

BIBLIOLOGY

1) CLEARLY DEFINE THESE TERMS USING APPROPRIATE SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE (where relevant):

General Revelation: God's disclosure of Himself to ALL men; it is NOT sufficient to save anyone.

Psalm 19:1 - "The heavens declare the glory of God."

Romans 1 :20 - "since creation His invisible attributes are clearly seen"

Special Revelation: God's disclosure of Himself or His will to specific individuals, through miracles, dreams, visions, prophecy, the Incarnation, and the Scriptures.

John 1:14 - "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us . . ."

Progressive revelation helps one to understand that the whole counsel of God is rarely revealed in any one text. God gradually made known more of Himself and His plan over periods of time. Therefore, any given text must be understood in light of the whole Bible (its biblical context).

Inspiration: Literally "God-breathed"; Scripture is the breathed-out Word of God.

II Tim. 3:16 - "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God . . ."

Verbal Plenary Inspiration: All of the words (verbal) of Scripture are equally (plenary) God-breathed in the original autographs.

Neo-orthodox - errant view that the Bible **becomes inspired** (and therefore God's revelation to man) **when it is experienced**.

Inerrancy: The God-breathed autographs had no errors or mistakes. Scripture is without error.

John 17:17 - "Thy word is truth"

Heb. 6:18 - ". . . it is impossible for God to lie"

Limited Inerrancy: Scripture is without error in matters of faith, but **NOT necessarily in matters of origins, history, or science**.

Infallibility: God's promises will not fail.

Titus 1:2 - "God , who cannot lie . . ."

John 17:17 - "Thy word is truth"

Autographs: The **original manuscripts** which came from the pens of the authors of Scripture.

Canonicity: The process of determining whether the individual books of the Bible are God-breathed and accepted as Scripture, God's Word.

2) EXPLAIN WHY IT WAS NECESSARY FOR GOD TO REVEAL HIMSELF TO MANKIND.

Man only has the ability to know general truths of God's existence and power through creation.