

THE DOCTRINE OF SCRIPTURE

Part One: A theology of Scripture

*The authorship, character, and
authority of the Bible*

Adult Sunday School

9:30 am

Teacher: Mark Lincoln

Why the need for Scripture?

- 1. To reveal God and His will for man**
- 2. The insufficiency or limitations of “general revelation”**
 - God’s communication of Himself to all persons at all times in all places**

General Revelation

1. Sources

- Creation – God's eternal power and divine nature (Rom. 1:19-21)
- Conscience – basic moral code; God as judge and lawgiver (Rom. 2:12-16; 1:32)

General Revelation

2. Limitations

Is general revelation sufficient in itself to bring people into a saving relationship with God?

- Insufficient content – nothing about redemption and forgiveness
- Sinful suppression – men refuse to honor God; exchange truth for the lie of idolatry (Rom. 1:21-25)

General Revelation

3. Result

- Not salvation, or even the genuine seeking of God
 - Men are without excuse for their ignorance and idolatry
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Foundational to Missions: *No salvation apart from specific faith in Christ as He is revealed in the Gospel*

Special Revelation

- **Definition:** God's further revelation of Himself (His character and purpose) to specific persons at specific times
- **Purpose:** to make Himself known to sinners that we might have relationship with Him
- **Method:** (Hebrews 1:1-2)
 - Ultimately "verbal"