

b. Special Revelation is Divine self-disclosure in immediate, supernatural mode for redemptive purpose. (i. e. The Bible...and this is how we distinguish it from "general" revelation.)

c. History of Revelation is a term with special reference to the history of special revelation which history is mediated to us through and by the Scripture (i.e., the Scripture is both the record of special revelation, and is itself by virtue of inspiration, Special revelation).

DOCTRINE

2. Doctrine and the History of Doctrine.
A complicated study in that the term doctrine has at least three meanings connoted. Our discussion follows the areas of these meanings:

a. Primary Meaning

1. Objective Teaching

(1) Doctrine refers to what is given in "Special Revelation as recorded in the Scriptures ...the Objective teaching...just what is there.

Biblical
Theology

(2) History of Doctrine in this sense would thus refer to the progress of doctrine as recorded in Scripture, beginning with Genesis and closing with Revelation. Sometimes this is called "revealed theology" and the process of study is called "progressive theology." Biblical Theology

b. Derived Form

2. Apprehended Teaching

(1) Doctrine may refer to the teaching of Scripture as it is apprehended by men. This grasp may be of the teaching of an individual verse, or the teaching of Scripture as a whole on a particular subject.

Systematic
Theology

(2) History of Doctrine in this sense would refer to the history of exegetical theology in the older concept of "Biblical Theology" or in the term "Systematic Theology" more commonly employed today.

c. Popular Form

3. Popular Meaning

(1) Doctrine may refer to the communication and application of pastoral theology as it expresses teaching or practice.

(2) History of Doctrine would then indicate the history of preaching, pastoral theology, evangelism, missions, and the history of varied applications of pastoral practice in the church.

(So when someone speaks of doctrine, the first question is: What does he mean?)