

Christian Ambassador Training

How We Know God - Week 2

Review

- Definition of an ambassador- One who stands between two parties with a message to communicate: the Sovereign being represented is God and the foreign subject is the world.
- We already *are* ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5)
 - We carry the Message of reconciliation (a.k.a. the *gospel*)
- What are the three essentials for a Good Ambassador?
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

Question: How do we know, know about, or learn about God?

Answer: God must _____ to us.

REVELATION = Disclosure or communication of _____.

_____ (Ps19:1-4, Rom1:19-20)

_____ (Heb 1:1)

_____ (Acts 14:14-18, 17:26-29)

_____ (Heb1:2, John 1:1-18)

_____ (Rom1:29-32, 2:12-16)

_____ (2Tim3:16)

The Source of God’s Authoritative Revelation of Himself = **The Bible** + _____

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Sola Scriptura = _____ Scripture

The Cambridge Declaration

(available at www.objectivegospel.org/church/CambridgeDeclaration.shtml)

“The work of the Holy Spirit in personal experience cannot be disengaged from Scripture. The Spirit does not speak in ways that are independent of Scripture. Apart from Scripture we would never have known of God's grace in Christ. The biblical Word, rather than spiritual experience, is the test of truth.

“ We reaffirm the inerrant Scripture to be the sole source of written divine revelation, which alone can bind the conscience. The Bible alone teaches all that is necessary for our salvation from sin and is the standard by which all Christian behavior must be measured. We deny that any creed, council or individual may bind a Christian's conscience, that the Holy Spirit speaks independently of or contrary to what is set forth in the Bible, or that personal spiritual experience can ever be a vehicle of revelation.”

The _____ of Scripture

Scripture is Sufficient in “that it now contains all the words of God we need for salvation, for trusting him perfectly, and for obeying him perfectly.” Grudem, Systematic Theology, p.

^{ESV} **2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

^{ESV} **Psalms 119:1** Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!

The Sufficiency of Scripture has direct implications and bearings on our

_____ and discerning _____ for our lives.

For more on this topic as it relates to decision making and discerning the Will of God, see:

- Our seminar on the topic: *Decision Making and the Will of God*¹
- *Just Do Something: How to Make a Decision Without Dreams, Visions, Fleeces, Open Doors, Random Bible Verses, Casting Lots, Liver Shivers, Writing in the Sky, etc.* by Kevin DeYoung

¹Go to objectivegospel.org and click on the Training menu and select “Decision Making”

Disciplines through which you can Know God better, as He has revealed himself in the Scriptures:

1. Personal Bible _____
Remember, Context is _____.
Find out the author, occasion, and purpose of each book (ESV Study Bible is a great place to start)
2. _____
(not mystical mindlessness, but focused concentration on God and His Word and quietness)
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. Weekly _____ of God's word.

Discussion questions:

1. Do you ever find yourself using your Bible more like a Ouji Bible than the historic revelation of God and His plan? And how He has created, judged, and will redeem the world?
2. Are you looking for a personal, private message in the text, or are you looking for the objective meaning based on context?
3. Do you feel like your intake, study, and knowledge of God through the Scriptures is adequate to make you a good ambassador for Christ?

Verses to pray when you approach God's Word:

^{ESV} **Psalm 119:36** Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!

^{ESV} **Psalm 119:18** Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

^{ESV} **Psalm 90:14** Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

^{ESV} **Psalm 16:11** You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.