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## Chapter 1 : Lesson 6: Types, Shadows, and Symbols of Jesus the Christ

*The Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Old Testament Elder F. Melvin Hammond In considering the theme "The Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Old Testament," I feel "like a droplet of spray proudly poised for a moment on the crest of a wave, undertaking to analyze the sea."*

Sperry Symposium Provo, UT: Melvin Hammond Elder F. Melvin Hammond is an emeritus Seventy. This prophetic description of biblical convictions as they would exist today was given by the Lord to Nephi in about BC. For thousands of years Jews and Gentiles alike had made this same narrow, restrictive declaration concerning the Old and New Testaments. Such were existing conditions in when Joseph Smith Jr. The religious sects of the day, using the Bible, were vigorously proselyting for new converts. The Presbyterians were most decided against the Baptists and Methodists, and used all the powers of both reason and sophistry to prove their errors, or, at least, to make the people think they were in error. With innocence and pure faith, the boy followed the admonition and appealed in secret prayer to the only perfect source of truth, his Heavenly Father. From that moment on, knowledge and understanding began to cover the earth and illuminate the minds of men. Praise be to God for a modern-day prophet! Until Joseph Smith came on the scene, no one had understood many of the truths found in the Old Testament for over a thousand years. As light and knowledge burst forth, the old Mosaic covenant was replaced with the new and everlasting covenant! The everlasting covenant given anew in every dispensation was appropriately called the new and everlasting covenant in this, the last dispensation. Clearly the world had misinterpreted, misconstrued, and misunderstood the divine message of the Bible, namely that Jehovah was none other than Jesus Christ, the Son of the Everlasting Father; that the gospel of salvation was given in the beginning to Adam and Eve and was everlasting; and that all the prophets had declared these same eternal truths. The remarkable visit of the Father and the Son to Joseph in was only the prelude to many extraordinary events that gradually led to a further understanding of truth restored to the earth. The following events in the life of Joseph Smith will lead us to a better grasp of our theme, the gospel of Jesus Christ in the Old Testament. He was told that, using an instrument called the Urim and Thummim, he was to translate the writings engraved on the plates. The plates contained a sacred record of an ancient people who had inhabited the American continent. Joseph was told that after visiting the site every year for four years he was to obtain possession of the plates and commence an interpretation. On September 22, , the plates were obtained by Joseph, and by the spring of the translation was completed. Although there were many impediments to the printing, the work continued and in the early spring of , the first editions of the Book of Mormon were ready for distribution. During his work on the Book of Mormon, Joseph Smith was commanded to commence a translation of the Bible relying on revelation. In June of , with Oliver Cowdery acting as scribe, the work began in earnest. He started with the book of Genesis. It is interesting to note that the Prophet was only twenty-four years old and Oliver but twenty-three years old at the time. It seems important at this point to emphasize the respect that Joseph had for the Bible—both the Old and New Testaments. Ignorant translators, careless transcribers, or designing and corrupt priests have committed many errors. Keys to understanding the scriptures were revealed. The gospel of Jesus Christ, with the priesthood and all the ordinances necessary for salvation, had been given to man from the beginning. Suddenly, the Creation of the earth, the Fall of man, the Atonement of Jesus Christ, and the holy priesthood all began to make sense. And the new knowledge gave a clear pattern to follow in order to obtain eternal life. Adam, Enoch, Abraham, Isaiah, and others have become heroes in my eyes. There was great purpose in their lives. I saw them as real people—yet spiritual giants—prophesying, performing miracles, struggling to bless their people, defending the truth, and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Children were born to them. They were commanded to worship the Lord their God and make a sacrificial offering of a firstborn lamb from their flock. The angel further taught them that they should do all things in the name of the Son, that they should repent, and that they should call upon God in the name of the Son forevermore. Can you imagine the joy they felt as the gospel was

