

Christ is the Center, Focus, and Key

Christ is the center, focus, and key to the inspiration and interpretation of the Bible. This is why the books of the Old and New Testaments fit together so well into one cohesive and comprehensive whole. Taken together, they present the progressive unfolding, revelation, and communication of Christ.

1. The Law (Genesis-Deuteronomy) prepares the ground or base on which the moral system of Christ rests. It is the beginning or first principles of the system of truth.

2. The History section (Joshua-Esther) shows the preparation for Christ. History, from an inerrant biblical perspective, holds true the necessity of righteousness and faith.

3. Poetry (Job-Song of Solomon) expresses an aspiration for Christ the Savior. Seeing that Scripture is nothing less than the words of our very Creator, it is no wonder that throughout the centuries men and women have been astonished by it.

4. Prophecy (Isaiah-Malachi) proclaims an expectation of Christ. The Bible is the account of redemption, how God rescues men from sin and from death.

5. The Gospel Records (Matthew-John) relate the historical manifestation of Christ. They are true accounts of the work and the acts of Christ the Son of God.

6. Acts relates the propagation of the gospel of Christ. It portrays the resurrected Christ in His ascension, by the Spirit, through the disciples, for the producing of the church – the kingdom of God.

7. The Epistles (Romans-Jude) give the interpretation of Christ. The epistles answer questions asked by the church or address problems within the church.

8. Revelation describes the consummation of all things in Christ. The second coming of Christ marks the time when the church goes home for eternity.

How is it that every part of the Bible, in spite of its great diversity, can contribute to its overarching theme of redemption and its central figure, the Christ? How? Because it is from God!

- Mark Posey (condensed)

- via *Bulletin Digest* -

"Be still and know that I am God ..." - Psalm 46:10

News Notes

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Sharon Pugh (Charles' wife) was recently diagnosed with a new cancer. She will have surgery **July 7th**. Her address is: 1601 31st Street, Vienna, WV 26105.

VBS: Tomorrow though Friday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Weirton Heights Church of Christ. Classes for all ages. Additional details on the bulletin board.

CARE AND SHARE BEARS: Each **Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.** All ladies invited. No sewing skills needed.

CONVERT'S CLASS: Suspended for Summer break.

FIFTH SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION: Our entire contribution, **NEXT Sunday, June 29th** will be donated to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort in Nashville, TN. Give cheerfully and generously. "...*God loveth a cheerful giver.*" - 2 Cor. 9:7.

BIBLE CAMP: July 7-12 at Tomlinson Run State Park. Registration Packs available.

BABY SHOWER: For MaClay Toomey, **Saturday, July 26th, 11:00 a.m.** at our Fellowship Building. **RSVP by July 12th** to Docie, 304-374-4085 or Lindsay, 304-374-4423. MaClay is registered at www.babylist.com.

PANTRY: Chocolate or vanilla pudding.

SICK: City Hospital: Sharon Williams (broken ribs & pelvis). **At Home:** Ann Carroll (broken wrist) 43152 10th St. Ext., Wellsville, OH 43968, Phone: (330) 692-5050. Matt Malcomson, Brian Haught (Skip's brother), Randy Beagle, Peggy Linger, Scharlotte Jones, Harry Huff, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, Marlene Evans, Cheryl Renfro Walker. **Serra Manor, Weirton:** Jean Haught (Skip's mother). **Fox, Chester:** Janice Hutchins, Mary Johnson. **Elsewhere:** Carolyn Carbone, 98 Orange Blossom Lane, Ranson, WV 25438. Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Dr., Lisbon, OH 44432.

"HE IS THE GOD"

"The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets." (Psalm 50:1)

Some speak of Mother Nature, but the Scripture speaks of the Mighty One, God, the LORD who controls our universe and sustains our world. He speaks and they do His bidding. This is the LORD who listens to our prayers and who acts for our well-being. He is the God who sustains His people and sent Jesus to fulfill His promises. He is the God who will bring us home. We can have confidence in our future with Him.

- Author Unknown

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