

YOUNG PEOPLE GROUP I

THEME: THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST

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THE CONCEPT OF FULFILMENT OF SCRIPTURE

The use of the word “fulfilment” by the Gospel writers

1. With reference to fulfilment of prophecy

- a. The birth of Jesus Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 7:14
- b. The place of ministry Matthew 4:14; Isaiah 9:1-2

2. With reference to Commitment to fulfil Scripture

- a. Knowledge of the Scriptures Luke 4:17
- b. Consciousness of fulfilling Scriptures Luke 4:21

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SCRIPTURES

Some reasons why the Scriptures were given in the first place

1. To provide wisdom in life
2. To prevent proliferation of sin
3. To uphold righteousness
4. To strengthen the fabric of society
5. To bring about the fullness of God’s blessings

THE SAD HISTORY OF ANCIENT ISRAEL

(Well noted in the Book of Judges and the Prophetic Books)

1. Rebellion
2. Rejection
3. Backsliding
4. Forsaking
5. Turning to idolatry
6. Refusal to repent

SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS FULFILLING THE SCRIPTURES

1. Identification of Jesus

- a. As One who knew the Law (Scriptures)
- b. As One who upheld the Law
- c. As One who came to fulfil the requirements of the Law

2. Satisfying the Requirements of the Law to bring about salvation

- a. Providing atonement for our sins
- b. Satisfying Divine Justice
- c. Gaining redemption for all mankind
- d. Offering eternal life through faith in Jesus and His redemptive work

3. Bringing in a New Covenant

- a. Beginning of the New Covenant Luke 22:20
- b. Extensive discussion of the Old and New Covenant
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DISCUSSION

1. How should we appreciate Jesus in His fulfilling the Scriptures?
2. How should we appreciate the blessings Christ offers through His redemption?
 - a) Forgiveness of sin
 - b) Justification through faith in Jesus
 - c) The Gift of the Holy Spirit
 - d) A new creation in Christ

MEMORY VERSE

Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfil. Matthew 5:17