

## He Did Not Leave Himself Without a Witness: The Natural Revelation of God

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### What is “Revelation”?

- God’s self-disclosure; his \_\_\_\_\_ of himself to us.

### In What Modes Does God Reveal Himself?

- \_\_\_\_\_ revelation
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### What is “General Revelation”?

- General revelation is God’s communication of himself—his \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ law—to all humans at all times and in all places, through the \_\_\_\_\_ and the makeup of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(see Erickson, Grudem, and Moore)

### What Does Scripture Say?

#### Natural Creation

- Psalm 19:1-4
- Romans 1:18-23
- Acts 14:14-17

#### Makeup of the human creature

- Romans 1:28-32
- Romans 2:14-16

### Is a True Knowledge of God Possible Through Natural Revelation Alone? The Bible tells us...

- General Revelation does \_\_\_\_\_.
- Man—apart from special grace—always \_\_\_\_\_ what can be perceived about God because...
- Sin has had a two-fold effect on the \_\_\_\_\_ of General Revelation—
  - General revelation is \_\_\_\_\_ by the curse, and
    - Genesis 3:17-19
    - Romans 8:18-25
  - Man is \_\_\_\_\_, blinded, darkened and \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Romans 1:21-23
    - Romans 3:10-18
    - 2 Corinthians 4:4
    - Ephesians 2:1-3

- Due to the Fall, man requires something \_\_\_\_\_ natural revelation in order to know God—\_\_\_\_\_ revelation and the “spectacles of \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - **Romans 10:14-17**

### Is Salvation Possible Through Natural Revelation Alone?

- No one is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Romans 3:10-18
- No one can have \_\_\_\_\_ without hearing the Gospel.
  - Romans 10:14-17

### This has important implications for...

...our study of \_\_\_\_\_.

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...apologetics (defending the faith).

...the Great Commission.

- Evangelism is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

...for Christian \_\_\_\_\_.

- Natural revelation should provoke the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Psalmist.
  - **Psalm 148:3-5**
  - **Psalm 50:1-6**
- Natural revelation should provoke the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ experienced by Job and \_\_\_\_\_ our complaints (Job 38-41).
  - **Job 42:2-6**
- We should be very \_\_\_\_\_ of ‘integration’ of contemporary psychology into the discipleship and care of souls.
- We should highly value the written \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **Psalm 19:7-13**

...for the \_\_\_\_\_ Mandate.