv>>

ii. 1 Corin 2:14-16

¹⁴The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

From <<https://www.bible.com/bible/111/1co.2.niv>>

e. Particular revelations

- i. William Lane Craig
- ii. Other more uncommon ways

1) Appearances of heavenly beings

i. Angels

1) Matthew 1:20

20But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

From <<https://www.bible.com/bible/111/mat.1.niv>>

ii. The LORD

1) Genesis 18:1

1The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.

From <<https://www.bible.com/bible/111/gen.18.niv>>

2) Dreams/Visions

i. 1 Kings 3:5-15

5At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

6Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

7“Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. 8Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. 9So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

10The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. 11So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, 12I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will

there ever be.¹³ Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. ¹⁴And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.” ¹⁵Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream. He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord’s covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.

From <<https://www.bible.com/bible/111/1ki.3.niv>>

ii. Acts 16:9-10

⁹During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

From <<https://www.bible.com/bible/111/act.16.niv>>

3) Miracles

i. Definition: A miracle is an event not explicable by natural or scientific laws.

1) Raising Lazarus from the dead

i) John 11:38-43

³⁸Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹“Take away the stone,” he said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

⁴⁰Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

From <<https://www.bible.com/bible/111/jhn.11.niv>>

- 2) Many more
 - i) 10 plagues of Egypt
 - ii) Jesus walking on the water
 - iii) Sun and moon standing still
 - iv) Parting of the red sea

II. Functions of Special Revelation

- a. To show God's glory
- b. To provide a means to salvation.