

What is the Revelation of Christ?

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To explain what is the revelation of Christ let's look at Galatians chapter one. This is the perfect place to start off, seeing how the apostle Paul makes many references to the revelation of Christ, of Christ being revealed. And not only that, but in verse 1:11-12, he begins to explain that what he considers the gospel to be based on the revelation of Christ.

Galatians 1:11-12 "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Here he is making the point that to truly receive the gospel is not simply receiving it from man. The word revelation in the Greek is the word "unveiling", that harkens back to the Old Covenant where in the tabernacle, all of Israel going through the wilderness, God was with them. There was no question that God was with them, but to actually see God you had to go through the veil and the High Priest only did that once a year. So there was this reality of God being with and yet you not having the veil rent, you not having revelation, you not having as Paul put it in Ephesians chapter one, having the eyes of your understanding enlightened in the knowledge of Him.

Paul makes it absolutely clear that the gospel is not just a message that can be reduced down into a little booklet that you can pass out, but that the gospel comes by unveiling. Or the gospel can not just be reduced down to God being with us but it is the equivalent of the High Priest entering in through the veil and seeing the living God.

It is Not "A Revelation of Christ" but "THE Revelation of Christ"

The end of verse twelve, "neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." Now at this point he has simply made reference that there is this thing called the revelation of Christ. Now there are a lot of revelations, there is a revelation of this truth and that truth. "The revelation" is different than "a revelation". In the scriptures wherever you look and see the word revelation there is only one scripture where it uses the word "the". And that is "the revelation" pertaining to Jesus Christ. What we are about to discover is that the revelation of Christ is not a bunch of deep knowledge. It is not a bunch of hidden mysteries or unknown mysteries. New age says that. The church of Satan even tells you that, if you join with them you are going to get the inside on all these mysteries that the average man does not have. The revelation of Christ is not new age, it is not Kabala; it is not any of these things.

It is as Paul begins to describe it in this chapter and all throughout the New Testament, “when it pleased God who separated me from my mother’s womb and called me by His grace” Here he specifically gives you why you are called by grace. It says it right there in the scripture, it doesn’t say “he called you by his grace to save you from Hell for all eternity.” It doesn’t say, “he called you by his grace to save you from your sins.” But “He called me by his grace to reveal...” To reveal, this would tell you that every person that is called by grace God has a plan in their life that pertains to revealing and that is why they are called, and saved and have received grace. The end is not grace, the end is not called, and the end is called by grace to something. And that is to reveal His son in me.

The Son is What is Revealed

Now what is revealed is the Son and what is understood is that the Son is in you. Let us go to verse 21, “Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia; And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ: But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. And they glorified God in me.” They didn’t glorify God for me, but Christ had begun to be revealed in Him, the revelation of Christ or the gospel. The gospel is not revelation knowledge. The gospel, or even the revelation of Christ, is not the revelation that you are in Christ, that you are dead with Christ, that Christ is now your life, that you are part of the body of Christ. The revelation of Christ is not those facts; the revelation of Christ is Christ pertaining to those facts.

The Difference Between Knowledge and a Person

What we are talking about is the difference between knowledge and a person. We are talking about the difference between the knowledge of a person and a person being revealed. We are talking about the knowledge of the facts pertaining to the gospel and the revealing of a person who now lives in you, not to help your life, but to be your life. The difference between these two revelations is that there can be absolutely no change in you if you receive the revelation of the facts of Jesus Christ. You will remain basically the same. However there will be an increase, an increase of being puffed up over the knowledge that you have. You will be like leaven and blow up. The bible says in 1 Corinthians 8:1 “Knowledge puffeth up.” There is a possibility for people to hear of the revelation of Christ and to seek a revelation of Christ and not actually be seeking for an exchange of life. Not actually seeking as Paul says in one chapter over, “I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.” (Galatians 2:20). He specifically says, “Not I, but Christ.” Those four words could change the world. It is pertaining to the revelation that Paul preached, it is not pertaining to the revelation that Brother Randy preached or any revelation of some man of God, it is the revelation that God used Paul to lay down in the scriptures, it is the coming forth in a vessel another person with another nature. If He could’ve improved your nature He would have done it, He would’ve said, “Try harder, be with me.” But God has a greater plan than the best efforts of man. It says in Psalms 39:5, “Man at his best is altogether vanity.”

God had a wonderful plan to put His son in us. But let's examine the difference between receiving Christ as savior to come in you, or having Christ revealed as your life or your crucifixion with Christ and Him as the resurrection in you. "I am crucified, Christ lives." Who is the death? You. Who is the Resurrection? Christ. Who is the resurrection and the life? Jesus. So the revelation of Christ is not knowledge of the "in Christ" position. The revelation of Christ is not knowledge that Christ is "in you". Most Christians know that Christ is in you. The revelation of Christ is that Christ is revealed to be the life in you. Christ is revealed to be the nature coming out of you. That is the nature of Christ. It is not I! He is not saying, 'It is not my bad stuff. It is not my evil parts.' Paul said, "Not I." That takes us out of the picture and it imparts the one who pleases the Father, His name is Jesus. He is the only one capable of pleasing the Father. Not by works of righteousness that He does, but by the fact that from the foundation of the world He was the one chosen to fulfill all that God wanted by Himself. That is not by His works, by Himself. He was the chosen one. He is the heir; you are joint-heirs with Him. You are elect but only in the beloved, you are accepted but only in the beloved, you are chosen but only in the beloved, you are complete but only in the beloved. He is the one that by His being pleases God. Not by His works, and actions and words. All of that is a result of being the right person. The Son is the chosen one of the Father.

God's plan is to reveal this Son and to do it in a remarkable way, to reveal Him in us. One is a life that fills the vessel and another is the revelation of the facts of a life that fills the vessel. One goes to your head and another fills your whole being. You will never overcome selfishness by "a revelation of Christ" only by "the revelation of Christ".