

JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 1:26 and John 1:1

- 1. Which statement have you heard the most regarding the OT...**
 - a. Jesus in the Old Testament**
 - b. We no longer live OT- we are in the dispensation of grace**
- 2. Because it has been negative for so long, I found excitement as I began to research and prepare for this session. My hope is that you will see from a new perspective that ... according to**
 - 2 TIM 3:16 - ALL SCRIPTURE IS GOD BREATHED (GIVEN BY GOD)**
 - We will see the SOVEREIGNTY of GOD and the Revelation of JESUS CHRIST in all of the BIBLE**

Jesus Christ is at the heart of the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. The O.T. confirms the identity of Jesus. It has been said that ...

The Old Testament is the New Testament concealed;
(to hide something carefully)

The New Testament is the Old Testament revealed.
(to make known something that was previously secret, unknown, or hidden.)

THE PURPOSE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

- 1. History 2. The Fall of Man 3. Sin Defined 4. Our need for a Savior 5. The Nature of God. 6. Examples and Warnings. 7. Principles for Godly living.**
- To understand God's plan in redemption, we must hold all things in the OT in the light of Jesus Christ. The NT tells us that JESUS is the FULFILLMENT of the Old.**

- **The Old Testament is filled with examples of obedience and disobedience, and the rewards and penalties associated with each. The New Testament specifically points to these as containing lessons from which we can learn (Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:1-13).**

The Old Testament contains countless examples of divine principles that are timeless and universal in their application.

The NT Authors and Apostles and Jesus himself direct us to look in the OT (John 5:39, 46; 8:56, 58; Luke 24:27; Luke 24:44) ... to find Him

A. Yes we are in the dispensation of GRACE, but grace from what ?

Comparatively speaking - the Wrath of God in the OT and the Grace of God in the NT

The OT is our witness? ... to the GOSPEL - the good news of SALVATION through faith in Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:18-25; 10:43; 15:15-18; 24:14; 26:22-23; 28:23)

We first see Jesus in CREATION

(Col 1:15-18) (John 1:1,14- Gen 1:3 & Gen 1:26a)(1 John 1:1) (Heb. 1:2, 10-12)
(Psalm 102:25) (Prov. 30:4) (Heb. 11:3)

Q. How could GENESIS, the book of all creation not be filled with Jesus when He is the instrument of creation and the reason for it? (Let us make ... Who is us?)

Q. If all things were created for HIM, what should that mean for your life?

We also see Jesus in THE 10-COMMANDMENTS (Exodus 20)

1. The 10-commandments present the righteousness of Christ through word, deed, and character during His humanity.

2. The 10-commandments show our need for Christ and show us who we are apart from Him.
3. The 10-commandments show the righteousness of Christ imputed to us. We are Holy because God looks at us and sees His Son.
4. The 10-commandments show us how God wants us to give thanks for Christ.
5. CHRIST is the substance of the law - whom we honor and worship through our obedience to the law.

OBEDIENCE-follows-REDEMPTION

(Deut.6:8 & 11:8) (Prov 7:3) (Ps. 40:7-8)(John 14:15)(2 Cor. 3:3 & all)
(Matt. 5:17-20)

We also see Jesus in the PSALMS

PSALMS Celebrate the Person and Work of JESUS CHRIST (The MESSIAH)

1. Psalm 102:24-27 -Christ as Creator (as above)
2. Psalm 22 -CHRIST's Suffering
3. Psalm 2, 110 - Christ as conqueror & ruler
4. Psalm 68, 72 - Christ as triumphant King
5. Psalm 45 - Christ as Bridegroom

The NT declares that Christ is the theme of the OT...

My hope is that from this day forward we will examine the OT from a whole new perspective - JESUS THE CHRIST!