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given to them? Is there any way to express the happiness that entered into their hearts? They responded to their newfound knowledge just as any of us would: Still, the plan of happiness was in place—Jesus Christ was the Redeemer, and all men could be redeemed through obedience to the laws and ordinances He prescribed, including baptism and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost. And thus he was baptized, and the Spirit of God descended upon him, and thus he was born of the Spirit, and became quickened in the inner man. And he heard a voice out of heaven, saying: Adam lived to be nine hundred thirty years old. He preached the plan of salvation to his children and grandchildren. As has been stated, some rejected the word of their first father, others listened, believed, and acted on his teachings. We know him as Michael, who helped Jehovah form the earth and is the mortal father of all men. He is hardly mentioned in the Old Testament. We shall look further at this scripture in a moment, for it has a thrilling ending. Enoch was well acquainted with Father Adam. While Enoch was journeying among his people, the voice of the Lord came to him. He was commanded to preach repentance to the people, and if they would not repent they would incur the wrath of the Lord: The Lord comforted Enoch, assuring him that His Spirit was upon him, and the Lord gave a most remarkable promise to him: I get chills when I read these powerful words about this unique prophet of God. Enoch was so great that the people believed his message and they lived together in righteousness. Now I refer back to the biblical scripture found in Genesis 5: As for Enoch, he was blessed to see the day that God took the righteous into heaven: An amazing vision showing all the nations of the earth passed before the eyes of Enoch. He saw the wickedness of the people and the eventual destruction that awaited them. This prophetic vision was shown thousands of years before the coming of Jesus Christ to the earth. Enoch saw the truth that would come out of the earth—the Book of Mormon—and the Restoration of the fulness of the gospel, which would gather the elect into a Holy City—Zion, the New Jerusalem. There have been very few prophets so great as Enoch. I admire him for his humility, his courage, his righteousness, and his special ability to see and talk with God. He will always be a favorite of mine. Abraham In the early days of July , the Prophet Joseph Smith obtained several Egyptian mummies along with two or more papyrus scrolls. Truly we can say, the Lord is beginning to reveal the abundance of peace and truth. Little is known about his early life. We do know that at some point he married a woman named Sarai. In his own words Abraham described his remarkable search for the blessings of the fathers: And finding there was greater happiness and peace and rest for me, I sought for the blessings of the fathers, and the right whereunto I should be ordained to administer the same; having been myself a follower of righteousness, desiring also to be one who possessed great knowledge, and to be a greater follower of righteousness, and to possess a greater knowledge, and to be a father of many nations, a prince of peace, and desiring to receive instructions, and to keep the commandments of God, I became a rightful heir, a High Priest, holding the right belonging to the fathers. It was conferred upon me from the fathers; it came down from the fathers, from the beginning of time, yea, even from the beginning, or before the foundation of the earth, down to the present time, even the right of the firstborn, or the first man, who is Adam, or first father, through the fathers unto me. I sought for mine appointment unto the Priesthood according to the appointment of God unto the fathers concerning the seed. These I will make my rulers; for he stood among those that were spirits, and he saw that they were good; and he said unto me: According to the book of Abraham, Terah, the father of Abraham, actually attempted to offer up his righteous son as a sacrifice to pagan gods see Abraham 1: Following this harrowing experience, Abraham was commanded to leave Ur and go to the land of Canaan. He was obedient to the Lord, took Sarai and a nephew named Lot, and journeyed to a land which was called Haran. It is interesting to note that Terah had repented of his attempt to sacrifice Abraham and followed him to Haran. Later Terah reverted back to his idolatrous ways, died, and was buried in Haran. Then a most remarkable blessing was pronounced upon Abraham. I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee above measure, and make thy name great among all nations, and thou shalt be a blessing unto thy seed after thee, that in their hands they shall bear this ministry and Priesthood unto all nations; And I will bless them through thy name; for as many as receive this Gospel shall be called after thy name, and shall be accounted thy seed, and shall rise up and bless thee, as their father; And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse them that

