

The Progression of Revelation

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 1:22 – 2:3

INTRODUCTION.

- A. When studying with people, it helps to be able to show the progression of God's word as revealed through the scriptures. With such a study, one finds the word completely revealed by God through the apostles.
- B. With this lesson, we will take a look at the progression of God's revelation to His people. This will be a simple and abbreviated study; a study that will hopefully foster a greater interest in discovering the full history of God's revelation of His word to man.

I. THE PROGRESSION.

- A. During the days prior to the coming of the Messiah, God spoke to His people through prophets. (2 Peter 1:16-21; Hebrews 1:1)
- B. When Jesus came into the world, the Word of God came to the world. (John 1:1, 14)
 - 1. Jesus spoke the words of life. (John 6:63)
 - 2. Jesus said that His word would judge those who chose not to believe. (John 12:47-48)
 - 3. Jesus said His words would not pass away. (Matthew 24:35)
 - 4. Jesus promised His apostles that the Holy Spirit would continue to teach them all they needed to know and teach. (John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7-15)
- C. The apostles proclaimed the mystery of salvation.
 - 1. Peter, on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 2:14-16, 22-24)
 - 2. Paul, to the Ephesian Elders. (Acts 20:27)
 - 3. Paul, to the church in Ephesus. (Ephesians 3:1-11)
- D. The apostles proclaimed the powerful word. (Hebrews 4:12)
- E. James referenced people continuing in and doing the “work” of the “perfect law of liberty.” (James 1:25)
- F. Peter stated that the gospel had been preached by the Holy Spirit. (1 Peter 1:10-12)
- G. The apostles declared this word, which lives and abides forever. (1 Peter 1:22 – 2:3)

- H. The apostles declared the complete word, the very basis and foundation of the faith.
(Jude 1:3)

CONCLUSION.

- A. As has been shown, the word of God was completely revealed nearly two thousand years ago and recorded for the benefit of future believers.
- B. Before we close, give consideration to one more passage which promised the coming completion of God's word. (1 Corinthians 13:8-13)

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