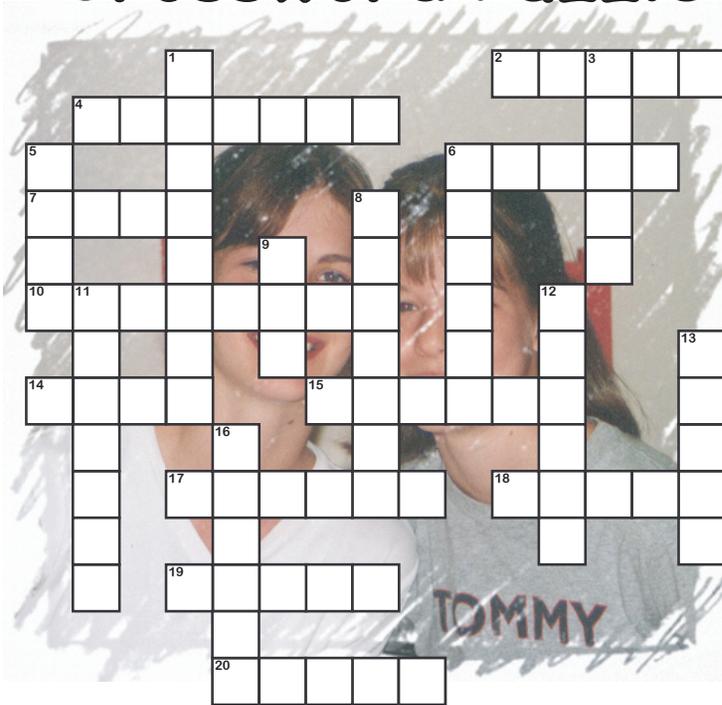


# Crossword Puzzle



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| 2. Christ is the center of the _____.                                   | 1. God made some wonderful _____ to Abraham.                              |
| 4. God promised _____ that his seed would be a blessing to the nations. | 3. David's seed would _____ God's house.                                  |
| 6. God promised _____ that his seed would inherit the kingdom.          | 5. Jesus Christ is the first and last _____ in the New Testament.         |
| 7. Eve's children's father.   | 6. The epistles _____ us to Christ.                                       |
| 10. Books after the Acts.   | 8. The four _____ are the first four books of the New Testament.          |
| 14. Book before the epistles.   | 9. The _____ Testament.   |
| 15. Christ is the _____ of the Bible.                                   | 11. Adam was a "type" or _____ of Christ.                                 |
| 17. _____ is the center of the Bible.                                   | 12. The gospels describe the birth, living, etc. of this wonderful _____. |
| 18. Christ is the center and He is the _____.                           | 13. His name is the _____ and last mentioned in the New Testament.        |
| 19. The epistles were written to _____ distracted ones back to Christ.  | 16. In Acts is the beginning of this.                                     |
| 20. David's seed would build God's _____.                               |   |



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## The Bible

- Lesson Twenty One -

### *The Bible - Christ as the Center of the Entire Bible*

#### I. Overview.

In this week's lesson we will see how Christ is the center of the entire Bible. From the very beginning in the book of Genesis, to the very end of the book of Revelation, Jesus Christ is the center and focus of the whole Bible.

As we have seen, the Bible is quite large, containing sixty-six books, and was written over a long period of time by several different writers. But even though it was written in this way, the Bible has a unique focus. That focus is the Person of Jesus Christ.



*Christ is the center and the focus of the whole Bible.*

The Old Testament is actually a long story of how God prepared a special group of people, the nation of Israel, for the bringing forth of His Son Jesus Christ. The New Testament opens by telling us that Jesus Christ is the son of Abraham and the son of David.

#### II. Memory Verse.

**“But the things which God announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.”**

(Acts 3:18)

### III. Lesson.

#### Christ is the Center of the Old Testament

From the first book of the Bible, Genesis, Jesus Christ is the center. Adam was created in the image and likeness of God and the Bible tells us that he was a “type” or picture of the coming one, Jesus Christ. After the fall of man, God came to Adam and Eve to promise them a Savior. This promised Savior is Jesus Christ.

#### God’s Promises to Abraham and David

Later in Genesis, God made some wonderful promises to Abraham. God told Abraham that his seed would become a blessing to all the nations of the world. This “seed of Abraham” is Jesus Christ. God also promised David that his seed would inherit God’s kingdom and build God’s house. Again this promised seed is Jesus Christ.



Jesus Christ is the seed of Abraham and the seed of David.

#### Christ is the Center of the New Testament

We should all be very clear, Jesus Christ is the center of the New Testament. Jesus Christ is the first name and the last name mentioned in the New Testament. The first four books of the New Testament, the four gospels, are a full description of the birth, living, earthly ministry, crucifixion and resurrection of this wonderful Person. Following the four gospels, the Acts is a book that describes the beginning of the heavenly ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. It shows us the beginning of the church and shows us that the church is just the continuation of the living of Christ in a group of people. He is the center and He is the focus.

#### All of the Epistles Point to Christ

Following the book of Acts, the remainder of the Bible consists of the epistles and the book of Revelation. All of the epistles were written to direct us to Christ. They were either written to give us a fuller understanding of our marvelous Savior, or to bring distracted ones back to Him.

The first words of the book of Revelation say “The Revelation of Jesus Christ...” This shows us right away what the book is about. From beginning to end the Bible is a book that is centered on Jesus Christ, our wonderful Lord and Savior.

#### --- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What is the center of the entire Bible?  
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2. How can we see from the book of Genesis that Jesus Christ is the focus of the Old Testament?  
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3. What was God’s promise to David?  
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4. Why were the epistles written?  
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