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curse thee; and in thee that is, in thy Priesthood and in thy seed that is, thy Priesthood , for I give unto thee a promise that this right shall continue in thee, and in thy seed after thee that is to say, the literal seed, or the seed of the body shall all the families of the earth be blessed, even with the blessings of the Gospel, which are the blessings of salvation, even of life eternal. As they traveled, they came to the land of Jershon. There Abraham built an altar and offered a sacrifice to the Lord. As mentioned, sacrifice had been a required offering since the beginning and was done in similitude of the sacrifice of the Holy Messiah, who would sacrifice His own life to atone for the sins of all men see 2 Nephi 2: Late in their lives, Abraham and Sarai, now called Sarah, were told that they would have a son. She was skeptical because of her advanced age; however, in due course a son was born to them and they named him Isaac. Paul, in his letter to the Hebrews, gave an interesting commentary on this extraordinary birth: Then an awful command came to Abraham from God: How could this possibly be? Abraham did love his son, his only son through Sarah. But even more, how could the covenant of God be fulfilledâ€”the promise of innumerable seed, the blessing of his descendants holding the priesthood, the continuation of his ministry to take the gospel to all the inhabitants of the earth and to ensure that the families of the earth would have an opportunity of life eternal? We can be certain that he also remembered very well the idolatry of his father and himself being laid on an altar as a sacrifice to pagan gods. With the trial of his faith looming before him, Abraham took his beloved son Isaac on a three-day journey to the place of sacrifice. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: There Isaac was bound and placed on an altar, and Abraham took the knife in his hand to slay his son. The test was passed. Abraham had given up his own will to that of the Lord. Even our Heavenly Father was willing to offer up His own Son as a sacrifice so that all His children could have access to salvation; however, in His case there was no ram in the thicket and the life of His Son, Jesus Christ, was taken. From Abraham to Isaac, to Jacob, to Joseph, to Ephraim and Manasseh, and to other noble prophets down to the meridian of time, the gospel was taught and obeyed with its saving principles and ordinances.

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## Chapter 2 : Where does the Old Testament predict the coming of Jesus Christ?

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After sufficient time, ask students to report what they discovered. As a class, discuss the following questions: Why do you think all things have been created to represent or to symbolize the Savior? What is the value of continually seeking to discover how all things testify of Jesus Christ? Make sure students understand the following principle: We can learn more about Jesus Christ as we come to recognize the imagery, types, and symbols that testify of Him. How has something that symbolizes the Savior strengthened your faith in Him? What could you do to recognize Christ in the symbols we have been given? You may want to suggest that they mark what they find. What did Nephi delight in? There are many elements of covenants and ordinances that are symbolic and teach about and lead us to Jesus Christ. McConkie <sup>185</sup> of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and ask a student to read it aloud: What is a doctrine or principle taught in this statement? One possible answer is that we will see symbols of Christ in gospel ordinances if we look for them. How can this knowledge be helpful as we participate in gospel ordinances? Invite students to study Romans 6: What are some ways that gospel covenants or ordinances teach about the Savior and help you to remember Him? To help students feel the truth and importance of learning to recognize types and symbols of Christ, ask questions like the following: What is a symbol of the Savior that has great meaning to you? How do you ensure that you notice this symbol? How has seeing this as a symbol of Christ blessed your life? Invite students to apply the principles in this lesson by inviting them to write down how they can better recognize types, shadows, and symbols of the Savior in the scriptures, in the ordinances of the gospel, and in their daily lives. Encourage them to select a day in the near future on which they will consciously look for images, objects, or events that remind them of the Savior. Encourage them to keep a list of what they find and to share their list with a family member or friend or perhaps through social media.

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## Chapter 3 : The gospel - Wikipedia

*In testifying of the Savior Jesus Christ, modern prophets have declared: "He was the Great Jehovah of the Old Testament" ("The Living Christ: The Testimony of the Apostles," Ensign or Liahona, Apr. , 2). Jesus Christ, as Jehovah, established Heavenly Father's everlasting gospel on the earth in every dispensation of time in order.*

