

# **This We Believe**

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## **Back to The Basics – No 1: The Bible**

### **God has spoken and continues to speak through....**

**1. The Trinity:** Psalm 104:30; Psalm 33:6; Isaiah 48:16; Haggai 2:5-7; 1 Peter 1:2; John Chapter 1: 1-18.

**2. Creation:** Psalm 19:1-4; 119; Romans 1:18-21, Even the Days and Nights and changing seasons Genesis 1:14; which governed the sowing seasons Deu 11:13-17 and to show God's favour or displeasure.

**3. History:** John 20:31; 1 Cor 10:11; Romans 15:4

**4. Conscience:** Romans 2:14&14; Isaiah 30:21; 1 Timothy 1:5;19; Romans 9:1; 1 Timothy 4:1-2; 2 Cor 5:11; Heb 10:22; 1 Peter 3:16; Titus 1:15; Acts 23:1; 1 Cor 4:4.

**5. Religious Festivals & Memorials:** Genesis 9:12-17 (Rainbow) Deu 5:15 (The Sabbath Day); Exodus 12:14; Leviticus 23:39-43 (Feast of Tabernacles); Exodus 34:22; Ex 16:31-33 (Manna) Joshua 4:19 (Stones from the Jordan River); Luke 22:19-20 (The Lord's Supper).

**6. Architecture; Art Work; Sculpturing and Objects of Representation:** 2 Chro 2:7; 1Kings 6:38; 1 Kings 7:13ff; Numbers 16:36-40.

**7. Dreams & Visions:** Genesis 15:1; 46:2; Joel 2:28; Daniel 1:17; 2:28; Matthew 1:20; Non-Disciples: Matthew 27:19; Acts 16:9; Acts 18:9.

**8. Angels:** Acts 10:3ff; Luke 2:8-11; Matthew 28:5-7; Acts 1:10-11; Acts 11:13; Hebrews 1:14; 13:2; Gal 1:8.

**9. Suffering & Judgement:** 1 Peter 4:12-19 (His People's suffering) Hebrews 12:11; Philippians 1:29; Hebrews 2:10 (Jesus' being made/e.g Prepared for this service) Jesus' example 1 Peter 2:21

**10. Prophets:** God speaks through written prophets- Exodus 17:14; Jeremiah 30:2; 2 Peter 1:21 / God speaks through speaking prophets. Prophets both 'forth tell' and 'for tell' future events or consequences. Exodus 7:1; 4:30; Ezekiel 38:17; Matthew 1:22; Hebrews 1:1; Deuteronomy 18:18

**11. Prophecy:** Matthew 1:22; 2:15; 17, 23; Mark 14:49; Luke 4:21, John 15:25; John 19:36; Luke 18:31; Luke 22:37; 24:44; Matthew 5:17.

**12. Providence:** What then, is the providence of God? Here is the answer of the Heidelberg Catechism (Question 27): It is:

The almighty and everywhere present power of God, whereby, as it were, by his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth, with all creatures, and so governs them that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, yea, all things come not by chance, but by his fatherly hand. Prov 16:9;33; Matthew:10:29; Acts 1:26; Acts 17:26-27 / Acts 2:23ff / Eph 1:11.

**13. Jesus:** Deu 18:15, 17-19; John 6:14; 7:16; 8:28; 12:49-50; 14:24; John 1:18; Hebrews 1:1-2.

**14. Preaching and Teaching of the Gospel:** Matthew 28: 16-28; 24:14; 1 Cor 12:8-10.

**15. Miracles:** Exodus 7:9; 9:13-16; 10:1,2; Josh 4:22-24; 24:5-7, 14, Deu 4:32-40; 1 Kings 18:36-39; John 3:2; 5:36; 10:38; Acts 2:22-24; Paul Acts 13:6-12; 14:8-20; 16:16-19; 19:11-17; 20:9-12; 28:2-10.

**16. Answered Prayer:** Matthew 7:7; John 14:13.

**17. Drama:** Baptism is indicating a spiritual reality. Communion likewise an event depicting the death and resurrection. Messages were conveyed by unusual behaviour to demonstrate what God was saying: David & Nathan; Jeremiah; Hosea and Goma; John the Baptist, Jesus knocking over tables at the temple; Paul and the prophecy of tying him up and leading him away - all of these are forms of drama that God speaks through and has spoken through.

**18. Music:** Songs of deliverance as people re-tell God's works in history. (Moses & Joshua) Deu 32:1-43; 31:19-22); Exodus 15:1-18); David (1 Samuel 18:7; 2 Samuel 1:17-27 & Chapters 22-24); (Deborah & Samson) Judges 5; 15:16ff but also Eph 5:19.

**19. Men and women appointed by God:** 2 Tim 2:2; 1 Timothy 3:8-13 vs 11 Either a Deaconess or a deacons wife. 2 Timothy 3:10-17. Pastor Titus is to appoint Elders (Titus 1:5-vs9- "He [the one being evaluated and then appointed] must hold firmly to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also rebuke those who contradict it.")

**20. Parents:** God's design is that parents are the primary agents that he speaks through to both His and their children. Thus, Deu 4:9-10;6:7; 11:19, Exodus 20:12; [Contra Deu 21:18-21; 27:16;] Prov 1:8;10;15; 2:1; 3:1 4:1ff; 5:1 6:1; 7:1, Eph 6:1-4; Psalm 78.

**21. Bible / Scripture:** Matthew 7:24; 2 Timothy 3:12-4:5; Romans 10:17 – Its how faith is birthed and grows. It's what brings conviction Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Peter 3:15-16; 1 John 1:1-10; Psalm 119:105; 1 Thess 2:13.

A Reformation Truth of Scripture: God's Self-Disclosure is one of Unity, Clarity, & Sufficiency.

## **Back to the Basics – No 1. The Bible and How God Speaks.**

### **(For Group Discussion & Personal Reflection)**

Q 1. Discuss what stood out to you from tonight's talk.

Q 2. Was there anything that was raised that has left you with further questions? If so what might that be?

Q 3. How might you respond or apply what has been talked about tonight to your:

- Relationship with God/Jesus/Holy Spirit;
- Family relationships;
- Relationships with Friends/workplace/and acquaintances.

Q 4. How might we best pray about what we have heard and talked about?

Q 5. Please take a few minutes to pray to the God of all grace thanking Him for the ways he continues to speak and reveal to us all that we need for a saving faith and a fulfilling life for His glory and for our joy in Jesus.