

Entrance Examination
Doctrine of the Word

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“Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterward.”
– *Vernon Law, pitcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates*

This assignment is really a preliminary part of a later assignment. It is an opportunity for you to articulate your own vision of revelation as it is at the beginning of our course. Imagine someone who knew you, but not very well, asked you the following questions. Then answer them, and hold onto your answers until the semester’s end. Use the back of this page if you like.

This is the only assignment that will not ask you to draw substantively on the course materials. Enjoy it while it lasts!

1. What is the gospel?
2. How do Christians know the content of the Christian faith?
3. What is the relationship (if any) between faith, reason, experience, and tradition?
4. What main role(s) does the Bible play in Christian knowledge?
5. How does Christian knowledge relate to other kinds of knowledge (*e.g.*, the liberal arts)?
6. What is the basis of your answers?
7. How do you know that basis is legitimate?