Superficial minds see a resemblance between Christ and the founders of empires, and the gods of other religions. That resemblance does not exist. There is between Christianity and whatever other religions the distance of infinity. He would either be a lunatic – on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. The study of Christ is referred to as Christology. This lesson will survey the study of Christ from his preexistence to his future return and earthly reign. Did Jesus exist prior to his birth? How did the Old Testament point to Jesus? What is the incarnation? What is the biblical evidence that Jesus was both God and man? What is Jesus doing right now? What will his future reign look like? These are some of the questions that this lesson is designed to answer. He shoulders responsibility and is called: Clearly, something unique is being said about this promised son. The Word was with God in the beginning. The Word became flesh John 1: The Word clearly refers to Jesus Christ. Even though John the Baptist was older than Jesus, John states that he existed before him. Lastly, in a conversation with his fellow Jews Jesus gave testimony himself about his preexistence prior to His birth. Have you seen Abraham? That sums it up pretty well. In summary, Jesus not only existed prior to his birth, but he also existed from all eternity past. This means that Jesus was not a created being but rather eternal God. Christ in the Old Testament Since Jesus Christ did exist prior to his birth and is the promised Messiah, then a question one could ask is how and where he is seen in the Old Testament. A very important testimony regarding Christ in the Old Testament can be found spoken by Jesus himself in the gospel of Luke. The reference to the Law, Prophets and Psalms is a reference to the threefold division of the Old Testament canon sometimes referred to as the Tanakh. Besides general designations for God, there are three primary ways that Christ can be seen in the Old Testament: Direct prophecy Direct prophecy refers Old Testament passages that give explicit predictions of the coming Messiah. These predictions then are fulfilled in Jesus Christ some of them at the first advent. A good example of this is the prophecy of the virgin birth: Look, this young woman is about to conceive and will give birth to a son. A good example of this is found in Zechariah On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives which lies to the east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in half from east to west, leaving a great valley. Sometimes these prophecies are explicitly validated in the New Testament and other times they are not. A good example of this was the Passover Lamb sacrifice instituted by God in Exodus The Lamb had to be male and perfect. Its blood had to be applied to the house for the angel of death to pass over it. This sacrifice would then point forward to the ultimate Passover sacrifice that God would accept. Theophanies Various manifestations or appearances of God himself in the Old Testament are referred to as theophanies. These are sometimes called christophanies if one makes an explicit connection by later revelation to the second member of the Trinity, Jesus Christ. This Angel followed Israel as a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night Exod The New Testament makes an allusion to this which appears to specify this Angel as Christ. The Incarnation of Christ What does the incarnation refer to? This emptying was not emptying Jesus of his deity, rather it was the adding of his human nature into a humble situation to even death on a cross. Jesus had the title of Son of Man Matt 8: He had the human lineage of son of Abraham and David Matt 1: As a man Jesus was: In short he was a man and he experienced humanity to the full. He was one of us. At the same time, sin is not an essential part of humanity the way God created man. After God created Adam and Eve, they were perfectly and fully human and God declared it good.

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In the first and second century A. In essence, they were deniers of the doctrine of the incarnation cf. He has a unique identity with the Father. Also, Jesus had the titles of Son of God John He is equated with Yahweh in the Old Testament 1 Cor 2: As God Jesus is creator Col 1: He was and is the exact representation of God inwardly and outwardly Heb 1: For what good would be the suffering and death of the Lord Christ do me if He were merely a man such as you and I are? Then He would not have been able to overcome the Devil, death and sin. He would have been far too weak for them and could not have helped us. A simple definition of the hypostatic union is this. The Roles of Jesus While this is most certainly too simplistic, it is nonetheless helpful that Jesus is sometimes described as prophet first advent ministry , priest death on the cross and current ministry and king his rule now from heaven and in the future on earth. The earthly ministry of Jesus can be divided into two major activities, his words and his works. He called people to repentance and associated with sinners Matt 4: Matt ; he drew lessons from life such as parables cf. Matt 13 , he gave prophecies about the future Matt 24 ; he selected, trained and commissioned the 12 Matt 4: Jesus clearly stated the reason for his coming: This town is near the Mount of Olives a short walk to Jerusalem. Here Jesus is anointed for burial with the expensive oil John On Sunday, there is what is termed the triumphal entry as Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey Matt On Thursday, events really start to pick up. First Jesus is betrayed by Judas one of the twelve. At the verdict and scourging Pilate tries to release Jesus but the crowd wants death. What wrong has he done? Seven of these sayings are recorded in the gospels and while a lot can be said about each one perhaps just a reading of them without comment has a powerful impact when they are seen together: If he would not have been raised from the dead he would have been considered a false prophet. After Jesus died, his tomb was guarded by a Roman guard and sealed with the Roman seal Matt Yet the tomb was opened, Jesus came out in a resurrected physical body and it became empty. There is also the eyewitness testimony of the disciples that they were willing to die for. He was seen by the disciples and over brethren 1 Cor He talked with them and ate with them Luke After 40 days of being with the disciples, Jesus was taken up into heaven from the Mount of Olives. This is referred to as the ascension. The Current Ministry of Christ and the Second Advent While many studies about Jesus focus on what he did at his first advent or even what he will do at his second advent, Jesus is not inactive in the present age. He has a current role and ministry. Christ is the head of the body directing the activities of the church. Also, Christ as High Priest intercedes in prayer on our behalf. Yet the distance makes no difference; He is praying for me. The first is the coming in blessing for the church, which is referred to as the rapture. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be suddenly caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. The second phase is the coming in judgment for the world and the rule of Jesus on the earth.

