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Melbourne Church of Christ

"A family of believers seeking to grow spiritually while sharing Jesus and serving others."

Jesus and the Old Testament

by David Sproule

Sometimes when someone is reading through the Bible, they may think that Jesus is "a New Testament character who doesn't really have a strong presence in or connection to the Old Testament. However, after they spend more time in both the Old Testament and the New Testament, hopefully they will begin to see that their initial conclusion was far from reality. In fact, Jesus Christ is the summary of the entire Bible, from beginning to end. Let us consider just a few connections that Scripture makes between Jesus and the O.T.

Jesus believed the Old Testament. While Jesus was living on this earth, He referenced the O.T. quite often. In Luke 4, He talked about Elijah, the widow of Zarephath and Naaman the leper (4:25-27). He also talked about Jonah (Matt. 12:39-41), the burning bush (Luke 20:37), the brazen serpent (John 3:14), and too many others to name. Jesus believed everything that was written in the O.T.

Jesus wrote the Old Testament. Jesus was not merely a student of the sacred text; He was its author. The apostle Peter wrote about the Old Testament prophets, "who prophesied of the grace" that was coming, and "searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow" (1 Pet. 1:10-11). Did you notice that? Who was involved in leading the prophets in their writings? "The Spirit of Christ" was.

Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament. Early in His ministry, He said that He had come "to fulfill" the Law and the Prophets (Matt. 5:17), and at the end of His ministry He assured that "all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me" (Luke 24:44).

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The Encouragement Group meets on Thursday's at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come serve with us as we reach into our community!

Sunday Classes 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:10 a.m.
Wed. Services 6:00 p.m.

Visitors, please take a card from the back of the pew, fill it out, and put it in the offering tray. We are glad you're here and want you to know that you're welcome in the family of Christ that meets here!

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Family News

- Don Banning, Diane Wyatt's brother, is still bleeding internally and in the hospital.
- Amanda McPherson has been diagnosed with brain cancer.
- Ann Moser broke her hip and is now home and recovering well.
- Olivia Bear delivered her baby early at 25 weeks. They are both doing good at this time.
- Gage Barns has lost 12 lbs. and may have to have a feeding tube.
- Ruby Patillo, Jessica Wortham's mother, had surgery and is doing well.
- When you get home please pray for those mentioned in services and listed here in the bulletin. Never underestimate the power of prayer.

James 5:16, "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results."

Opening Prayer.....Rusty Treat
 Communion Reading.....Shelby Qualls
 Closing Prayer.....Chipper Lamb



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Jesus is the purpose of the Old Testament. Paul asked, "What purpose then does the law serve?" and then answered, "It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made...the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ" (Gal. 3:19-25).

Jesus took away the binding law of the Old Testament. In doing the will of God, Jesus nailed our sin debt to the cross. The bill is paid and we do not have to pay for our sins because it's all been "nailed to the cross" (Col. 2:14).

Jesus is the divine communication of God throughout Scripture. John wrote of Jesus: "In the beginning was the Word" (John 1:1). Jesus is the full revelation of deity to the world, through the Old Testament and the New Testament. May we stand in awe of His eternity and His revelation.

Prayer List

Military: Derek & Allison Love **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Nursing Home: Al Gillihan, Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Sue Campbell, Barbara Watson, Bill Wiseman, Shirley Hill, Imogene James, Bill Roland

Boyde Martin	Wilma Cooper	Phyllis Gilbreath	Dorothy Teague
Ruby Patillo	Joe Guiltner	Cornelia Summers	Christie Haney
Joanna Smith	Wayne Crosby	Brooke Partin	Joe Anne Hendrix
Sanyia Austin	Charlotte Cooper	John Young	Regenia Gillihan
Regina Master	Shawna Teegarden	Gage Barns	John Ward
Marvin Hoskinds			

February Birthdays

Frank Fowler 1 st	Brandi Watson 7 th	Megan Rush Purtle 7 th
Aaron Young 8 th	Dewey Brightwell 13 th	Ian Hammond 14 th
Davey Wyatt 14 th	Harris Wyatt 14 th	Kori Minick 18 th
David Lawrence 19 th	Brandy Treat 21 st	Chipper Lamb 27 th

February Anniversaries

Ted & Sheilla Wammack 14th

Dates to Remember

Ladies Night Out 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food.
 Ladies Bible Study 1st, 2nd, 3rd Monday @ 6 p.m.
 Men meet 3rd Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.
 Potluck every 5th Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

2 Corinthians 3:2-6, "Your lives are a letter written in our hearts; everyone can read it and recognize our good work among you. You are a letter from Christ showing the result of our ministry among you. This "letter" is written not with pen and ink, but with the Spirit of the living God. It is carved not on tablets of stone, but on human hearts. He has enabled us to be ministers of his new covenant. This is a covenant not of written laws, but of the Spirit. The old written covenant ends in death; but under the new covenant, the Spirit gives life."

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