

FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY (10-3-25)

→ICL Week 1&2 Christ in the OT: Prophecy, Preparation, Progression, Participation by Abner Chou
→Terminology & Importance of the Study & Interpretive Principles from dissertation chapter 1.

→ICL Week 3—5 Lines of Christ's Use of the OT—by Brad Klassen

Christ affirmed the OT as divinely inspired, accurate, authoritative, objectively clear, & intentionally prophetic.

→ICL WEEK #4—Is Christ the Meaning in Every OT Passage?—by Brad Klassen

The Christocentric hermeneutic seeks to find Christ in every OT text with NT as lens to view it.

9 Critiques of Christocentric Hermeneutic

- 1—The Christocentric hermeneutic fails to take into account the entirety of Jesus' use of the OT.
- 2—The Christocentric hermeneutic exaggerates the number of supposed *non-literal* uses of OT by NT.
- 3—The Christocentric hermeneutic cheapens the accountability of the OT original audience.
- 4—The Christocentric hermeneutic ignores the vibrant anticipatory faith of the OT saints & writers.
- 5—The Christocentric hermeneutic diminishes the importance of other truths revealed in the OT.
- 6—The Christocentric hermeneutic elevates creative theologizing over careful exegesis.
- 7—The Christocentric hermeneutic fosters a tendency to downplay the OT.
- 8—The Christocentric hermeneutic liquidates the apologetic power of true Christological prophecies.
- 9—The Christocentric hermeneutic misinterprets the message of Luke 24:25-27.

10/3/25—Week #5—Christ's Fulfillment of the OT, Hebrews 9:11-28—ICL Session #5 & Dissertation Ch1

→Review of Week #5 article—Is the OT Unintelligible Without the NT? By Brad Klassen—like Week 4 video.

Truth—Bible is one coherent story line; but each passage has a part that is not to be minimized.

Truth—Can't understand NT without OT as progressive revelation builds; but cannot contradict.

Truth—NT builds upon OT & applies implications & significance of OT; but does not change it.

Truth—Some NT uses of OT are difficult; but less than 15 of over 350 total.

Error—Can't understand OT without NT.

No, that makes OT prophets ignorant & hearers unaccountable.

No, that minimizes prophecy's value & contradicts Jesus' expectations of OT as clear.

No, that is inconsistent exegesis & interpretive practice.

Review of Session 5—Christ's Fulfillment of the OT—Hebrews 9:11-28—by Brad Klassen

1—The Operation of the Old Covenant—9:1-10—summarizing the first covenant, Mosaic at Sinai.

A. Its Sphere is *Earthly*—9:1-5

B. Its Function is *Repetitive*—9:6-7

C. Its Purpose is *Illustrative*—9:8-9a

D. Its Efficacy is *Superficial*—9:9b-10

2—The Operation of the New Covenant

A. Its *Sphere* is *Heavenly*—9:11-12

--**Key thought**—"Christ entered the holy place once for all" (v.12b).

→**When did this happen?**—"What Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come" (v.11a)

→**How did He get there?**—"Through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation" (v.11b).

→**By what means did He enter?**—"Not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood" (v.12a).

→**What qualified Him to enter?**—"Having obtained eternal redemption" (v.12c).

B. Its *Efficacy* is *Comprehensive*—9:13-14

--Verse 13 highlights the lesser object; verse 14 highlights the greater object.

C. Its *Validation* is *Authentic*—9:15-22

--The focus in this section now shifts to the consequences of Christ's atoning sacrifice.

D. Its *Duration* is *Everlasting*—9:23-28

--The Operation of Christ's New Covenant Ministry "**Appearances**" in **Three** Stages

→Hebrews 9:26—**Appearance**: "Once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself"—**Timing**: past moment in history—**Purpose**: Atonement

→Hebrews 9:24—**Appearance**: "For Christ...[entered] into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us."—**Timing**: The current era, ongoing—

Purpose: Intercession

→Hebrews 9:28—**Appearance**: "So Christ also ... will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him."—**Timing**: A moment in the future—**Purpose**: Appropriation

MORE FROM DISSERTATION CHAPTER 1—WHAT WOULD JESUS SAY?

•An Issue of Clarity

- o Is there a consistent way to know what the Scriptures mean?

•Jesus Thought This Should be Clear

- o Luke 24:13-35

•Jesus Said It Had Been Taught and Should Be Taught

- o Luke 24:44-47

•Clarity from the Apostles

- o 1 Peter 1:10-12

•The Apostles Understood Jesus

- o Acts 1-3

"The goal of hermeneutical consistency is to provide a path that can be followed for understanding the Bible in evangelism, apologetics, devotional reading, practical applications, expositional preaching, theological study, polemical debates, and more. May that path lead toward the clarity of Scripture being understood and treasured as God's faithful revelation that can always be trusted".

Consistency in hermeneutics drives clarity. Clarity upholds and guards authority and sufficiency. All of those anchor generationally.

Schedule 10/10/25—OFF. 10/17/25—OFF.

10/24/25—Dissertation ch2. 10/31/25—Dissertation ch3.

11/7/25—Dissertation ch3-4. 11/14/25—Dissertation chapter 4-5

OFF until the New Year.