

KEYS TO PROPER DIVISION IN THE BIBLE (#2)

Introduction

- I. MEMORY VERSE: **Romans 15:4; John 5:39**
- II. This lesson will focus on Christ the Lord and how He is “the” key figure found in the Bible.
- III. Truly, it is amazing to consider how much of the Bible (Old and New Testaments) point to Christ.
 - A. In the Old Testament, we see people, teachings, and events pointing _____ Christ.
 - B. In the New Testament, we see people, teachings, and events pointing _____ Christ.
- IV. Why should we study about Christ in this way?
 - A. Because He is the Son of God.
 - B. Because He is our Savior and Redeemer.
 - C. Because the theme of the Bible is _____, and He made it a reality.
 - D. Because one cannot read the Bible without being impressed with the emphasis placed upon Christ.
- V. Seeing Christ in the Scriptures will help us to “rightly divide” the word of God. Please consider the list below with its applications, and understand that this is just a “sampling” of Scriptures.

Discussion

I. THE LIFE OF CHRIST:

- A. Christ came into this world, born of a woman named _____. Christ’s step-father was _____. Joseph is described as: _____ (Matthew 1:19).
 - 1. They also were concerned parents, as they sought Jesus (age 12) for _____ after they lost Him when they left Jerusalem (Luke 2:41-49).
 - 2. Mary is even found at _____ as Christ was crucified (John 19:25).
- B. Christ’s purpose in coming to this earth was _____ (Luke 19:10).
 - 1. Jesus also told Pilate, “_____” (John 18:37).
 - 2. Paul made a similar statement when he wrote to Timothy (I Timothy 1:15).
- C. Christ died, was buried and arose. All these things happened: 1) By accident (Jesus was a “victim of circumstance.”) 2) As a fulfillment of the Word of God. (Hint: I Corinthians 15:1-4)
 - 1. Read: Romans 6:3-4, 17-18. What is the action we take that follows the pattern of Christ’s death, burial and resurrection? _____
 - 2. In Christ’s death, He purchased _____ (Acts 20:28).
- D. Christ’s life is said to be our _____ (I Peter 2:21-22).
- E. Since Christ died for us, we need to _____ (II Corinthians 5:14-15).

II. THE GREAT EMPHASIS PLACED ON CHRIST IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS:

- A. Please take some time to read and study some of the background behind the following characters and events:
 - 1. Adam (Genesis 2-3)
 - 2. Abraham and Isaac (Ex: The sacrifice of Isaac, Genesis 22:1-14)
 - 3. Moses (Some aspects of his life and character, and The Passover in Exodus 12)
 - 4. The Tabernacle/Temple (Descriptions and Furniture — also the sacrifice of the goats and bulls described in Leviticus 16.)
 - 5. The Judges (What does “judge” mean?)
 - 6. The Prophets (What does “prophet” mean — think about how Christ could be compared to Elijah and Jeremiah)
- B. How do these people relate to Christ? Turn to the New Testament and see.....
 - 1. **Adam:**
 - a. Paul calls Adam the “figure” of _____ (Romans 5:14).
 - b. Paul calls Adam “_____” (I Corinthians 15:45, 47).

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- c. Paul calls Christ “_____” (I Corinthians 15:45, 47).
- d. Though Adam is called “living,” Christ is called _____.
- 2. Abraham and Isaac:**
- a. Upon the mountain, we see a picture of a spiritual truth that would happen many years into the future. (Genesis 22:1-14) See also: John 3:16
- b. In Abraham, we see a picture of _____. In Isaac we see a picture of _____.
- c. The difference would be that in the case of Abraham and Isaac, a _____ was offered in the form of _____. In the case of Christ, HE WAS _____.
- 3. Moses:**
- a. Name some similarities between Moses’ and Christ’s infancy. _____
- b. Yet, the Holy Spirit shows us that _____ was better than _____.
(Hebrews 3:1-6)
- c. Moses was considered a _____ in the house, while Christ was called a _____ in the house.
- d. Christ is called “our Passover” (_____). Why? _____
- 4. The Tabernacle/Temple:**
- a. Consider how these parts of the Tabernacle/Temple point to Christ (Altar, Laver, Table of Shewbread, Golden Lampstand, Veil, High Priest, Sacrifices Offered)
- b. What is the “true tabernacle” the Lord pitched? _____
- 5. The Judges:**
- a. What does the word “judge” mean? _____
- b. In what way would this apply to Christ? _____
- 6. The Prophets:**
- a. What does the word “prophet” mean? _____
- b. Why might Christ be compared to Elijah or Jeremiah? (Matthew 16:14) _____
- c. In fact, Jesus was called a “prophet” (Deuteronomy 18:15, 18; Acts 3:23-24)
- C. We can never look at the Old Testament people, places, and events in the same way again. Each one points us to Christ!

ASSIGNMENT: (Hint: Assignments increase in difficulty. While some may not be able to answer each question, please challenge yourself and do the best you can!)

1. Do you know the books of the Bible? (You should know Genesis-Matthew. Memorize the next 10 books of the Bible.)
2. Do you know the Apostles? Do you know the sons of Israel? Do you know the Judges?
3. Read and Study Matthew 16:18. Be prepared to explain this passage as if you’re explaining it to someone for the first time. (Hint: Remember context, remember making applications to folks today, and feel free to use additional verses to explain this text.)

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