

The Goal of Biblical Revelation

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I. Introduction.

- A. The Bible is a collection of books tracing one theme.
- B. It is the story of man that tells us what we are because it tells us what man is.
- C. It contains the glorious story of how God became flesh—around this story is incorporated all the truths we need to know about ourselves.
- D. The more we get into the Bible, the more we get to understand its wonders.

II. Everything God does has a purpose—His purpose for the maturation of every man into the full maturity of Christ. (Ephesians 1-2; 3:12; 4:11-12)

- A. Everything exists that a man might reveal all that was possible in his humanity, which is in Christ.
- B. Everywhere, people want to be complete, courageous people.
- C. The steps for arriving at mature manhood.
 - 1. We are to come to the knowledge of the Son of God.
 - 2. We are to act in the unity of faith.
 - a. We need each other.
 - b. The end of our unity is growing into the maturity of Jesus Christ.
- D. Jesus had to be what He was to do what He did, and He had to do what He did so we might have what He is. We must have what He is to be what He was—perfect man. Finally, we will be what He was when by faith we allow Him to be what He is.
- E. We must know Jesus Christ, and we know Him through the Bible interpreted by the Holy Spirit. (II Timothy 3:16)

Application questions:

1. Why are the Scriptures so unique?

2. Around what purpose does the Bible gather itself?

3. How would you respond to someone who says that we cannot know Christ through the Old Testament because He had not been born? Explain.
