

SUNDAY MORNING

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Mark Davis

Song Leader

Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper

Joseph Barry Rodney Ellis
Pete Rowland

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Brethren, there is always changes in our lives. Some are small, easy to accept and almost inconsequential. Other changes seem like David's "the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; its waters roar and foam; the mountains quake at its swelling pride."

Remember Rev. 2:10! Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

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Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.
Worship6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10



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Preaching Jesus and the Old Testament

Bryan Garlock

We are New Testament Christians under the New Testament covenant; we belong to the New Testament church. However, these three things hinge on the Old Testament because these three things cannot exist apart from the Old Testament.

It is true that preaching Jesus involves preaching His death, burial, and resurrection as well as His commandments and promises (attached to the New Covenant), but technically speaking, to "preach Jesus", we must go to the Old Testament. Jesus said the Scriptures bore witness about Him (John 5.39) and "everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled....Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

(Luke 24.44, 46-47) Therefore, gospel preaching has an Old Testament application.

Three times in Acts 8 we read, "Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ" (4-5), "when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women" (12), and "Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus" (35).

To proclaim "the Christ" (the "Anointed One" or the "Messiah") and the "kingdom of God", these disciples could only use the Old Testament prophecies. In fact, notice that Philip began with Scripture and told the eunuch about Jesus from Isaiah (Acts 8.32-35). Additionally, notice how in Acts 8.12 the

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, Ann Thomas and Francine Davis.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

Please remember **Maxine Burnham** and **Jean Cronce** in your prayers.

Donna Mobley's has begun Physical Therapy in Plano. She may be able to return home next week.

Thankfully **Gerald Eaton** has received a NEGATIVE virus report.

Pete Rowland will not be having surgery.

Here is the current schedule of services:

Bible Study: 9:30 AM

Services: 10:15 AM

Kids Only: 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 7:00 PM

Sunday and Wednesday Bible Studies are in **Galatians**.

Additionally, we are having studies on the life of Peter:

Monday: 7:00 PM

Thursday: 7:00 PM

Ladies Bible Class:

Next class will be October 13th.

only "New Testament teaching" was baptism in the name of Christ; yet, even baptism has its roots in the Old Testament (cf. 1 Peter 3.20-21). Indeed, everything

"new" in Christ is rooted in "the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms" (Luke 24.44).

Since these things are true, it does not make sense when Christians say things like "We're under the New Testament" and "We don't need a lot of Old Testament teaching and preaching". Well, then Christians cannot "preach Jesus"!

When one reads the New Testament, he cannot avoid the fact that the New Testament writers constantly quote from the Old Testament. They rely so heavily on the "the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms" that their letters would fall apart if you removed all the Old Testament quotes, allusions and arguments. Additionally, their preaching would have been non-existent if they had not gone to the Scriptures to show Jesus. Paul "reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ.'" (Acts 17.2-3)

Probably the passage that most effectively destroys this attitude some Christians have about the Old Testament is found in Paul's letter to Timothy. "...how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work". (2 Tim. 3.15-17)

Notice what the "sacred writings" (Old Testament) and "all Scripture" accomplishes: it makes us "wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus" and is "profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" so that we are mature in Christ. At the time of writing, the New Testament canon had not even been completed; Paul was referring to the Old Testament Scriptures!

Dear Christians, "preaching Jesus" like the apostles did means that we need a working knowledge of the Old Testament. Do we have it? If not, can it be said that we are "preaching Jesus"? As you study God's word each day, challenge yourself to find Jesus in "the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms". Then you can truly see the inspired nature of the Scriptures, your eyes will be opened to the beauty of God's wisdom, and your faith will grow! BG

Change

Bill Brittenham

Psalm 46:1-3 *God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; Though its waters roar and foam, Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride.*

This year has certainly been a time of great change. A few still alive have lived through two World Wars and a Great Depression. Most have seen several armed conflicts, major terror attacks and enormous changes in technology and

society. And sadly, many of these changes have challenged the faith of Christians. Before this year, would talk about our great abundance and blessings. We were thankful for our peaceful lives. And even though we are still greatly blessed, still live in relative peace, and enjoy freedom unlike most of history, the turmoil of this year has diverted our minds and souls from Christ and the spiritual to the physical changes about us. The devil attempted to distract Jesus from His spiritual mission with physical temptations. But Jesus strongly answered those temptations by refocusing the situation back to the spiritual. And the lessons of God's faithful throughout the Bible teach us to do better.

Was Abraham's faith shaken when God told him to leave his home for an unknown destination?

Did Joseph give up on God when his brothers sold him into slavery?

When Job lost everything, he did some serious thinking, but remained faithful to God.

When everyone ignored Jeremiah, he kept on preaching God's message.

Yes, we read about some who were overcome by change.

Saul started out faithfully as God's chosen king, but eventually fell away.

Peter tells of those who once knew righteousness, but then fell away. (2 Pet. 2:20-22)

Paul speaks of Demas as a fellow worker in Phil,1:24 but also one who left him for this present world in 2 Tim. 4:10.