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In **John 5:39-40**:

You search the **scriptures** because you think that in them you have eternal life, and **it is they** that **bear witness about me**, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

Jesus said the Old Testament is about Him.

_____ : any appearance of God in Scripture that humans can perceive with their senses. It is predominantly used to describe visible revealing's.

Examples:

- Burning bush
Exodus 3:2-10
- Mount Sinai - God appears in a cloud, lightening, thunder
Exodus 19
- Daniel - God appears to Daniel in a dream as "the Ancient of Days"
Daniel 7:1, 9-10

A _____ is a theophany of Christ specifically.

Examples:

often when the Lord or Angel of the Lord is referred to, it is Jesus

So basically, Jesus, is all over the Old Testament

Moving to the **New Testament**:

Romans 9:5

To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the **Christ, who is God over all**, blessed forever. Amen.

Titus 2:11-14a

For the **grace of God** has appeared, **bringing salvation for all people, training us** to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and **to live** self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, **waiting** for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great **God and Savior Jesus Christ**, who **gave himself** for us **to redeem us** from all lawlessness and **to purify** for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

John 1:1

In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word was with God**, and the **Word was God**.

Jesus both identified as God and is distinguished from God, the Father.

Distinct yet unified.

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John 8:24

I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that **I am he** you will die in your sins.

Think about this:

God, the Son, technically wasn't Jesus until he was born on earth.

For all of eternity past He was God, the Son.

Not only do we need His death but we also need His life, too.

Jesus had to live the perfect life for us.

Without Him living the perfect life, our sins would have been paid for by His death so that we could be sinless before God but we still wouldn't be righteous. We would be **pardoned sinners** but **not righteous saints**. Jesus had to come and live the perfect life which was then attributed to us.

"By His life, death, and resurrection, God's kids are afforded not only **payment for their sins** but the **righteousness of Christ** and a **shared inheritance** in His kingdom." TLC

He is the only possible **mediator** between us and God the Father.

He is the only one who can **bridge the gap** between a Holy God and sinful man.

Ephesians 2: 3b-5a

(We are) by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. BUT God, being rich in mercy because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ...

1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We will **never see God's wrath**.

We will **see His discipline** which is protective towards us but not His wrath.

Jesus has taken on the Father's wrath toward us in a way that only He could do.

And He wasn't finished in showing His love toward us because He told us that **He would never leave us nor forsake us** and that when He left the earth **He would send His Spirit to us**.

Jesus said it was to our advantage that He leave and send the Spirit to us.

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THINGS TO REMEMBER:

He is building an eternal kingdom because He is an eternal King.

He has always been the Son of God. Technically, He did not become Jesus until He was born of Mary.

We need both His death and His life.

His death pardons us; His life causes us to be declared righteous.

We will never, ever see God's wrath.

His love for us is never ending.

BECAUSE HE IS WHERE THE JOY IS.