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BI-MONTHLY PERIODICAL OF MAMMOTH SPRING CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Mammoth Spring church of Christ 2023 Gospel Meeting - April 16-19 with Terry Frizzell from Stuart church of Christ in Stuart, FL

Sunday Class (10 AM) - Comfort in Dealing with Life's Uncertainties

Sunday AM Sermon (10:45) - Becoming God's Work of Art

Sunday PM Sermon (1:30) - Allowing God to Pick the Colors of My Life

Monday Night (7 PM) - Learning to Change the Painting

Tuesday Night (7 PM) - Learning to Be in the Background

Wednesday Night (7 PM) - Learning to Have Your Heart in the Art

We invite everyone from our community to attend this meeting! If you are not familiar with the churches of Christ, please feel free to ask questions!

Terry Frizzell is the Pulpit Minister at the Stuart church of Christ and has served in that role since 2002. Terry obtained a degree from the Memphis School of Preaching in 1993. He is married to the former Teri Robertson who works as a nurse at Water's Edge Dermatology. Together they have two children, Creston Frizzell and Casey Wood and also have two grandchildren. Terry was born in Salem, AR. All his grandparents attended Mammoth Spring church of Christ and he has many connections in this area.



Do you have a Bible question you would like answered?



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In Second Corinthians 3:14 Paul wrote, *“But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the Old Testament; which vail is done away in Christ.”* There are 66 documents that are divided into two sections in God’s Word, the Bible. Our English Bibles have the “Old Testament” and the “New Testament.” The Old Testament is made up of four different sections:

- ~ 5 books of Law (Genesis-Deuteronomy).
- ~ 12 books of Hebrew History (Joshua-Esther).
- ~ 5 books of Poetry (Job-Song of Solomon).
- ~ 17 books of Prophecy (Isaiah-Malachi).

In a similar way, the New Testament can be divided into various sections:

- ~ 4 Gospels (Matthew-John).
- ~ 1 book of History (Acts).
- ~ 21 Letters (Romans-Jude). This section contains letters written to both individuals, such as Timothy and Titus, and independent, local congregations, such as Corinth and Ephesus.
- ~ 1 book of Prophecy (Revelation).

It is also good to know that our English Bibles are arranged topically and not chronologically.

Jesus recognized an arrangement of the books of the Old Testament that is very similar to what is listed above. He said to His apostles, *“These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the Law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning Me”* (Lk. 24:44). It is also good to know that Jesus was a Jewish man and that He lived under the Law of Moses. Paul wrote, *“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the Law”* (Gal. 4:4). To see the truth of this, for example, when Jesus was eight days old, He was

circumcised like the Law of Moses required (Lk. 2:21; Lev. 12:3). He was also presented in the temple because He was a first-born male (Lk. 2:22-24; Exo. 13:2). Jesus was not a Christian, He was a Jew!

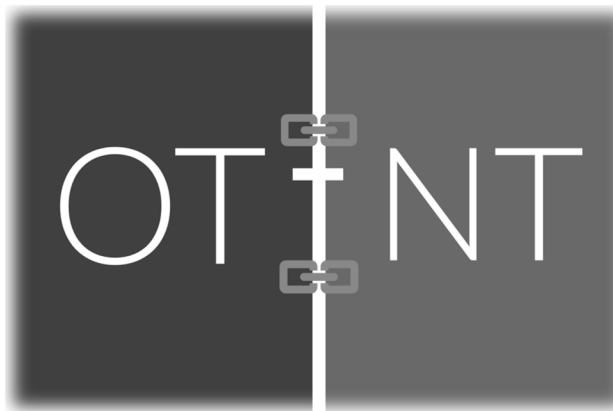
The question that naturally comes is, *“What part of the Bible should we follow today?”* There are some important things to know in order to answer this question.

1. It is important to know that the Law of Moses was given only to the Jewish people. That can be clearly seen in Deuteronomy 5:1-3.
2. It is important to know that the prophets of the Old Testament spoke of a time when a New Covenant would be made (Jer. 31:31-34). That prophecy is quoted directly in Hebrews 8:8-12. In Hebrews 8:6 we read, *“But now hath He obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also He is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.”* Jesus shed His blood so that this New Covenant could take effect (Matt. 26:28; Heb. 9:16-17).

