

Jesus – The Gospel Clearly Declared in Old Testament Times

[Isaiah 53:5, 6](#)

- I. There never was a time, and there never will be a time when God is not saving mankind ([Rom. 10:13](#); [2 Pet. 3:9](#)).
- II. The Gospel was clearly declared in Old Testament times ([Rom. 1:1-4](#); [1 Cor. 15:3, 4](#); [Acts 3:18](#), the passage in [Isa. 53:5, 6](#)) and has exactly the same boundaries as are found in [1 Cor. 15:3](#). [Dan. 12:2, 3](#) has the boundary of the resurrection.
- III. Regardless of age or dispensation, man is always saved in the same manner – positive choice (Volition) to the Gospel expressed in a non-meritorious way, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ ([Acts 4:12](#); [Gal. 3:6-8](#)).
- IV. Positive volition existed in Old Testament time, both at the point of God consciousness and the point of Gospel hearing ([Ex. 33:7](#); [Gen. 15:6](#)).
- V. While revelation from God is progressive, reaching its peak with the New Testament scriptures, it has always been, nevertheless, sufficient for salvation of souls at all periods of time.
- VI. The object of faith in salvation is the Lord Jesus Christ ([Gal. 3:26](#)). However, the revelation concerning Christ varies in different ages.
- VII. Jesus Christ was first revealed as Savior at the time of man's fall ([Gen. 3:15](#)). He is represented as the “seed of the woman”.
- VIII. Jesus Christ is usually revealed in the Old Testament by “shadows”.
 - 1) For example, in the Tabernacle, in the feasts, in the modus operandi of the Levitical Priests
 - 2) Another means of revealing Christ was through “inanimate revelation”, that is through things in nature like the burning bush, the Rock, the Shekinah Glory, or through the typology of the furniture in the Tabernacle ([Num.17:7](#)). The Mercy Seat, the hilasterion, was the place of propitiation in the Holy of Holies.
 - 3) The Levitical offerings were “witnessing by ritual”. The burnt offerings taught propitiation, with emphasis on the word of Christ, the Lamb of God. The meal and fruit offerings revealed the Person of Christ on the Cross. The peace offering taught about the barrier between God and man being removed.
 - 4) The gospel was presented in the Old Testament directly in theological teaching. [Isa.53](#) was straight doctrinal teaching which showed that Christ carried our guilt as well as our sins.
- IX. Once the reality is come, we have the New Testament, which is historical Christology.
- X. According to [Isa. 55:6](#), salvation in the person of Jesus Christ, is always available ([Acts 4:12](#)).