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## Chapter 4 : The Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Old Testament | Religious Studies Center

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Our faith in Jesus Christ can be strengthened as we come to recognize His unchanging nature and His everlasting gospel. Who Is the God of the Old Testament? Church Educational System manual, , 45” Suggestions for Teaching Exodus 3: List their responses on the board. Tell students that today you will discuss an important name, or title, that Jesus Christ was known by before His mortal ministry. Invite them to read John 8: What questions were the Jews asking the Savior? After sufficient time, ask the following questions: According to these verses, what names did the God of the Old Testament use to identify Himself? Point out that the Joseph Smith Translation of Exodus 6: And was not my name known unto them? Display the following statements: I am the self-existent, Eternal One. I am the God of your fathers. Answers should include the following truth: You may want to invite a student to read aloud the following statement by President Joseph Fielding Smith “ How does knowing that Jehovah, or Jesus Christ, is unchangeable help you to have faith in Him? Answers might include that the knowledge that Jesus Christ is unchangeable helps us have faith that just as He kept His promises to the people we read about in the scriptures, He will keep His promises to us. Point out that by early post-biblical times, the Hebrew name for Jehovah usually represented as Yahweh in literature was considered too sacred to be pronounced. For this reason, except for a few exceptions see Exodus 6: What did you notice about the gospel taught to Adam? It is the same gospel taught today. The gospel of Jesus Christ is everlasting and unchanging in each gospel dispensation. Indicate to students that in a later dispensation, Jehovah renewed His everlasting gospel through a covenant with Abraham known as the Abrahamic covenant. Divide the class in half. Assign half of the class to study Genesis Assign the other half of the class to study Genesis As students learn how to identify lists in the scriptures, they will be better able to recognize key points the scripture writer intended to emphasize. While students are studying, copy the following chart on the board, leaving space to list responses:

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## Chapter 5 : Lesson 5: Jesus Christ Was Jehovah of the Old Testament

*Here is what the Old Testament states about God's Law during the Millennium-the 1,year reign of Jesus Christ: Harken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people.*

The Old Testament consists of scriptures already known to the Jews of Palestine at the time of Christ. These scriptures were received by the Christian Church. The books of the Old Testament were written over many centuries and were mostly written in Hebrew. The books of the New Testament were written over a single generation, and they were mostly written in Greek. The word testament, when referring to the Old Testament, means covenant. The old covenant is the Law of Moses. The new covenant is the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thus, the role of Moses was not the beginning, but a literal restoration of lost knowledge. The Israelites he ministered to would have received of the fulness of the gospel, had they been willing. The Book of Mormon peoples, most of whom migrated to the Americas in B. The Old Testament is not called thus by the Jews, since that would assume there is a New Testament, which they do not accept. They call it the tanach, an abbreviation for its three sections: These books were arranged by the Jews in order of importance. The Christian Bible Old Testament has a different arrangement. It was established by a Greek translation called the Septuagint. Created for the Jews of ancient Alexandria, who could no longer read Hebrew. The books are classified by subject matter: Direct evidence for the content of the Old Testament comes from three sources – Hebrew manuscripts, ancient versions, and quotations found in Jewish writings such as the Talmud. The manuscripts consist of synagogue rolls and manuscripts for private use. Not all ancient texts agree with each other. There are differences in the Septuagint and the Samaritan Pentateuch from the Masoretic text, for instance. After the destruction of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem in 70 A. The result is the Masoretic text. Texts that disagreed were destroyed. After that, new translations or deviations were discredited. It could be to their advantage, for instance, to delete prophecies of a savior to come. The Dead Sea Scrolls, some of which are believed to be as early as the 2nd century B. In the Book of Mormon the Lord talks about the scriptures of the Jews: Wherefore, the things which he shall write are just and true; and behold they are written in the book which thou beheld proceeding out of the mouth of the Jew; and at the time they proceeded out of the mouth of the Jew, or, at the time the book proceeded out of the mouth of the Jew, the things which were written were plain and pure, and most precious and easy to the understanding of all men 1 Nephi And after these plain and precious things were taken away it goeth forth unto all the nations of the Gentiles; and after it goeth forth unto all the nations of the Gentiles, yea, even across the many waters which thou hast seen with the Gentiles which have gone forth out of captivity, thou seest – because of the many plain and precious things which have been taken out of the book, which were plain unto the understanding of the children of men, according to the plainness which is in the Lamb of God – because of these things which are taken away out of the gospel of the Lamb, an exceedingly great many do stumble, yea, insomuch that Satan hath great power over them 1 Nephi Along with the true books there was a proliferation of false writings from apostates and from authors who for one reason or another wished to propagate some idea of theirs. From time to time decisions needed to be made as to which books were true and which were false.

