

The Word As Personal Light (Part 2)

Christian Revelation Is the Personal Self-Disclosure of God That Sheds Light on All of Life.

- Jesus Christ has come in Person to make known what cannot be known apart from Divine intervention - Jo 1:18

Inner-stances That Put Us in the Best Possible Position to Receive Revelation:

1) A Willingness to be Honest/Real with Every Facet of Our Lives - Acts 5; II Cor 12:9

2) A Willingness to Worship God - Deut 11:13-17

- Worship is a faithful consciousness of God in all of life

...battles the lie of separation - Ro 1:25

...resists the temptation to be self-centered

- Worship requires humility - Ps 25:9; Ja 4:10

...a willingness to be adjusted to God's terms

- We learn the language of the kingdom of God: Praise

- Acts 2:11; Rev 4:11; Ps 110; Heb 13:15

...tunes and turns us to the Spirit

3) A Willingness to See God in the "All Things" of Life - Ro 11:36; Ps 119:91; I Thess 5:18

- All of life becomes sacramental

...much of the light comes in the living of life - Ja 1:2-4

...stress is often the sound that God's voice makes

- We must wake up to the reality of God's action in all of life - Eph 5:14; Gen 28:16

...moving from darkness to light is often a matter of "waking up"

4) A Willingness to Be for Others - Ja 4:3

- Revelation is for lovers - Jo 14:21

...we are to remember the sacramental nature of our personalities - I Jo 3:16

- Lovers are safe with God's revelation

...they will put it in the service of others