

Bible Introduction

Session 3: Progressive Revelation Part 2

Romans 16:24-26 NKJV "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith—"

Matthew 13:16-17 NKJV "But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

5. Old Testament Scripture points to Jesus.

John 5:39 "You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me,"

Jesus was the fulfillment of the law, the revelation of the prophecy in Old Testament scripture.

Matthew 5:17-18 ""Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to abolish, but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one dot or one mark will pass from the law until all be fulfilled."

John 19:30 "So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit."

Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28, 31-32, 33-34, 38-39, 43-44

The Old Mosaic Covenant dealt with outward actions, but Jesus is revealing now that the New Covenant deals with the heart and the motives.

Romans 10:4 "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes."

Ezekiel 36:26 - new heart prophetic "Also, I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh."

Progressive revelation through scripture

*Job — Abraham — Moses — David — Solomon — Prophets — John the Baptist
— Jesus — Holy Spirit*

Examples:

1) Suffering

Job 1:21 - God gives and takes away

*“Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked will I return there.
The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”*

*Job 42:3, 5-6 “‘Who is he who hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore, I
have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me which I did
not know.”*

New Testament Revelation: Jesus came to give and what He gave was abundant life

John 10:10

2) Death

Ecclesiastes 3:19-21 - we all return to dust

*“For what befalls the sons of men befalls animals; as one dies, so dies the other.
There is one breath for all of them; there is no advantage for man any more than
animals, for all is vanity. All go to one place: All are from the dust and all return to
dust. Who knows whether the spirit of man goes upward and the spirit of animals
goes down to the earth?”*

New Testament Revelation: When we die, we are with the Lord

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

*“Therefore, we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the
body, we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. Instead, I
say that we are confident and willing to be absent from the body and to be
present with the Lord.”*

3) The Law

*Romans 4:13,15 “It was not through the law that Abraham and his descendants
received the promise that he would be the heir of the world, but through the
righteousness of faith...because the law produces wrath, for where there is no
law, there is no sin.”*

Romans 3:19-20 "Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and all the world may become accountable to God. Therefore by the works of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin."

Romans 5:13 "For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law."

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 "Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation."

2 Corinthians 3:7-9

Hebrews 7:18-19

Hebrews 10:1

New Testament Revelation: The purpose of the law was to demonstrate how lost we were. We are no longer under the law, but under grace, and have been set free from the curse that comes with not keeping the law.

4) Circumcision

Requirement for all males under the Old Covenant

Genesis 17:10 "This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised;"

New Testament Revelation: Circumcision is of the heart in Christ

Galatians 5:2 NLT "Listen! I, Paul, tell you this: If you are counting on circumcision to make you right with God, then Christ will be of no benefit to you."

Colossians 2:11 NKJV "In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,"

5) Sabbath

Exodus 20:8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."

Hebrews 10:1 "For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same

sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.

Colossians 2:16-17 "So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ."

Hebrews 4:3-11

New Testament Revelation: We now live in the Sabbath rest of Jesus Christ, because we have ceased striving through our own works.

Matthew 11:28-30

The Holy Spirit would bring further revelation and understanding to born again disciples of Christ.

John 16:12-15 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you."