

“Jesus: True Fulfillment”

John 7:37-52

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Jesus is the consummate fulfillment of all the Old Testament taught. He is the theme of all Scripture. Every prophecy, sacrifice and promise pointed to Jesus. The Jewish leaders, because of pride and unbelief, missed this most basic truth about Jesus. Only in Christ do we have true, ultimate, eternal fulfillment.

1. Jesus fulfilled the New Covenant (37-39)

“He who believes in Me, as Scripture said, ‘From his inner-most being shall flow rivers of living water.’ But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant...I will put My Law within them, and on their heart I will write it...I will forgive their iniquity and their sin I will remember no more” (Jeremiah 31:31, 33, 34)

“I will give you anew heart and put a new spirit within you...And I will put My Spirit within you” (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

“He took the cup...saying, ‘This cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant in My blood’ ” (Luke 22:20)

2. Jesus fulfilled OT Prophecy (40-44)

“Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” (42)

“But as for you, Bethlehem...from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel, His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity” (Micah 5:2)

3. Jesus fulfilled the Law (45-52)

“The Pharisees answered them...“this multitude which does not know the Law is accursed” (49)

“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished” (Matthew 5:17-18)