**GOD**

**REVELATION**

**CHRIST**

Mediator of Creation Mediator of Redemption

(Col. 1, Heb. 1, Jn. 1) (Heb. 1.1,2)

General Revelation Special Revelation

God’s revelation of Himself God’s revelation of Himself

Through creation through Scripture

Objective Subjective Objective Subjective

Cosmos Conscience Scripture-History of Illumination

(Rm. 1.18-20, (Rm. 2.15) Israel (O.T.) Jn. 16.13

Ps. 19.1,2) Christ Event

Human History Col. 1.15-20—Gospels,

Ac. 17.26-28 Acts, Epistles

Discloses God’s Creative Purpose Discloses God’s Redemptive Purpose

General Revelation

Cosmos-all created reality

Objective- stands whether I perceive it or not

Subjective- demands my participation

Objective:

God has created all things. That which has been created reveals Him, specifically His eternal power and divine nature. This continues as an objective revelation of God that corresponds with what has occurred historically.

Of the 11 cultural elements found in every culture, religion is one. No man can escape the reality that God is out there. Thus, the historical experience of all men includes a groping for God.

Subjective: how man has responded

Conscience—Law written on men’s hearts—Every person has a mechanism within him, placed there by God, which indicates that some things are right and others are wrong. Failure to keep this law condemns us.

Special Revelation

Objective:

 History of Israel—more specific than human history

 Christ Event-incarnation, virgin birth, ministry, life, death, resurrection, ascension

 Illumination-one of the main ministries of the Spirit is illumination. This is the working of the Holy Spirit in making the Word clear.

Testimony is sharing from these realms—this is the way in which God has revealed Himself.

How do I know God?

1. Primary source is Scripture
2. Primary way of revelation is through Jesus Christ

All knowledge of God and all created reality comes through Christ.