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Message Title: The Bible- It's for YOU!

This weeks memory challenge: Hebrews 1:1-3 *In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.*

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‡ The DOCTRINE of revelation

- As Creator, God is Holy, separate. As created beings, and we cannot know Him unless He CHOOSES to reveal himself
Isaiah 6:1-5
- God INTENDS to be known by His creation. He has acted in ways to make Himself known.
- If God didn't reveal Himself, then He would be our CREATION, not our creator.
- True worship demands that God reveal Himself. If He doesn't reveal who He is, we aren't worshipping God, we are worshipping what we have created.
This is IDOLATRY.
- God reveals Himself through realities of GENERAL revelation and SPECIAL revelation.

‡ General revelation: The self-revealed knowledge of God given to all people throughout history regardless of culture, education, or locale.

Psalm 19:1-4, Romans 1:18-20

Evidences of God's general revelation

- Commonly held MORAL understanding
- Concept of BEAUTY
- Evidence of design in NATURE

‡ Special/specific revelation: The self-revealed knowledge of God given in history through God's specific actions and interactions with specific people.

- God has revealed Himself through the history of ISRAEL
- God has revealed Himself by the Holy Spirit through the PROPHETS
- The object and ultimate expression of God's revelation is JESUS
Hebrews 1:1-3, Colossians 1:25-27

‡ Reality! The chief, authoritative, and objective revelation of Jesus Christ is what we call SCRIPTURE, or the BIBLE.
John 5:39-40, 2 Timothy 3:15-17

‡ **TAKEAWAY!** The objective truth of God's revelation, the Gospel, the story of God's Grace in Jesus Christ, the gift of Holy Scripture, the Bible... it is for YOU!