

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

A Few Extras

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Store In My Heart

Hebrews 1:3

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact expression of His nature, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. (CSB)

This letter was likely written between 60 and 70 AD. While we have no knowledge of the writer, his purpose is clear. The focus on shadows from the Old Covenant shows he wrote to Jews who had believed Christ. The author urges his readers to look to Christ, who is supreme, rather than the shadows that pointed to Him.

The superiority of Christ is shown to help these brethren remain faithful in face of the urging of their Jewish friends. For us it gives confidence in our Savior and Lord to see us through any struggles we might face. Faith in Jesus will bring us to our rest.

Today's sermon is from the Bible Survey lesson book. There are a number of additional thoughts and helps in the lesson that it was not possible to include in the sermon in a timely manner. So I decided to put them in today's bulletin so that you can have them for easy reference as you consider and meditate on the things presented this morning. (You do think about the sermon later, right?)

One of the things that I thought would be very helpful now and for future study was a list of relationships between Genesis and The Christ. Keeping these in mind can help us see how the Bible is really one story of how God provides salvation for mankind.

Genesis ----- Christ

- Adam ----- Romans 5:14-19
- Seed of Woman ----- Galatians 4:4
- Abel's "Blood" ----- Hebrews 12:24
- Water of Flood ----- 1Peter 3:21
- Abraham's Seed ----- Galatians 3:8-9,14,16,29
- Promised Land ----- Hebrews 4:1-9
- Melchizedek ----- Hebrews 7:1-17
- Sarah-Hagar ----- Galatians 4:21-31
- Isaac ----- Hebrews 11:17-18
- Jacob "Israel" ----- Galatians 6:16
- Judah ----- Revelation 5:5

Another was a note regarding the many doctrines found in Genesis that are still relevant to our service to God today. We often emphasize the importance of grounding our teaching in the New Testament, and we must do this if we are to follow Christ. Yet much of the teachings we have from Christ and His Apostles are rooted in teachings that can be found in the book of Genesis. It will help us see the unity and singular focus of God's Word throughout all of time.



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For Our Information

Annette Gray is feeling better after sinus problems.

Brenda Keisler is still doing physical therapy.

Dottie Henderson is still having fluid build up and is getting oxygen via bipap and this requires some sedation.

Tonight we start in 2Samuel 16:5.

Wednesday we will start Colossians 3:10.

Take advantage of these opportunities to study with us.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

Consider how Genesis is "The seed bed of doctrine."

Existence and Majesty of God - **Genesis 1-2** "God" mentioned 46 times
Dignity & Accountability of Man - **Genesis 2-3** – Responsible to obey God
Monogamous, Heterosexual Marriage - **Genesis 2:18-24; Matthew 19:3-9**
Sin, its Nature and Consequences - **Genesis 3-4** – Continues even now
Redeemer! Deliverance! Victory! - **Genesis 3:15; 12:3; 49:10** – Jesus!

Another of the things we can find connecting the beginnings we find in Genesis to the message of Christ and His inspired messengers would be the genealogies found in Scripture. Twice in the books that are devoted to proving Jesus is the Christ we find genealogy lists to trace His lineage as part of this body of proofs. The genealogy we find in the Gospel of Luke traces all the way back to Adam. When we look at the book of Genesis we find several genealogies, two in the portion we considered in the lesson today. **Genesis 5** gives a lists of family heads from Adam until the time of Noah. In **Genesis 10 & 11** we find a listing of the descendants of the sons of Noah that carries Shem's line all the way down to Abram and Sarai. With these lists we can see how God worked through the agency of men to carry out the plan he had to bring a Savior into the world that would benefit all of mankind.

Just one more thing from the lesson that may seem small but can help us in our understanding and wisdom:

Creation in 7 Days: Day 1 - **Light**; Day 2 - **Heavens**; Day 3 - **Dry land, vegetation**; Day 4 - **Sun, moon, stars**; Day 5 - **Fowl, fish**; Day 6 - **Animals, man**; Day 7 - **God Rested**.

It is important that we know about the beginnings if we hope to enjoy the end. All of these things are important to our understanding of God's Will and Word. They help connect the many different books and writers and show how they are one whole. They give us insight into God and what He wants from us even today. It is important that we study the Word. Alone we will find ourself lost and confused in the middle of a world full of takers and fakers. With God's Word in our hearts we can navigate the treacherous pathways of life with confidence that no matter what we encounter God has already provided a means by which we can survive and thrive. We may not see much of it while still on Earth, but it will be obvious when we stand before His throne in eternity.

(As we all know Joyce Venable passed away last Tuesday. Her funeral will be at Smith Benton Funeral Home. It is located at the corner of Market St. and W Cross St. in Benton. Visitation will be from 5-7 pm on Tuesday evening March 1. The funeral will begin at 10 am on Wednesday March 2. She will be buried in the Veterans Memorial cemetery in North Little Rock beginning at 12 pm Wednesday afternoon. Prayers are appreciated. DLH)



We seek only to serve God according to His Will!