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What is the purpose of the New Testament?

While many people question the legitimacy of continuing to teach from the Old Testament and few Christians question the legitimacy of the New Testaments, most non-Christians are able to comprehend the purpose of the New Testament and its association with the Old Testament.

1. What does the New Testament teach us about God?

John **4:24**; 6:45-46; 8:41-44, **54-58**Romans **3:5-6**Acts **2:22-24**; **17:29-31**Ephesians **2:4-6**

The New Testament explains that God is a spiritual being and is to be worshiped as such. God has one and only one Son by nature, who is Jesus Christ, and who shares His nature. God is a just and righteous judge who will never pervert justice. But in order for man to escape the just judgment of

eternal condemnation, God in His mercy sent Jesus Christ to take the penalty for our sins.

2. What does the New Testament teach us about man?

Romans **3:20-25**Acts **4:10-12**John **3:19-21**1 Corinthians **2:14**

The New Testament explains that every human being is by nature a sinner and justly deserves the condemnation of God. Furthermore, man by nature desires to pursue after his own wicked and corrupt ways that are contrary to God and God's ways. By nature, man is incapable of reaching to God and understanding His ways. The only hope that any man has for escaping eternal condemnation is by having faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no other possible way of escaping God's judgment.

3. What does the New Testament teach us about reconciling with God?

2 Corinthians **5:17-21** John **14:6**

Galatians **3:21-24** Hebrews **9:22-23**

The only way to be reconciled to God is through faith in the person and the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Although man try to describe many different ways to be reconciled to God, the Bible is clear that the only possible way, approved of by God is through faith in Jesus Christ. Without the shedding of His blood there would be not possible way of reconciliation.

4. How does the New Testament relate to the Old Testament?

Luke **24:27** John 5:39

Hebrews 10:7 Romans **1:1-4**; 7:7-10 Matthew **26:53-56** 1 Corinthians **10:11**

The Old Testament is a veiled explanation and description of Jesus Christ. What the Old Testament alluded to, the New Testament has openly revealed. In simple terms, the Old Testament is about Jesus Christ. The New Testament is a description of the fulfillment of the promises of the Old Testament. The Old Testament exposes man's sins while the New exposes the path to redemption.