

Series: Understanding the Bible - CRACKED

Sermon: Knit Together and Christocentric

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Bible Verses: Various

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Knit Together - The Bible always has a _____ in mind than we do: each book of the Bible, each story in every book, and each paragraph of every story is part of something larger than themselves. Additionally, the Bible should be read through a Christocentric lens.

The Bible has _____ written over 1,500 years covering the entirety of human history – and if we ignore the fact that each book fits with the overall story we’re missing some really big ideas!

Example of Knit Together: The Bible begins in Genesis with a story about a _____ being crushed and it isn’t fulfilled until thousands of years later in the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John when Jesus _____ again.

Theological terms: A _____ is a fuzzy picture of the _____. The Old Testament contains many shadows (or "types") of the REALITY shown in the New Testament, or to be shown in Heaven. These shadows are real-life metaphors, analogies, etc.

Christocentric: Part of the Bible being "knit together" is understanding that _____ is pointed to, alluded to, and the point throughout all of Scripture. He is the _____ and to understand Scripture we should look through his eyes.

William Estrep: For all Anabaptists the Bible was the only rule of faith and practice for discipleship and the church. Biblical revelation was held to be _____. The Old Testament was _____ and partial, whereas the New Testament was final and complete. All of the Scriptures, they insisted, must be interpreted Christological, that is, through the _____ of Christ. (*The Anabaptist Story*, p196)

To properly understand Scripture, see Jesus as the _____ of both Old and New Testaments, and _____ Scripture pointing towards his life, death, and resurrection as the way of life and belief for us.

Why did God command Abraham to sacrifice his son? Foreshadowing that is supposed to make us _____: “Why would he sacrifice his only son whom he loved? That’s a huge loss!” Then we’re supposed to look at Jesus and realize “God sacrificed his only son whom he loved **FOR US!!!**” It shows us the depths of the sacrifice (plus God actually stopped Abraham before he did it).

PRACTICAL:

If I want to go deeper I should buy a _____, or get the Logos.com software.

If I want to get into deep waters I have to have the _____. Some good beginner equipment is the Quest Study Bible. I can find more at <http://truthrevolution.tv/know-the-bible/>

When I find something difficult to understand, I should look for _____ parts of the Bible.

If people are finding weird connections and “hidden meanings” that is **not** good and not what knit together means.

I should see all Scripture through the _____. He is the pinnacle of it all.