

**The Relevance of Revelation**  
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**Read Aloud**

- 1 Corinthians 2:1 ¶ And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.
- 2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
- 3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.
- 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:
- 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.
- 6 ¶ Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:
- 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:
- 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
- 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.
- 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
- 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

**VERSE:** Matthew 16:17--Matthew 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

**THOUGHT:** Christianity is the revelation and proclamation of Jesus Christ. Because Christians battle darkness, it is imperative that they receive revelation or understanding for spiritual growth and development.

**1. Relevance of Revelation**

Active Christians refuse to settle for only a front-door experience of religion. They expect more from God. They understand that abiding in a place means unpacking their suitcases into the dresser drawers and emptying their garment bags onto the clothes rod in the closet.

**A. The Need for Revelation: Isaiah 9:2** The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

**John 1:4** In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

**2 Peter 1:5** ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

**B. The Provision of Revelation: 2 Corinthians 4:6** For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

God never intended for us to continue in spiritual blindness, griping in darkness. He wants us to seek Him. **Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**Ephesians 1:17** That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him. **Luke 6:21** Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

## 2. The Great Biblical Mysteries Revealed:

- **How did we get here?** It is natural for mankind to ask the source of his origin. Most individuals come to a point when they ponder where life began and why.
  - **“Is there a God?”** For individuals of faith the first two big questions forming their answer --Genesis 1:1 ¶In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
  - **Romans 1:19** ¶Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.
  - **20** For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:
3. **“How must I be saved?”-- Corinthians 1:21** For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. **Mark 4:11** And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables.
4. **What does the Bible mean?** As a person continues down the path of progressive revelations.
5. **Who is Jesus Christ? 1 Timothy 3:16** And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.
6. **“What happens after I die? 1 Corinthians 15:51** ¶Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 1 Thessalonians 5:4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
7. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.
8. 6 ¶Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

## 3. The Church Propagates the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

**Conclusion: Acts 28:26 Saying,** Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:

27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.