

EDGEMONT BIBLE CHURCH

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“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”



“WHO DO YOU TRUST?”

ROMANS 8:18-28

I. THE RESTORATION OF THE BELIEVER IN CHRIST

A. God’s gifts of reason and revelation

1. Reason operating through the senses: flesh, man’s connection to the created world by observation
2. Revelation operating through the spirit by the Spirit, man’s connection with His Creator by trusting God
3. Revelation is made to enlighten reason or observation
4. When man died in spirit, revelation was halted, trust was broken and man was left with only his reason to make conclusions about living and relating to God; pride “in his own eyes”
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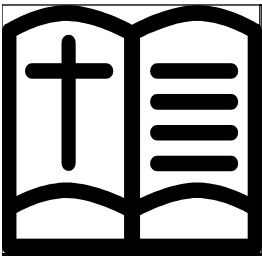
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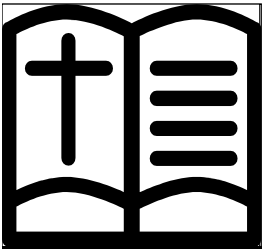
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C. Reunited with God in a family relationship; counting on His revelation to be true vv. 12-17



- D. Using the new gift to garner hope and faith for the future vv. 18-25 “...I consider...”*
- E. Revelation at work in us through the Spirit of God to assist us with the “unknowables” - vv. 26-27*
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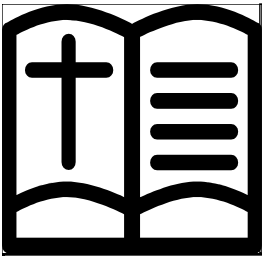
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