



"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

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JESUS IS ALL IN ALL

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We heard about an old country preacher who was always preaching on baptism. He couldn't stay off of the subject. His Elders decided to assign him his texts for his sermons. They told him to preach on the first Chapter of Genesis.

So he did. He pointed out that when the Lord made the earth, only one-fourth was land and three-fourths was water. He then proceeded to his favorite subject, by reminding the folk that there was plenty of water all over the earth to baptize anyone, anywhere.

Well, I'm a little like that old boy. I see Jesus on every page of the Bible. He is the centerpiece of all the Bible. Every book, every chapter, and every line seems to have us looking to Him.

The Books of Law say, "Look for the coming Priest."

The Books of History say, "Look for the 'coming King."

The Books of Prophecy say, "Look for the coming Prophet."

The Books of Poetry say, "Look for the coming Redeemer."

Yes, the Old Testament says, "The Messiah is coming."

The Gospels say, "The Messiah is come."

The Epistles say, "The Messiah is coming again."

It's kind of like a young lady going to her fiance's house for dinner. After the meal is over and the dishes are done, the future mother-in-law sits down and shows the girl the family picture album. She says, "Here's Johnny at the age of one. Here is Johnny on his first tricycle. Here's Johnny on his first bicycle. And here is Johnny on his first motorcycle and finally, here is Johnny in the hospital when he fell off his motorcycle."

Seriously, as the girl is shown the pictures of her lover as he grew up and went through his childhood, so we Christians have been betrothed to Christ.

The Bible offers some snapshots of Him Whom we have grown to love. As the young woman holds every picture of her "intended" precious and dear, so we should value these snapshots of our Lord.

Let's look at the snapshots of Christ in each of the Bible books. Keep in mind that our Lord said, "These are the words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the Prophets, and in the Psalms concerning Me."

Then opened He their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures. **(Luke 24:44-45)**

May these thoughts help you see the beautiful and wonderful Christ.

CHRIST IS:

Genesis: The Promised Seed, born of a woman, coming to save the world. Lineage limited to Shem (the race), to Abraham (the nation), and to Judah (the tribe).

Exodus: As Redeemer by the blood of the Passover Lamb.

Leviticus: The coming High Priest Who offers a perfect sacrifice, and enters into the true tabernacle.

Numbers: The One Who must be lifted up as the brazen serpent so men may look and be saved.

Deuteronomy: The Prophet like unto Moses, Who will instruct us in the ways of God.

Joshua: The Captain of our Salvation, Who leads us into the promised land as did Joshua (not Moses and the Law, or Aaron and the priesthood, or Miriam and the prophets).

Judges: The delivering and avenging Judge Who destroys those who oppress us.

Ruth: Our Kinsman Who loves and redeems and weds us.

I & II Samuel, I & II Kings, I & II Chronicles: - The Greater David, the Greater than Solomon, yes, the Perfect King who will rule in righteousness and equity.

Ezra: The Reformer who turns us back to true religion.

Nehemiah: The Restorer of faith's heritage and the Rebuilder of the walls of Zion, the City of God.

Esther: He Who pleads for His people as an Advocate.

Job: Our Daysman and Advocate Who pleads our cause in the day of trouble.

Psalms: Our Joy and a Very Present Help in

the time of trouble. The Shepherd Who leads us.

Proverbs: Our Wisdom and a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Ecclesiastes: The End of our quest for meaning for this life.

Song of Solomon: Our loving King Who loves His bride and will come to take us to His Palace.

Isaiah: The Suffering Servant, Who, being virgin born, is "God with us."

Jeremiah: The Righteous Branch out of David, Who will rule in righteousness and justice (3:6). The Lord our Righteousness (23:6).

Lamentations: He Who weeps over those who sin. The Weeping Prophet.

Ezekiel: The Great Shepherd Who will cause God's people to lie down in safety (34:23). The Glory of God.

Daniel: The Coming Messiah Who will destroy kingdoms and build an Eternal Kingdom. The Fourth Man in the furnace who stands by the faithful.

Hosea: The Forgiving Husband Who loved us while we were yet sinners.

Joel: The Hope and Strength of God's people and a Refuge in time of trouble. (He Who is in the midst of Israel.)

Amos: The Rebuker of His people - Woe, Woe.

Obadiah: The Avenger of our enemies and Savior of the Holy Remnant.

Jonah: The Prophet Who was sent of God to warn all men. Died, was buried, and arose again on the third day to save men from coming judgment.

Micah: The Rejected Judge who still will rule the world (5:1-4).

Nahum: He Who comforts us concerning our enemies and assures us of vengeance upon the evil.

Habakkuk: The Just Judge Who executes wrath in righteousness and promises the just shall live by their faith.

Zephaniah: The Coming King. Who remembers the faithful ones after Judgment.

Haggai: The Desire of all nations. He Who will restore true worship in the true temple.

Zechariah: The Coming Branch Who will be both Priest and King upon His throne. He is the Fountain open for cleansing, and King over all the earth.

Malachi: The Messenger of the covenant Who purges men so they may offer themselves in righteousness (3:1-4). He is the Sun of Righteousness with healing in His wings.

Matthew: Christ the King, the Son of David. - What He taught.

Mark: Christ the Priestly Servant. What He wrought.

Luke: Christ the Prophet, Son of man. What He thought.

John: Christ the God, Son of God. Whom He sought.

Acts: The Living Christ - By whose Spirit men fought.

Romans: Christ our Redeemer. "Redemption in Christ" (3:24).

I Corinthians: Christ our Sanctifier. "Sanctification in Christ" (1:2).

II Corinthians: Christ our Victor. "Triumphing in Christ" (2:4).

Galatians: Christ our Liberator. "Liberty in Christ" (2:3).

Ephesians: Christ our All. "Spiritual blessings in Heavenly places in Christ" (1:3).

Philippians: Christ our Joy. "That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Christ" (1:26).

Colossians: Christ our Perfecter. "Complete in Him" (1:28).

I Thessalonians: Christ our Hope. "Patience of hope in Christ" (1:3).

II Thessalonians: Christ our Coming Glory. "That Christ may be glorified in you and you in Him" (1:12).

I Timothy: Christ an Example of Grace; follow Him (1:14).

II Timothy: Salvation is in Christ; persevere in Him (2:10).

Titus: Christ the Redeemer and Purifier of His people (2:14).

Philemon: Christ our Advocate Who frees us from slavery.

Hebrews: The Superiority of Christ as Prophet, Priest, and Sacrifice.

James: Christ the Doer of Righteousness (2:8).

I Peter: Christ the Chief Cornerstone (2:6).

II Peter: Godliness through the knowledge of Christ (1:3).

I John: Fellowship with God through Christ Who is Light, Love, and Life.

II John: Abide in Christ.

III John: Share with Christ.

Jude: Christ, Who presents us faultless (vs 24).

Revelation: Christ, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, is the "Reigning Lamb."

I hope these have helped you see Jesus in all of His beauty and glory.