

For Christians revelation is how God is revealed, or unveiled, to humanity. This is done by God, and not by human action. For Christian faith, this is the event of God's "self-revelation in the person and work of Jesus Christ as attested in scripture."¹ God is revealed to us by what God does in Jesus Christ.

Christians also think about revelation in two ways: general and special. General revelation is what can be known about God by observing nature and information that is generally available to everyone. Special revelation is how God is revealed through what is known in scripture as it is focused on Jesus Christ.

The author Migliore also gives these six key points to guide the Christian understanding of revelation ²:

- 1) Revelation refers to God revealing God's self
- 2) Revelation points to particular events and particular people God uses to reveal what God wants
- 3) Revelation of God is also ironically a hiding of God (God is shown but at the same time hidden.)
- 4) Revelation of God calls us to make a personal response to it and accept it
- 5) Revelation of God always surprises us and is unsettling
- 6) Revelation becomes a new way for understanding and interpreting God, the world, and ourselves

¹ Summarized from: Daniel L. Migliore, *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology*. 2nd ed. (Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2004), 422. ² *Ibid.*, 28, 29.