

LESSON 12: HOW GOD MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN

Memory work

65. Q. Since then faith alone makes us share in Christ and all His benefits, where does this faith come from?

*A. From the Holy Spirit,
who works it in our hearts by the preaching of the gospel,
and strengthens it by the use of the sacraments.*

Q. How does God make Himself known to us?

A. By two means.

*Firstly by general revelation,
which is His works of creation and providence telling all people of His greatness and goodness.*

*Secondly by special revelation,
which is His Word directed to specific people.*

Q. Is general revelation sufficient to know God?

A. Yes.

However, fallen, sinful man is incapable of understanding it.

Thus it is no longer sufficient to teach people about God.

Homework

Read article 2 of the Belgic Confession.

1.(1) What image/picture is used for creation? _____

2.(1) What are the creatures in this? _____

3.(1) Does God's Word tell us everything there is to know about God? _____ because _____

4.(2) God's Word tells us what we need to know in this life for which two things?

Using the internet (e.g. Wikipedia), answer the following questions:

5.(1) What is a *theophany*? _____

6.(3) Name 3 theophanies in the Bible. _____

7.(1) What is a *Christophany*? _____