

- When asked to describe ourselves, we use intentional words to accurately tell people who we are, how to know and understand us ... God's greatest description of Himself is Jesus (**Hb1:1-3**) ... Jesus demonstrates God's character and authority ... Jesus fulfills God's word and promise ... Jesus inaugurates God's Kingdom and new covenant ... Since the beginning, everything has been moving to this point of fulfillment (**Gl4:4**) ... **GOLDSWORTHY: JESUS CHRIST IS THE GOAL OF THE OT AND PROVIDES ITS TRUE MEANING.** ... He is the final Word that explains all that has been previously spoken ... This is why the gospel is the fixed point of reference for understanding the Bible ... We read and understand all that the Bible says thru the singular lens of Jesus Christ
 - **GOLDSWORTHY: FOR THE NT THE INTERPRETATION OF THE OT IS NOT 'LITERAL' BUT 'CHRISTOLOGICAL.' THAT IS TO SAY THAT THE COMING OF CHRIST TRANSFORMS ALL THE KINGDOM TERMS OF THE OT INTO GOSPEL REALITY.** ... Thru the course of history, God reveals His redemptive plan and Kingdom thru historical types – people, places, and practices ... All these types depend upon their antitype for their true and fulfilled meaning ... NT declares this to be Jesus ... Jesus embodies the kingdom motif of God's people in God's place enjoying God's rule and blessing ... And all who are united to Christ experience these kingdom realities – what is true of Him is true of us
 - The NT makes these declarations because this is how Jesus taught the disciples to interpret the OT, and it's how the Holy Spirit interpreted the OT as they wrote the epistles and preached Christ to the crowds ... Jesus is the center of it all – it's only thru Him and in Him that it all makes sense ... He is the single thread from which the whole tapestry is woven ... **Think:** all of creation was created by the Redeemer of creation ... Jesus Christ is the only one who can restore all of creation back to its original image and function ... His redemptive work – His life, death, resurrection, has always been at the center of God's eternal plan ... And upon this, God brought forth creation thru the Redeemer of creation (**Jn1:1-5, 9-14**)
- **Mt1:23** says another name for Jesus is **Immanuel** – *God is with us* ... This explains who He is and what He does ... Jesus dwells among us ... Jesus restores our relationship with God ... Jesus dwells within us and we are united to Him ... **Jn1:14** is another picture of God reconciling Himself with mankind thru Jesus
 - Where Adam failed and broke our fellowship with God and stained our image of God with sin, so Christ is the new Adam who succeeds and restores our fellowship with God and purifies the image of God with His own blood ... Christ is the promised son of Abraham and of David ... To Christ belongs all of the promises made to Abraham and David ... Where Israel failed in reflecting God and in obeying God, Christ succeeds in perfectly reflecting God and obeying God ... Christ is the true Israel and all who are united to Him are themselves the true people of God
 - Christ is the true Temple – we enter thru Him into the presence of God and there we fellowship with God ... Christ is the temple of **Ez47**, from whom living water flows to give life ... Christ is the unending, all-sufficient source of every blessing God bestows – **grace upon grace from His fullness**