

So I made my feet go- one against several hundred - it waan't long before they made their feet scrape, which is the sign of disapproval. Is Christianity the N.T. or is Christianity the whole Bible? What is the importance of the O.T. ? And we find important evidence on this in a natural place.

(a) The attitude of the N.T. toward the O.T.

What is the attitude of the N.T. toward the O.T.? You will see churches with the sign up, No Creed but Christ, No authority but the N.T., or you will see the statement No Creed but the N.T. and sometimes I see a sign up The New Testament doctrine of Salvation, The New Testament doctrine of Sin. Is that a proper statement? Is it a proper attitude? Is it a Christian thought? The N.T. relationship to the O.T. would strongly suggest that it is not, because on 50 occasions in the N.T. we find the O.T. referred to as The Scriptures. The writings of the Lord, that which was authoritative on the subject which was being discussed. In Romans L:2 you find the O.T. referred to as the Holy Scriptures. In II Timothy 3:15 you find them ~~the~~ called the Sacred Scriptures. In Romans 3:2 and Hebrews 5:12 you find them called the Oracles of God. How can you talk about the N.T. doctrine when the N.T. itself refers 50 times to the O.T. in such a way that it shows that it considers the O.T. to be authoritative. The N.T. is constantly quoting the O.T. and a quotation from the O.T. is the proof of any matter which is brought up, Christ quotes the O.T. as the answer to any problem. How can we say that the O.T. was all right in its day but the N.T. is vital for us when Christ, Paul, and others in the N.T. consider it authoritative. Christ says Think ^{not} that I am come to destroy the law and the prophets, I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill - and just as soon as I fulfill it, you can forget about it - is that what He said? He said that verily, I say unto you that till heaven and earth pass - that is not now - till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. The tiniest part is not going to pass away till all be fulfilled. What stronger statement could we have than that of the importance of the O.T. not merely for the time of Christ, but for all subsequent ages. In John 5:39 he says "Search the scriptures for in them you think you have eternal life and they are they which testify of me." In John 5:46 he says "Had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me, for he wrote of me, but if ye believe not His life, how shall ye believe my word?" If you don't believe Moses, how shall you believe Christ? Luke 11:31 is not so much a quotation about it as a reference to an ~~an~~