



LIFE OF CHRIST 8

Christ's Relationship to
Scripture



CHRIST'S RELATIONSHIP TO SCRIPTURE

- ◆ Primarily to Old Testament
- ◆ God sent His son ...made under the law (Galatians 4:4)
- ◆ Certainly it is the same attitude toward New Testament scriptures as well (II Peter 3:15-16)

THE JEW'S RELATIONSHIP TO SCRIPTURE AT THE TIME OF CHRIST

- ◆ Pharisees were wedded to tradition over God's law (Matthew 15:8,9)
- ◆ They put emphasis on the minute rather than the weightier matters (Matthew 23:23)
- ◆ As in Old Testament times when the people of God lack knowledge also in the time of Jesus they even gave lip service to the Scriptures.






CHRIST'S RELATIONSHIP TO SCRIPTURE

- ◆ Jesus first believed the Scriptures
- ◆ “Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.”
- ◆ Search the scriptures...and they are they which testify of me.” (John 5:39)

JESUS BELIEVED THE SCRIPTURES TO BE FROM GOD AND TO BE TRUE AND ACCURATE.

- ◆ Thy word is truth (John 17:17)
- ◆ His teachings were based on the scriptures.
- ◆ Creation (Matthew 19:9)
- ◆ Flood (Matthew 24:37,38)
- ◆ Sodom and Gomorrah (Matthew 10:10)
- ◆ Ten Commandments (Matthew 15:14)
- ◆ Manna (John 6:49)
- ◆ Jonah (Matthew 12:39-41)
- ◆ Elijah (Luke 4:25,26)
- ◆ Naaman (Luke 4:27)





JESUS BELIEVED THE SCRIPTURES TO BE THE AUTHORITY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE IN HIS DAY

- ◆ Two phrases were constantly on the lips of Jesus, “it is written” and “have ye not read”
- ◆ He told the rich young ruler to keep the commandments.
- ◆ In the story of rich man and Lazarus he told the rich man who was concerned about his five brothers “they have Moses and the prophets.”



JESUS NOT ONLY BELIEVED THE SCRIPTURES HE KNEW THEM

- ◆ He could locate Scripture (Luke 4:16-18)
- ◆ He quoted it (Matthew 4)
- ◆ Did Jesus receive his knowledge of scripture supernaturally?
- ◆ At the feast the Jews marveled, saying “How knowest this man letters, having never learned?”



JESUS HAD A RESPECT FOR SCRIPTURE

- ◆ Generally when Jesus read scripture He stood out of respect.
- ◆ Jesus not only believed they were from God He believed it was God's revelation to man.
- ◆ His respect is seen keenly in that He obeyed them.
- ◆ Let a world that is careless toward the scriptures learn respect from Jesus' attitude.

JESUS RELATIONSHIP TO SCRIPTURE CAUSED HIM TO SHARE THEM

- ◆ Wouldn't there be something lacking from Jesus if He had not shared them? What about us?
- ◆ “Whosoever shall do and teach, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:19)
- ◆ Jesus taught, applied, and corrected misunderstandings about the scriptures.

