**Disciples Fellowship School of Ministry (DFISOM)**

**Week 2: Relationship Between OT and NT: How did Jesus Fulfill the Law?**

**Devotional: *John 8:30-32***

***30****Even as he spoke, many believed in him.* ***31****To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.****32****Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

* Last week’s devotion – Hosea 4:6 – My people perish for lack of knowledge…of the word of God.
* John 8:30 – Many believed. What do we call those who believe in Jesus? Believers, Christians.
  + Who is Jesus addressing? V.31 – To the Jews who believed in him.
  + What do you call such people? Jewish believers, or Christians.
* To Christians…If you hold (abide, continue in/with) my teachers you’ll REALLY (Indeed) be my disciples.
  + Disciple means follower. If you hold Jesus’ teachings you’ll be his follower.
  + 2 Things:

1. Means you are not a follower yet though a believer/Christian.

2. It means if you don’t hold/continue in his teachings you are not a follower of Christ. This means you can be a Christian and not a follower (Disciple) of Jesus.

* + That means a disciple/follower is more than a believer.
  + NT believers were called followers of the way.
  + **Examples:** Acts 9:2 – “and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.”
  + Acts 22:4 “I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison.”
  + Acts 24:14 – “However, I admit that I worship the God of our ancestors as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets.”
* They didn’t call themselves believers but followers of the way…because believer was basic.
* First time disciples were called Christians – Acts 11:25-26 - *“Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul.****26****And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.”*
  + The disciples (not believers) were called Christians…
  + Catholics refuse to be called Christian.
  + They were called…They didn’t call themselves.
  + Christian means “a little Christ.” That’s what people saw and called them.
  + **Marks of a disciple (Follower, Learner):** 1. They assembled, 2. Were taught.
* When you are REALLY a disciple, that’s when you know the TRUTH…not when you are a believer…
* And the truth will set you free…
  + **Quote**: It’s not the truth that sets you free but the truth that you know.
  + Example of sleeping on the Bible.
  + You’ve heard people misquote this…ati the truth will set you free…
* Different type of demons – those that love and operate in darkness and those that love and operate in the light, called angels of light.
  + Example – Roaches and moth.
* The knowledge of truth itself will drive away some demons – self-deliverance.

**Lesson 2: Relationship Between OT and NT: Christ in OT**

Quote: OT is NT concealed while NT is OT revealed – St. Augustine.

* OT is a covenant, NT is a testament,
* Meaning of covenant – “A covenant is a contract, a sacred agreement between God and His children. God sets specific conditions, and He promises to bless us as we obey these conditions. Making and keeping covenants qualifies us to receive the blessings God has promised.”
* NT is a Testament, not a covenant.

A testament indeed is a covenant, and something more.

1. It is a covenant sealed by death. The testator must die before it can be of force. So all the good that is conveyed to us by the testament it is by the death of the testator, Christ.
2. Secondly, A testament gives good things merely of love. It giveth gifts freely. **A covenant requires something to be done**. In a testament, there is nothing but receiving the legacies given. In covenants, ofttimes it is for the mutual good one of another, but a testament is merely for their good for whom the testament is made, to whom the legacies are bequeathed; for when they are dead, what can they receive from them?
3. A “COVENANT” can be broken , e.g, - a marriage, OT. But a “TESTAMENT” cannot be broken (it is all God, dependent on Him)!

**A “TESTAMENT” depends solely upon the DEATH of the TESTATOR, not the LIFE (works) of the benefactors.**

**Abraham – On the Mountain of the Lord it Shall be Provided**

**Genesis 21:1-13**

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!”

And he said, “Here I am.”

**2**Then He said, “Take now your son, your only *son* Isaac, whom you love, and go to the **land of Moriah,** and offer him there as a burnt offering on **one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”**

**3**So Abraham rose early in the morning (Challenge to those who go to church late…and you say you have the faith of Abe!) and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. **4**Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. **5**And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and **worship** (Interesting, God called it sacrifice Abraham saw an opportunity to worship), and we will come back to you.”

**6**So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid *it* on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. **7**But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!”

And he said, “Here I am, my son.”

Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?”

**8**And Abraham said, “My son, **God will provide for Himself the lamb** for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together.

**9**Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. **10**And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

**11**But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!”

So he said, “Here I am.”

**12**And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only *son,* from Me.”

**13**Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind *him was* a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. **14**And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said *to* this day, **“In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided**.”

* **God will provide for Himself a Lamb** – OT required a lamb for sacrifice - for without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin.
  + Every sin you did there had to be blood shed – something had to die..
  + NT (What Abe was seeing), God provided Himself a lamb…
  + Not provided for us, or just provided, but God provided for Himself.
  + Why? Because we couldn’t meet the standard of his holiness…Because blood of bulls and heifers cannot take a way sin (Heb. 10:4).
* **He lifted his eyes and looked**…Why did he lift his eyes and we don’t see God telling so? The last statement from God was: *“since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”* (We’ll come back to this later).
* Saw a ram caught in a thicket by its horns…Where did it come from in the mountain or hill?
* On the Mount (Moria) of the Lord it shall be provided.
* 2Chrom. 3:1 “Now Solomon began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2Chron.+3%3A1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-11231a)]*the Lord* had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2Chron.+3%3A1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-11231b)] the Jebusite.”
  + Remember we saw Jesus being the temple…
* Mt Moriah is the hill of Calvary or Golgotha where Jesus, the Lamb of God was crucified.
  + According to many scholars, Golgotha and the ancient site of Mount Moriah may be the same area. In other words, scholars believe that Jesus may have been crucified near Moriah or at its summit.
* So…Mt. Moriah (God told him to a place he would show him), the place of the temple (God showed him), and Calvary are the same place.
* Abraham’s ram was one, The temple – many lambs, Calvary – one LAMB.
* God provided for Himself a Lamb…

**John 8:56-59**

**56**Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad.” Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

**59**Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going[[p](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+8&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-26441p)] through the midst of them, and so passed by.”

* Jesus said Abraham saw his day…How? On that mount…On the Mount of the Lord, Calvary, sacrifice leading to salvation will be provided… Abe saw it! (See Gen. 21:13).
* Before Abraham was, I AM!

**EYEWITNESSES**

**Luke 24:44-48**

“He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

**45**Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. **46**He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, **47**and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **48**You are witnesses of these things.”

* You are eyewitnesses of these things – Just like Abraham.

**Peter – 1Peter 1:16-18**

**16**For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. **17**He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” **18**We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

**19**We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. **20**Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. **21**For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**Dr. Luke – Luke 1:1-4**

**“**Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+1&version=NIV#fen-NIV-24895a)] among us, **2**just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. **3**With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, **4**so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.”

**John - 1John 1:1-4**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. **2**The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. **3**We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **4**We write this to make our[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1John+1&version=NIV#fen-NIV-30545a)] joy complete.

**John 20:30-31**

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. **31**But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, **and that by believing you may have life in his name.**

Thriving in life by the word of life!