



SPRING SEMESTER | PART ONE

SIMPLY JESUS



RIVERSIDE CHURCH

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AND THE LIFE. NO ONE
CAN COME TO THE FATHER
EXCEPT THROUGH ME."

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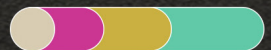
INTRODUCTION

From Promise to Presence

Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled in Christ and Alive in Us

This semester we are beginning with six Old Testament prophecies concerning Jesus, showing how they were fulfilled in Him and how they are still alive and active through our lives today. From the seed of the woman who crushed the serpent's head, to the seed of Abraham through whom all nations are blessed, scripture reveals that redemption, covenant, and victory did not come through human effort but through Jesus Christ. He fulfilled the promise to David by reigning as the eternal King, not from an earthly throne, but through resurrection and exaltation. He was anointed by the Spirit to heal, restore, and proclaim freedom, and that same Spirit now dwells in believers. He suffered as the Servant of Isaiah 53, taking our sin, guilt, punishment, and brokenness upon Himself so that we could walk forgiven, restored, healed, and reconciled under the New Testament covenant. And He established an everlasting kingdom whose government is increasing, righteous, and present in the earth through His people.

These prophecies are not only historical truths; they define our present reality. Because Christ fulfilled them, we now live as redeemed people, covenant heirs, kingdom representatives, and Spirit empowered witnesses. We don't strive for victory; we live from it. We don't create authority; we walk under His. His life flows through us, His kingdom advances through us, and His promises are experienced through faith in Him. Following Jesus is not about self-reliance, performance, or control; it is about dependence, depending on Him, trusting Him, and knowing that the fullness of God's promises and deity are found in Christ Jesus.



THE SEED OF THE WOMAN

WEEK 01



God's Promise of Redemption

Genesis 3:15 "The seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head."

A Redeemer born supernaturally means salvation did not come from human effort, wisdom, or strength. It came from God Himself. What we could not fix, God stepped into. Because He defeated Satan, sin no longer has the final word, shame has no authority, and bondage is not permanent.

For us today, this means we do not fight for victory; we live from it. The power that crushed the serpent's head now works in us through Christ. We are no longer defined by our past or controlled by the enemy's accusations. Redemption is not only something Jesus accomplished; it is now active in us.

Because the Redeemer came supernaturally, our transformation is also supernatural. We are not changed by effort, but by Him. We stand redeemed, restored, and free.



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_____ **“And I will cause hostility between you and the woman... He will strike your head.” Genesis 3:15 (NLT)**

Family Discussion: Why do you think God promised a Savior right after Adam and Eve sinned? What does it mean that Jesus defeated the enemy?

Prayer Focus: Thank God for sending Jesus to defeat sin and the enemy and pray to live in the victory He already won.

_____ **“So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1 (NLT)**

Family Discussion: What are some things that make us feel ashamed or guilty? How does Jesus take that away?

Prayer Focus: To walk free from shame and remember that we are forgiven and loved in Christ.

_____ **“The Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil.” 1 John 3:8 (NLT)**

Family Discussion: What are some “works of the enemy” (fear, lies, anger) that Jesus helps us overcome?

Prayer Focus: For power to overcome fear, sin, and lies through Jesus’ victory.

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THE SEED OF ABRAHAM

WEEK 02



The Blessing Made Ours in Christ

Genesis 12:3; 22:18 “In thy seed shall all nations be blessed.”

God made a covenant with Abraham and promised that through his seed all nations would be blessed. That promise was not fulfilled through a nation, a law, or human effort but it was fulfilled through Jesus Christ. Scripture makes it clear that the “seed” was singular, pointing to Christ. When Jesus came, He carried the covenant, the promises, and the blessing of Abraham into fulfillment.

Through faith in Christ, we are brought into that same covenant. We are not blessed because of lineage, works, or obedience to the law, but because we are in Christ.

We don't strive to earn the blessing; we receive it by faith and live it out in obedience.



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_____ **“I will bless you... and you will be a blessing to others.” Genesis 12:2 (NLT)**

Family Discussion: How has God blessed our family? How can we bless others this week?

Prayer Focus: To recognize God’s blessings and be a blessing to others.

_____ **“The promise was given through faith to Abraham and his Seed, who is Christ.” Galatians 3:16 (NLT)**

Family Discussion: What does it mean that God keeps His promises through Jesus? Why is faith important?

Prayer Focus: To trust God’s promises even when we can’t see them yet.

_____ **“And now you who belong to Christ are the true children of Abraham... and heirs of God’s promise.” Galatians 3:29 (NLT)**

Family Discussion: What does it mean to be part of God’s family and inherit His promises?

Prayer Focus: To live as God’s covenant people, walking in faith and obedience.

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THE THRONE OF DAVID

WEEK 03



A Kingdom Without End

2 Samuel 7:12–13 “I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.”

God promised David a King whose throne would be established forever, and that promise was fulfilled in Jesus Christ, not through a political kingdom, but through resurrection and exaltation. Jesus reigns now from a heavenly throne, ruling an eternal and unshakable kingdom.

Because He reigns, we reign with Him. Those in Christ are made kings and priests, exercising His authority under His lordship. We are not called to live defeated, but to overcome sin, darkness, and fear as citizens and ambassadors of His kingdom, carrying heaven’s authority into the earth.



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_____ **“Your house and your kingdom will continue before Me for all time.”**
2 Samuel 7:16 (NLT)

Family Discussion: What does it mean that Jesus is a King forever? How is His kingdom different from earthly kingdoms?

