

## **New Testament Sermon Outline 11/12 Revelation**

### **1. Introduction**

A person cannot become a Christian unless the Holy Spirit brings conviction, shows the claims Christ on their lives and the person responds in faith to Christ. It is by revelation we are saved and by revelation we continue successfully to live in that new life.

### **2. Definition of Revelation**

The truths revealed may be such as are otherwise inaccessible to the human mind — mysteries, which even when revealed, the intellect of man is incapable of fully penetrating. But Revelation is not restricted to these. God may see fit to employ supernatural means to affirm truths, the discovery of which is not *per se* beyond the powers of reason. The essence of Revelation lies in the fact that it is the direct speech of God to man. The mode of communication, however, may be mediate. Revelation does not cease to be such if God's message is delivered to us by a prophet, who alone is the recipient of the immediate communication.

### **3. Peter laid down the order of conversion (Acts 2:38)**

The Order was

- a) Repent
- b) Be baptised
- c) Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

### **4. The Scriptures are written by revelation and everything that occurs in Christianity is by revelation.**

- a) Revelation started in the Old Testament

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him. 1 Sa 3:7

b) Jesus himself said that he thanked the Father that he had hidden things from the wise and revealed them to babes for it seemed good to do so. (Lk 10:21).

c) While Paul explains the revelation God gives to those who know him.

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 1 Co 2:7-10

d) Paul speaks of the mystery hidden throughout the ages but has now been revealed by the Holy Spirit to Paul, that Gentiles should be fellow heirs of the same body as his chosen people (Eph 3:2-7).

e) The Apostle John says that not everything has been revealed but when Jesus is revealed we shall be like him. 1 Jn 3:2-3

## **5. Conclusion**

The only way to live a life that is totally fulfilling and meeting the requirements of our faith is to live by the revelation of God through scripture and hearing from God in situations and being guided by his Holy Spirit.