

God's Great Revelations

The Four Great Revelations to Mankind

I. Creation

God created us

Genesis 1; John 1:1-5; Colossians 1:16-17

God is awesome!

God's creativity, ability, and purpose are revealed

Man is created in God's image

Genesis 1:26-27 "bara" – to create out of nothing.

Genesis 2:7 "yatsar" to mould into, to form, a pottery term.

❖ 1 Thessalonians 5:23

"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Spirit

Soul

Body

All creation was created for multiplication and abundance.

All was very good

Genesis 1:31

Genesis 1 answers the great philosophical questions of life:

Where do I come from?

Where am I going?

Why do I exist?

***Creation is revelation – Natural or General Revelation**

❖ **Psalm 19:1-6**

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. *There is* no speech nor language *where* their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, which *is* like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoices like a strong man to run its race. Its rising *is* from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other end; and there is nothing hidden from its heat.”

❖ **Romans 1:19-20**

“because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. **For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen**, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,”

❖ **The other kind of revelation – specific revelation – the Bible**❖ **The ultimate revelation – Jesus, God in the flesh**

II. The Fall of Man

Genesis 3:1-19; A revelation of how the enemy operates.

- a. Gen. 3:1 “Has God said?” Satan questions God’s word.
- b. Gen. 3:4 “You shall not surely die”; then Satan directly denies or contradicts God’s word.

❖ **John 8:44**

“You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

c. **Gen. 3:6**

“So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.”

❖ **1 John 2:16**

“For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.”

The three types of temptation:

- Lust of the flesh
- Lust of the eyes
- Pride of life

Three Deaths:

- Spiritual
- Physical
- Eternal

Sin is disobedience.

❖ **1 John 3:4**

“Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.”

The wage of sin is death.

❖ **Romans 6:23**

“For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Man is now self-conscious

Man hides from God, fear & guilt (Gen 3:8-10), because man is sin conscious.

Adam turns on God and Eve. (v. 12) “The woman **you** gave me...”

III. God's solution to sin and death is Jesus.

❖ **Genesis 3:15**

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” (First Bible Prophecy)

❖ **Leviticus 17:11**

“For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the blood *that* makes atonement for the soul.”

❖ **Hebrews 9:22**

“And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. God proves His love for humanity by sending Jesus.”

The love of God is Jesus, the seed of the woman.

❖ **John 3:16-17**

“**For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,** that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”

❖ **Romans 5:6-8**

“For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

God got off the throne and paid the price Himself.

❖ Matthew 1:21

“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

❖ John 1:29

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

❖ Ephesians 1:7

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.”

❖ Mark 10:45

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

❖ John 14:6

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”

❖ Acts 4:12

“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

❖ Isaiah 53: 4-6

“Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

❖ **2 Corinthians 5:19-20**

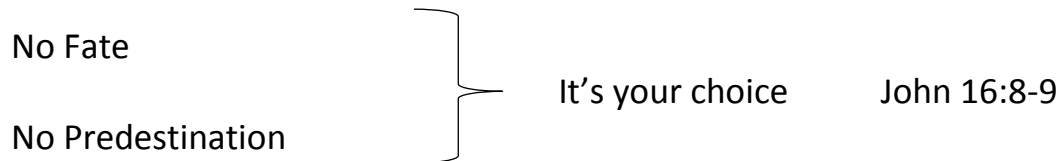
“that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.”

God’s solution to sin, sickness, poverty and death: The sacrifice of Christ.

Do we need a savior?

❖ **Christianity versus Islam, Judaism, Legalism**

IV. Man’s Eternal destiny is his own decision.



“Choose ye this day” Deuteronomy 30:19

**** First altar call in history****

❖ **Exodus 32:26**

“then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, “Whoever *is* on the LORD’s side—*come* to me!” And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.”

❖ **Joshua 24:15**

“And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

“Choose for yourselves this day when you will serve”

❖ 1 Kings 18: 21, 39

v. 21 “And Elijah came to all the people, and said, “How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD *is* God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” But the people answered him not a word.”

v. 39 “Now when all the people saw *it*, they fell on their faces; and they said, “The LORD, He *is* God! The LORD, He *is* God!”

“How long shall you falter between two opinions?”

❖ Mark 10:21-22, 28

vv 21-22 “Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.” But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

v. 28 “Then Peter began to say to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You.”

❖ John 6:67

“Then Jesus said to the twelve, ‘Do you also want to go away?’”

❖ Acts 26:28

“Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You almost persuade me to become a Christian.”

❖ Revelation 3:20

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”

❖ John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

You decide your eternal destiny, not God.

No faith on earth teaches anything like this.

Hell was created for Satan and his followers.

Heaven was created for God and His followers.

❖ **Romans 10:8-13**

“But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. **For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”**

Believe and call upon the goodness of God.

Isaiah 45:22

Revelation 22:17

1 John 5:1

Isaiah 55:1

Luke 12:8

Jeremiah 35:15

Matthew 22:3, 9

John 4:14

Ezekiel 33:1

John 7:37

Acts 10:43

Hosea 6:1

2 Corinthians 5:20