Prayer Focus: To honor Jesus as King in our home and choices.

_____ **“God raised Him to the place of highest honor and gave Him the name above all other names.”** Philippians 2:9 (NLT)

Family Discussion: Why is Jesus greater than anyone else? How can we show He is King in our daily lives?

Prayer Focus: To submit our hearts and decisions to Jesus' leadership.

_____ **“He has made us kings and priests for God His Father.”** Revelation 1:6 (NKJV)

Family Discussion: What does it mean that we reign with Jesus? How can we use God's authority to overcome fear and do good?

Prayer Focus: To walk in spiritual authority over fear, sin, and darkness through Jesus.

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THE ANointed ONE

WEEK 04



From Christ to His Church

Isaiah 61:1 “The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him.”

When Jesus Christ stood in the synagogue and read Isaiah 61, He declared, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” He was announcing that the anointing described in Isaiah was fully resting on Him. But that anointing did not stop with Him. Through His death, resurrection, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that same Spirit now dwells in believers.

This means the mission continues through the body of Christ. We are anointed to proclaim good news, to bring healing, to declare freedom, and to participate in restoration. This is not by our own strength, but by the same Spirit that rested on Jesus. The anointing is not about position or title; it is about purpose. What He began as the Anointed One, He now carries on through an anointed people.



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_____ **“The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor...” Isaiah 61:1 (NLT)**

Family Discussion: What does it mean to be anointed by God? How does knowing that the same Spirit that rested on Jesus now lives in us change how we live and serve others?

Prayer Focus: Pray that we would walk in the anointing of the Holy Spirit, relying on His power and not our own, and boldly live out the purpose God has given us.

_____ **“The Spirit of the LORD is upon me... Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” Luke 4:18–21 (NLT)**

Family Discussion: Why do you think Jesus publicly declared this Scripture about Himself? How does His mission connect to how we are called to live today?

Prayer Focus: Pray that we would clearly recognize Jesus as the Anointed One and faithfully continue His mission through obedience and love.

_____ **“And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power...” Acts 10:38 (NLT)**

Family Discussion: How can we depend on the Holy Spirit in our daily lives? What are some practical ways we can bring healing, hope, or freedom to others?

Prayer Focus: Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide our words, actions, and decisions so we reflect Jesus wherever we go.

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THE SUFFERING SERVANT

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By His Wounds We Are Made Whole

Isaiah 53:5 “He was wounded for our transgressions.” [Read full chapter for context]

Isaiah 53 reveals that Jesus Christ did not suffer randomly or symbolically; He suffered on our behalf. Being wounded for our transgressions means our sins were dealt with legally and fully through His sacrifice. Being bruised for our iniquities speaks to the crushing weight of guilt, shame, and inner corruption being placed on Him so we could be made clean within. The chastisement that brought us peace shows that the judgment we deserved was satisfied, giving us reconciliation and peace with God under the New Testament covenant. And by His stripes, healing was given. It was not only for the forgiveness of sin, but restoration of what sin damaged. In the New Testament, these benefits are received by faith and we are now made whole through what He finished.



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_____ **“But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins...” Isaiah 53:5 (NLT)**

Family Discussion: What stands out to you about what Jesus suffered for us? How does His sacrifice change the way we view sin and forgiveness?

Prayer Focus: Thank Jesus for taking our place and pray that we would never take His sacrifice for granted.

_____ **“He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross...” 1 Peter 2:24 (NLT)**

Family Discussion: What does it mean that Jesus carried our sins for us? How should this truth affect how we live each day?

Prayer Focus: Pray that we would live free from guilt and shame, walking confidently in the forgiveness Jesus has provided.

_____ **“Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. Isaiah 53:4–6 (NLT)**

Family Discussion: How does understanding that Jesus fully paid for healing in our spirit, soul, and body deepen our faith and trust in God?

Prayer Focus: Pray for healing, peace, and restoration, thanking God for the wholeness made available through Jesus.

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THE EVERLASTING KINGDOM

WEEK 06



He Reigns Through Us

Isaiah 9:6–7 reveals that the government placed upon Jesus Christ is everlasting, righteous, and increasing, and that government is active in the earth today through His people. Jesus reigns from heaven as King, but His rule is expressed on earth through those who are under His lordship. We are representatives of that kingdom, not establishing our own authority, but enforcing His.

Through obedience, faith, prayer, and the leading of the Holy Spirit, Christ governs hearts, communities, and situations through us. His government advances wherever His will is obeyed, His truth is proclaimed, and His power is exercised in love and righteousness. He rules through us not by domination, but by transformation, as ambassadors who carry heaven's authority into the earth and demonstrate what His kingdom looks like in real life.



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_____ **“His government and its peace will never end...” Isaiah 9:6–7 (NLT)**

Family Discussion: What does it mean that Jesus’ kingdom will never end? How does His leadership differ from the world’s way of leading?

Prayer Focus: Pray that Jesus would reign fully in our hearts and homes and that we would joyfully submit to His leadership.

_____ **“May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:10 (NLT)**

Family Discussion: What does it look like for God’s kingdom to be seen in our daily lives? How can we help bring heaven’s values into our world?

Prayer Focus: Pray that God’s will would be done in our lives and that we would be faithful representatives of His kingdom.

_____ **“So we are Christ’s ambassadors...” 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)**

Family Discussion: What responsibilities come with being an ambassador for Christ? How can our actions point others to Jesus?

Prayer Focus: Pray that we would live as faithful ambassadors, reflecting God’s love, truth, and righteousness wherever He sends us.

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