**The Necessity of God’s Word**

**Review:**

**The Necessity of Scripture:** “The necessity of Scripture means that the bible is necessary for knowing the gospel, for maintaining spiritual life, and for knowing God’s will, but it is not necessary for knowing that God exists or for knowing something about God’s character and moral laws.”[[1]](#footnote-1)

**General Revelation:** The knowledge of God’s existence, character, and moral law that comes through creation to all humanity (i.e. not just through “nature” but all creation including us, as creatures who exist).[[2]](#footnote-2)

1. Everyone knows that God exists:
   1. Psalm 19:1-6
   2. Romans 1:18-21
2. Everyone knows something of God’s character and Moral Law.
   1. Psalm 19:1-6
   2. Romans 1:32, 2:14-15

**Special Revelation:** God’s past words addressed to specific people (prophets, apostles), including the words of the bible.[[3]](#footnote-3)

1. Salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, testified to us in Scripture alone.
   1. Romans 10:13-17
      1. “The name of the **Lord**…”
      2. “How can they believe if they haven’t heard?”
2. All of Scripture points to Christ—the bible is gospel-centered!
   1. Luke 24:25-27, 44-47.

1. Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine* (Zondervan, 1994), 116. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Ibid., 1242. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Ibid., 1254. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)