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### ***David points us to the voice of our Savior...***

#### **In Nature**

1. The voice of Christ in nature is \_\_\_\_\_ speaking.  
*Without the night skies man would have known... nothing but an empty universe. (Derek Kidner)*
2. Yet while continuous, this voice does not use specific \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Though amazing, what we learn from this voice has serious \_\_\_\_\_.  
*General revelation can at best communicate certain truths but conveys no facts, no history, and therefore changes nothing in existence. It somewhat illumines the mind and restrains sin but does not regenerate the nature of human beings and the world. It can instill fear but not trust and love. (Herman Bavinck)*

#### **In Scripture**

4. Christ's voice in Scripture makes his voice in nature \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Christ's words in Scripture have power to \_\_\_\_\_ our eyes and minds.  
*He restores [brings back] my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. (Ps. 23.3)*
6. Though it shows us the way, Scripture alone cannot make us \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Moses' law has right but not might; sins' law has might but not right; the law of the Spirit has both right and might. (T.W. Manson)*

#### **In History**

7. In order to teach us how to walk, Christ came and walked \_\_\_\_\_ us.  
*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1.14)*
8. In order to make us perfect, he was made a \_\_\_\_\_.
9. His voice does not just give information; it invites us to meet a \_\_\_\_\_.

## ***The Quest for Innocence***

*(Numbers 15.22-36, Psalm 19.11-14)*

### ***The appropriate response to Christ's self-revelation...***

#### **Consider His Glory**

1. Man's deepest problem is making ourselves the \_\_\_\_\_ of the universe.
2. One indicator of this problem is refusal to \_\_\_\_\_ to God's voice.  
*Wherever you cast your eyes, there is no spot in the universe wherein you cannot discern at least some sparks of his glory. You cannot in one glance survey this most vast and beautiful system of the universe, in its wide expanse, without being completely overwhelmed by the boundless force of its brightness. (Calvin)*
3. Yet if we stop to consider his self-revelation, we find a great \_\_\_\_\_.  
*It is remarkable that sin, which entered the world by the first human beings, brings about no change in the fact of revelation itself. God continues to reveal himself; he does not withdraw himself. (Bavinck)*

#### **Believe in His Grace**

4. As we consider his perfection, we find another great \_\_\_\_\_.  
*how many of you would give caviar to your dog? lobster to a toddler? → incapable appreciate!*
5. Mystery of grace – Christ is willing to \_\_\_\_\_ in order to reward us.  
*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8.9)*
6. The only appropriate response to these promises is to \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
*"The revelation of God is gospel, promise, the promise of forgiveness and salvation; but on our part nothing can match a promise except believing it: faith. Only by faith does a promise become our possession." (Bavinck)*

#### **Confess Him as Redeemer**

7. True appreciation of who Christ is compels us to \_\_\_\_\_ self-evaluation.  
*A fault may be hidden not because it is too small to see, but... too characteristic to register. (Derek Kidner)*
8. It further calls us to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves to his grace.  
*I shall be made manifest before the judgment seat of Christ... with all the real good and the real evil that I have thought, said and done... There I shall only be able to stand as the failure that I doubtless was in all things, but... by virtue of his promise, as a peccator justus. And as that I shall be able to stand. Then... in the light of grace, all that is now dark will become very clear." (Karl Barth)*
9. We confess with confidence because we know our quest belongs to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"Don't you think it was bad luck to meet so many lions?" said Shasta. "There was only one lion," said the Voice. "I was the lion who forced you to join with Aravis. I was the cat who comforted you among the houses of the dead. I was the lion who drove the jackals from you while you slept. I was the lion who gave the Horses the new strength of fear for the last mile so that you should reach King Lune in time. And I was the lion you do not remember who pushed the boat in which you lay, a child near death, so that it came to shore where a man sat, wakeful at midnight, to receive you." (C.S. Lewis)*

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