Message to The Churches of God 11

Fulfillments of Christ Simplifies All

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Seeming Complexity to Simplicity

- The common Bible canon has 66 separate books. It is a vast book.
- The King James Version of the Bible has 783,137 words.
- Many of the messages, so far, have been preliminary.
- However, messages 9 & 10 should begin to show the connectedness and unity of The Bible in Jesus Christ.



About The Messages

Many are meant to be VIEWED Critical to start from the beginning

- They are presented in a particular order
- Each builds upon the previous messages
- Study them
- Review them

Message notes are a great resource

The Role of The Scriptures

- Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. Hebrews 1:1-2 ESV
- You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness <u>about me</u>, yet you refuse to <u>come to</u> <u>me</u> that you may have life. <u>John 5:39-40 ESV</u>
- I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6 ESV
- But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness <u>about</u> me. John 15:26 ESV

The Role of The Scriptures – Further Study

- Acts 2:17
- 1 Peter 1:20
- Romans 16:25-27
- Acts 2:33
- Ezekiel 36:27
- Hebrews 10:28-29
- Hebrews 12:25
- Jeremiah 8:8

Christ Came to Fulfill The Scriptures

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to <u>fulfill</u> [$\pi\lambda\eta\rho\delta\omega$ (<u>plēroō</u>)] them. <u>Matthew 5:17 ESV</u>

Some prefer to interpret "fulfill" as "fill up", as in "adding more". Is that a proper understanding of the meaning of "fulfill"? How did Jesus Christ and the apostles demonstrate the use of the word "fulfill"?

The Bereans

The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. Acts 17:10-11 ESV

And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them <u>from the Scriptures</u>, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." <u>Acts 17:2-3</u> ESV

Luke 24:44-46

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be <u>fulfilled</u> that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he <u>opened their minds so they could understand</u> the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <u>Luke 24:44-46 ESV</u>

Further Study – Christ Came to Fulfill Scriptures

Matthew 1:21-23	Matthew 21:1-5	Luke 22:15-16
Matthew 2:13-14	Matthew 26:50-56	Luke 22:36-37
Matthew 2:16-18	Matthew 27:3-10	Luke 24:44-48
Matthew 2:23	Mark 1:14-15	John 12:37-50
Matthew 3:13-15	Mark 14:43-49	John 13:17-19
Matthew 4:12-16	Luke 1:19-20	John 15:24-26
Matthew 8:16-17		
Matthew 12:15-21	<u>Luke 1:44-55</u>	John 17:11-13
Matthew 13:13-16	<u>Luke 4:16-21</u>	<u>John 18:8-9</u>
Matthew 13:34-35	Luke 21:20-24	John 18:29-32

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<u>John 19:23-36</u> <u>Acts 14:25-27</u> <u>Galatians 6:1-3</u>

Acts 1:15-17 Romans 2:25-29 James 2:8

Acts 3:17-26 Romans 13:8-10 James 2:22-24

Before continuing
Pause
Read these scriptures

Christ Fulfills ALL

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole [entire, all] fullness [fulfillment, $\pi\lambda\eta\rho\omega\mu\alpha$ (plērōma)] of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled [fulfilled, $\pi\lambda\eta\rho\delta\omega$ (plēroō)] in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. Colossians 2:8-10 ESV

Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. Colossians 2:16-17 NIV

Knowledge of Jesus Christ

Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 2 Timothy 3:7 KJV

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6 ESV

...For what is written about me has its fulfillment. Luke 22:37 ESV

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Further Study – The Singleness of Jesus Christ

- 1 Corinthians 12:3-13
- Ephesians 4:3-6
- John 10:30
- James 2:19
- Colossians 1:19
- Galatians 3:20
- Zechariah 14:9
- Mark 12:29

- Matthew 6:22
- Luke 11:17
- 1 Corinthians 1:10-13
- Romans 16:17
- 1 Corinthians 3:1-11
- 1 Corinthians 14:33
- John 17:21-23

Simplicity of Christ

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 2 Corinthians 11:3 KJV

- Simple
- Single
- Uncomplicated
- Connected
- Unified
- Cohesive

Recap

- Jesus Christ came to fulfill.
- He fulfilled by DOING, as in fulfilling prophecy.
- Jesus Christ is the Fulfillment, Reality, Embodiment of scriptures.
- God's Feasts not only provide a framework, but details and the greater framework for connecting all into the simplicity that is in Christ: What He did, is doing, and will do – revealing His very nature – One Spirit.
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Two Other Messages

- 1. Individual Application of The Feast of Trumpets
- 2. Individual Application of The Fall Feasts

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Simple Unity of Understanding in Jesus Christ

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