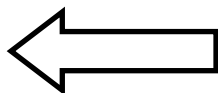
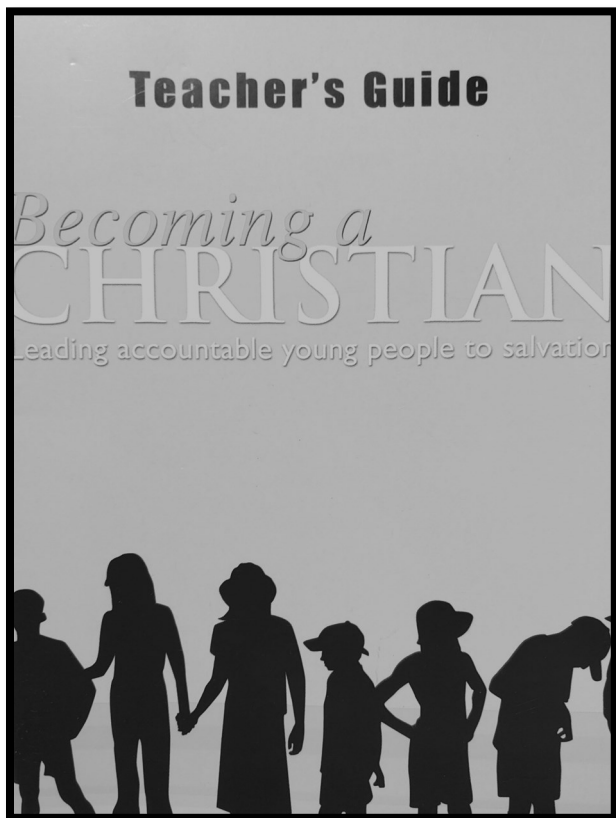
3. It is also important to be familiar with the words that are used to describe both Covenants. In Second Corinthians 3, Paul says that the Old Testament was *“written and engraved in stones”* (2 Cor. 3:7). In that same verse Paul said that the glory of that Law *“was to pass away.”* Paul referred to himself as an

able *“minister of the New Testament”* (2 Cor. 3:6). The book of Hebrews speaks of a *“first covenant”* and a *“second”* (Heb. 8:7; 10:9).

It is extremely important for Bible students to know the differences between the Old and New Testaments. While they are certainly connected, they are not the same. The Law of Moses, with all of its sacrifices could not take away sin. That can only be accomplished by Jesus and His blood under the New covenant (Heb. 9:11-15).

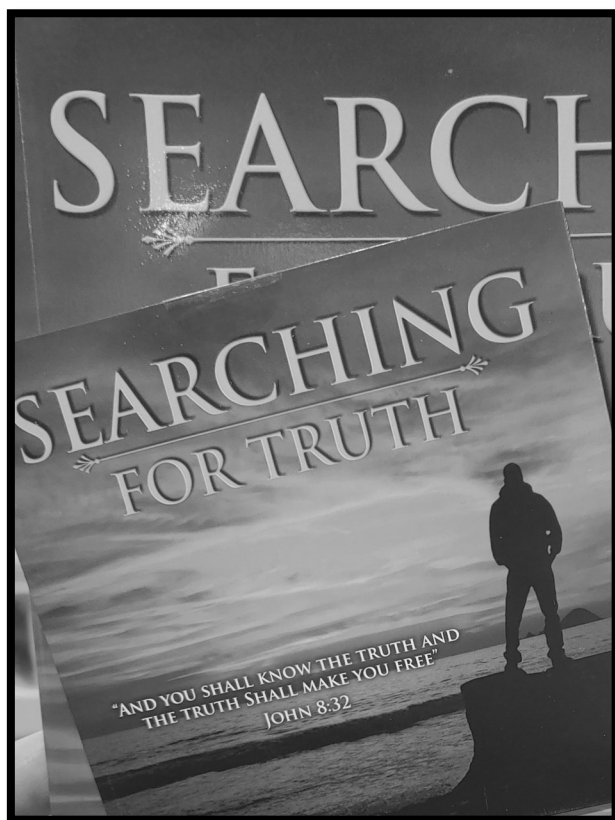
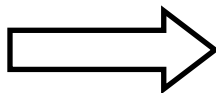


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- Jesus promised to establish His church (Matt. 16:18).
- That church was purchased with Jesus' blood (Acts 20:28).
- The church is married to Christ (Rom. 7:4).
- It was established in the first century (Acts 2:41, 47).
- Jesus is the one and only Head of the One Body (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4; 5:23).
- You can only be added to the church by God Himself (Acts 2:41, 47).

What about being saved?

- All people are saved by grace, though faith (Eph. 2:8-9).
- No one is saved by faith alone (Jas. 2:14-26).
- No one is saved by grace alone (Matt. 7:21).
- Jesus said that belief plus baptism will produce salvation (Mk. 16:16). That is a promise, not a command.
- The Bible teaches that repentance plus baptism produces remission of sins (Acts 2:37-38).
- Belief, confession, and baptism is seen in the account of the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:37-38).
- The Corinthians heard, believed, and were baptized (Acts 18:8).
- Christ is "put on" in baptism (Gal. 3:26-27).
- The apostle Peter said that "baptism does save us" (1 Pet. 3:21).

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