

**Outline #2** The Origin and Nature of the Bible

Let the Word of Christ – Colossians 3:16

**1. Divine Revelation**

- a) Why does God give revelations to human beings?
- b) 2 Peter 1:16, 19-21
- c) 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- d) Amos 3:7
- e) Hebrews 1:1-2
- f) Why is it important to recognize the Bible as God's revealed Word to human beings rather than simply human words about God?
- g) God also reveals truth about Himself through nature. Psalm 19:1. Why is natural revelation inadequate?

**2. The process of inspiration**

- a) Daniel 7:1, Revelation 1:10-20 – dreams and visions
- b) Exodus 34:27 – direct conversation
- c) Luke 1:1-4 – guiding careful investigation
- d) What do all of the following verses have in common? Deuteronomy 18:17-18, 2 Samuel 23:2, Jeremiah 1:9
- e) Why does God choose different ways to reveal truth to human beings?

**3. The written Word of God**

- a) Exodus 17:14, 24:4
- b) Joshua 24:26
- c) Jeremiah 30:1-2
- d) Revelation 1:11,19; 21:5, 22:18-19
- e) Why did God give instructions to prophets to write down the revelations they received?

- f) When did you learn to appreciate the importance of the Scriptures as a special gift from God?
- g) How does the Holy Spirit who inspired the prophets help us as we study divine revelation? John 16:13-15
- h) Share a time when the Holy Spirit helped you understand the Word of God more clearly.

**4. The relationship between the Written Word of God and the Living Word of God**

- a) John 1:1-3,14
- b) John 5:39-40
- c) John 8:31-32, 36
- d) Psalm 119:105, John 14:6
- e) Proverbs 30:5
- f) Hebrews 1:1-2, 4:12-13
- g) What is the primary purpose of the Scriptures?
- h) Share a time when you caught a clearer glimpse of Jesus through your study of the Scriptures.

**5. Understanding the Bible by faith**

- a) Hebrews 11:3,6
- b) 1 Thessalonians 2:13
- c) Ephesians 2:8-9
- d) What evidence has God given you that you can trust His Word and believe His promises?

