

How to Use the Old Testament

Introduction:

- A. Many people think Christians do not believe in the Old Testament.
- B. I believe all scripture is inspired of God. - 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21
- C. But it must be rightly divided. - 2 Timothy 2:15
- D. How are we to use the Old Testament?
- I. It is not our authority. - e.g., play on instrument like David
 - A. The Old Covenant was for Israel only. - Deuteronomy 5:1-3; 6:6-7
 - B. The purpose of the law has been fulfilled. - Matthew 5:17-18; Acts 3:18,24 ; Galatians 3:18-25
 - C. With Jesus' death on the cross, the Old Testament was abolished. - Colossians 2:14-17; Romans 7:7
 - D. God now speaks through His Son. - Hebrews 1:1-2
 - E. We are under law to Christ. - 1 Corinthians 9:21
 - F. To attempt to be justified by the law is to fall from grace. - Galatians 5:1-4
- II. However, the law is still useful.
 - A. Evidence - John 5:39
 - B. Hope - Romans 15:4
 - C. Shadow - Hebrews 8:4-5
 - E. Example - Hebrews 12:1-2

Conclusion:

- A. Just as Paul, we must believe all the law. - Acts 24:14
- B. But, also as Paul, we must not look to the law as authority. - Galatians 5:4
- C. We are not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ. - Galatians 2:16