

Christ in the Old Testament

Why don't we look for Christ in the OT?

1. We might not know about looking for him there.
2. Perhaps we don't read the Bible at all.
3. Perhaps we do not read the Bible properly.
4. Perhaps we are reading the Bible for the wrong reasons.
 - a. We're only interested in a pet doctrine.
 - b. Some people read the Bible for what they call a blessing, an emotional charge.
 - c. Some people use the Bible only as a psychology manual.
5. It may be we are honestly unaware of the need to read the OT as Christ and the apostles read it.

How should we look for Christ in the OT?

1. Obediently: Lk. 24:45; Heb. 12:1f
2. Humbly: 2 Cor. 3:18
3. Expectantly: Hos. 6:3
4. Sensibly: 2 Tim. 2:15
 - a. C.S. Lewis' warning.
 - b. Beware of subjectivism, i.e., reading only what interests you.
 - c. Beware of reading into Scripture what you would like it to say.
 - d. Be careful of falling into a medieval hermeneutic which tends to allegorize everything.
 - e. The surest and infallible guide for seeing Christ in the OT is the NT itself.