

Common Grace

Intro

“**Special Revelation**”: The Bible...what man cannot know on his own...

“**Common Revelation**”: All can know; creation/conscience.

Romans 1; Ps. 19; Ps. 65:8; Matt. 5:44-45; Acts 14

Ps. 36 ‘In thy light we see light’ i.e. thru His life, life
We can know, think, and judge

*He gives the spectacles thru which we see
The grid by which we think, feel

Something is there,

- Ordered
- Benevolent
- Right-conscience

Point: Man *knows* of God... *All men* are **guilty** for not seeking God.
Common grace cannot save, but it *can* alert and thus **condemn**.

*And man is not aware of a bland theism... God has not revealed a
faceless deity
A certain kind of God... an infinite, perfect, unchanging,
holy, personal, mighty, all-knowing, and righteous God
—The God of the Bible—“YHWH”

Hell is *not* because man is stupid but because he isn’t.
He knows...

So why preach this? The response to common grace determines one’s
response to the Gospel.

“There is a God...Creator...Sustainer...my Father by
creation and Judge...”

- And when one admits *this*, there will be “a God-shaped vacuum” which man cannot fill with any but Jesus.
 - When man is no longer self-delusional...
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*Problem: Man won’t embrace, *naturally*, Common Revelation.
He won’t embrace what condemns him...

What must happen?

...God must discourage...convict and illumine
Or “make an honest man of him”