

Heb. 1:1-4 - ¹In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. ³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

revelation (1828 Webster's) - 1. The act of disclosing or discovering to others what was before unknown to them.

I. People are to Glorify and Worship Jesus the Anointed One Who is the Revealed Word of God (Heb. 1:2).

A. Jesus is the absolute, eternal and ultimate revelation of God's purpose and plan to humankind (John 1:1-5, 18).

John 1:1-18 - 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 men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. ...¹⁸No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

1 John 1:1 – That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

B. Jesus becoming the incarnate truth demonstrates that God is personal and relational (1 John 1:1).

1 Tim. 2:5 – For there is one Mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.

II. Believers Revere the Scripture as the Written Word of God Entrusted to the Saints for All Generations (Heb. 1:1).

A. The Bible is the testament of God's redemptive plan for humanity's benefit (John 20:31).

John 20:31 - But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

B. Jesus underlines the importance of the eternal Scriptures as God's Word to us (Matt. 4:4).

Matt. 4:4 – "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

C. Jesus commends the dedicated inquiry of the Word of God by His followers (John 5:39-40).

John 5:39-40 – ³⁹You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

III. Believers Proclaim the Word of God as we Minister the Life-Saving Message of the Gospel.

A. "The preaching of the Word of God is the Word of God" (Second Helvetic Confession).

B. The Word is to be ministered in a literal and life-giving way (2 Tim. 2:15).

2 Tim. 2:15 (NKJV) - Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

C. The proclamation of the Word brings life-giving results to others (Rom. 10:14-15).

Rom. 10:14-15 - ¹⁴How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Questions for further study and review:

1. How does a person discover the real motives and intentions of a person's heart? How has God revealed His to humankind? What would you say is the "Word of God?"
2. Read Heb. 1:1-4. What is the writer of Hebrews attempting to convey in these opening verses? Do you agree with point I above? Why or why not? What does the incarnation of Jesus reveal to us about the person and character of God?
3. Do you agree with point II and its subpoints? Why or why not? How important is the Bible in your relationship with God? Explain.
4. Do you agree with point III and its subpoints? Why or why not? Why do you think the phrase the "Word of God" is infrequently used in this sense today?
5. This week's challenge: Take time this week to thank God for Jesus Christ and the written testimony of the Scripture, and then tell someone about what He has done in your life and how He has revealed Himself to you.