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## Chapter 6 : Lesson 7: The Study of Christ | calendrierdelascience.com

*Christ in the Old Testament. o In typology, the physical object or person is often used to represent a spiritual truth. o Look for the consistent use of the specific symbol or type in the Old Testament.*

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. No one comes to the Father except through me. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; - John If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time What is the gospel? The gospel of Jesus Christ is the summary explanation of who he is and what he accomplished for you. The word gospel literally means "good news". NO ONE is worthy of heaven. Worthy means to be deserving. Do you think you deserve to go to heaven when you die? You and I have both been kind to others, volunteered for charities, given money and so forth. But, of course, no one is perfect. You and I have also committed unworthy acts. Also consider the people who have committed injustices against you. Do people who robbed from you or hurt you, maybe for years, deserve the same consequence for their cruel acts as friends who gave to you or helped you? Do the people who injured you or treated you like dirt - or maybe even in the end murdered you - deserve good in return for having done so? Injustice does not deserve to be rewarded at all. If we are to accept that there is justice, either in this world or the next, then the consequence of unjust acts must be different from that of just acts. Even secular law reflects this: Justice and associated behaviors incur better consequences rewards than injustice. Injustice incurs either the subtraction of reward, or the addition of punishment, or both. If the universe is the product of God , then he is our moral judge. Good, bad, right, wrong are his to define. And what is a moral judge to do with the wrongs of which you and I are guilty? We can no more undo our past sins than we can recall ripples on a lake. Their influence proceeds outward across time and history, touching more lives and for a longer period of time than perhaps we ever wished or imagined. We all hate pain and suffering and injustice, yet we acknowledge this one awful truth: You and I are undeserving. What is the consequence of what we have done? What punishment does the guilt of our injustices merit? Eternal death, or eternal separation from God, for any sin whatsoever. Worse punishment for worse sins Luke Why such an impossible, unachievably high standard? The Character of God. The character of God is our problem, and yet it is also our salvation. God is "holy, holy, holy". He is utterly set apart from all that we know. But what God has revealed is that he is holy, he is just, and he is love. He created each of us in order to love us and to have us enjoy his presence forever. What he will not have in his presence, however, is sin. Sin is anything antithetical to his holy, just, loving nature; our injustices mentioned above as an example. Those things God hates and keeps removed at a distance from himself. He would destroy them immediately if we, those he loves, were not immersed in them so deeply. Anyone so pure they are compatible with the holy presence of God? Not you or I or anyone we know. We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God Romans 3: That is the problem. But it is also here where the solution so mercifully enters in - the "gospel", the good news, of Jesus Christ. This is the gospel of Jesus Christ. There is one who is worthy of the glory of heaven and

