

Even if Revelation is already complete, it has not been made explicit; it remains for Christian faith gradually to grasp its full significance over the course of the centuries.

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of Jesus is told. Throughout the New Testament, the wonders of God’s love are recorded and the early followers of Jesus share their faith.

God’s communication comes to us as well in the Sacred Tradition of the Church. This Tradition is a fund of teaching and wisdom that began with the apostles. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit the apostles reflected on the meaning of Christ and through their successors handed on this living legacy to all subsequent generations of the Church right into our time. When we speak of Sacred Tradition this way, we are not merely referring to customs or ways of doing things. We also use this term to imply the Church’s growing and developing understanding of the mystery of God

as it is expressed in each generation and passed on to the next. People of every age can draw on their experience in the light of faith to grasp the implication of God’s Revelation for their lives.

These two chief means of Revelation, Scripture and Tradition, are distinct from one another but not really separable or independent of one another. God’s living Word to humanity is revealed through both. Taken together, they express the same reality.

Because we believe that Jesus Christ is the fullness of God’s Revelation, we say that beyond the apostolic age there is no new public Revelation. The inspired words of Sacred Scripture and the Church’s Tradition contain the whole of God’s Revelation to us.

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What points from this article added to your understanding of the meaning of Revelation?