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his name is Jesus. God himself came to earth in the person of Jesus. Referred to as the Son of God, or Messiah in Hebrew , or Christ in Greek , and long prophecied throughout the Old Testament to come, Jesus first and foremost lived a life that was finally worthy of good in return. Jesus alone loved with a perfect love. Jesus alone committed no sin. More than just coming to teach us and serve as our example for living, Jesus also came to die. That was the expression of the gospel to those whom had preceded Christ. As only God would and could do, Jesus, out of love for his people, became their sacrificial lamb. That way was for God himself, in the person of Jesus Christ, to bear his own legal consequence of our sins for us. Jesus could transact this because: So what does it mean to "believe in Jesus"? If you believe in Jesus, then you recognize and admit your sinfulness; you repent of each and all your sins. In other words, you acknowledge them to be the rebellion against God which Jesus proclaims they are. You forsake them; all of them when you first come to Christ, and then individually when they arise during your continuance in the faith. If in reverence and humility you ask God for forgiveness, he promises to place your guilt upon the cross of Christ, wiping your own record clean. Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, - Acts 3: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Because Jesus himself was without sin, he rose again from the dead to be with God the Father; providing us with utter certainty of who he was. Jesus now reigns from heaven with all authority given to him ; his salvation work accomplished, his life for yours, your spiritual debt paid in full. The words you choose, the actions you take, the people you touch: That might be how, in the spiritual sense, the moment you believe, your old self effectively died back on that cross two thousand years ago. Consider every core aspect about you as crucified; your pride, your selfishness, your lusts, every sinful aspect of your soul - now all dead to the world, but alive to Jesus Christ. Not being physically dead, of course, and still subject to sin until you are, God commands you to be a living sacrifice. Every day you are to put to death what resembles your old self and grow closer to God. Filling yourself with his Holy Spirit whom Jesus has sent to help each and every believer, you are to persevere over the inclination to sin, and thereby grow towards the goal of living in perfect and continual communion with the Father. Love the Father as Jesus loved him; serve as he served, obey as he obeyed. That is being a Christian; or literally a "little Christ". That is what it means to believe in Jesus. If you truly believe in him, you act in concert with his living presence. If you are in concert with him, you not only share in his death on the cross, but you share in his righteousness, or spiritual worthiness. By sharing in his worthiness, you are enabled to share in his eternal life. Have faith that Jesus has accomplished all of this for you, for that is the good news, and that is the only way anyone is ever rescued to heaven.

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*THE OLD TESTAMENT GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST 2* over the next several minutes, I am going to explain the things you need to know to become a born-again Believer. The Bible tells us Jesus Christ was born, lived, and died.

The Greek term was Latinized as *evangelium* in the Vulgate, and translated into Latin as *bona annuntiatio*. Into this context, the words of the Gospel of Mark are striking: The gospel recorded in Mark 1: The written accounts of the life and teaching of Jesus are also generally known as "Gospels". Acts of the Apostles The good news can be summarized in many ways, reflecting various emphases. Cambridge New Testament scholar C. Dodd [1] [2] has summarized the Christian good news as taught by the apostle Peter in the Book of Acts see *Kerygma*; Acts 2: The Age of Fulfillment has dawned, the "latter days" foretold by the prophets. Some scholars consider this event to be a completion or fulfilling "antitype" of the proclamation by Moses on Mount Sinai of the Ten Commandments and the promises and law of God the "Mosaic Covenant". Generally speaking, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, or the message of salvation, justification, and sanctification, is explained by the apostle Paul in his epistle to the Romans, especially in chapters 3 to 8. Christian writers and teachers often present the Good News set within the context of the storyline of the whole Bible. This discipline, of understanding the Christian message in terms of biblical salvation history, is known as biblical theology. This attempts to posit a connection between Old Testament and the Christian teachings of the good news about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. For example, the Roman Catholic Church promotes the teaching of the good news in the context of biblical salvation history as a "fundamental part of the content" of its instruction. Many Bible scholars and Christian groups have placed similar descriptions on the internet. However, the main focus is generally the same: In various Christian movements[edit] "The certain mark by which a Christian community can be recognized is the preaching of the gospel in its purity. Each one reflects different emphases, and describes part or all of the Biblical narrative. Christian teaching of the good news" including the preaching of the Apostles in the Book of Acts generally focuses upon the resurrection of Jesus and its implications. For example, the Apostle Paul taught that the good news was announced to the patriarch Abraham in the words, "All nations will be blessed through you. A similar movement among the Latin American evangelical movement is Integral Mission, where the church is seen as an agent for positively transforming the wider world, in response to the good news. Christian Mission[edit] The Women at the Sepulchre. From an Armenian gospel manuscript held by the Bodleian Library The Christian missions movement believes the Christian good news to be a message for all peoples, of all nations, tribes, cultures and languages. This movement teaches that it is through the good news of Jesus that the nations of humanity are restored to relationship with God; and that the destiny of the nations is related to this process. Missiology professor Howard A. Snyder writes, "God has chosen to place the [worldwide] Church with Christ at the very center of His plan to reconcile the world to himself Ephesians 1: The spectacle is to reach beyond the range of humanity, even to the angelic realms.

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