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John Calvin on Christ in All of Scripture

John Calvin, writing in the preface to Pierre-Robert Olivétan's 1535 translation of the New Testament:

He [Christ] is Isaac, the beloved Son of the Father who was offered as a sacrifice, but nevertheless did not succumb to the power of death. He is Jacob the watchful shepherd, who has such great care for the sheep which he guards. He is the good and compassionate brother Joseph, who in his glory was not ashamed to acknowledge his brothers, however lowly and abject their condition. He is the great sacrificer and bishop Melchizedek, who has offered an eternal sacrifice once for all. He is the sovereign lawgiver Moses, writing his law on the tables of our hearts by his Spirit. He is the faithful captain and guide Joshua, to lead us to the Promised Land. He is the victorious and noble king David, bringing by his hand all rebellious power to subjection. He is the magnificent and triumphant king Solomon, governing his kingdom in peace and prosperity. He is the strong and powerful Samson, who by his death has overwhelmed all his enemies.

This is what we should in short seek in the whole of Scripture: truly to know Jesus Christ, and the infinite riches that are comprised in him and are offered to us by him from God the Father. If one were to sift thoroughly the Law and the Prophets, he would not find a single word which would not draw and bring us to him.... Therefore, rightly does Saint Paul say in another passage that he would know nothing except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Christ Explaining Himself From All the Scriptures

And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.... Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Luke 24: 25-27; 44-45).



Dr. Aquila's Recent Teaching in Egypt

Dr. Dominic Aquila, President of New Geneva Seminary, taught at New Geneva's extension in Egypt, October 1-9. He taught "Early-Medieval Church History" in the Master's level for three hours each day, and "Foundations for Ministry" in the Doctor of Ministry class for four hours each day. Three other instructors taught "Christology;" the "General Epistles," and "Pastoral Counseling." We are blessed to have excellent translators which supports the flow of our teaching. We had forty students taking Master's courses, thirty of whom were new to the seminary; and there were twenty-one new students in the Doctor of Ministry program.

Dr. Aquila also had the privilege of conducting the sixth graduation service at the Egypt extension on October 3 and giving the commencement address. Ten students received their diplomas. This brings our total number of graduates to close to one hundred since New Geneva began the extension program in 2010.

Dr. Aquila stated, "I believe that New Geneva's teaching presence in Egypt has sparked a renewal in the Presbyterian Church of Egypt, for which we are thankful. Please pray that our teaching

will continue to bear fruit in the churches and ministries in which the students are a part, for the times of fellowship with the students, and for the continued strengthening of the ministry of the local churches."

We thank you for partnering with New Geneva's educational mission, as well as for your prayers and financial support.

John Bryant Called Home to Glory

It is with great heaviness of heart, mixed with the hope and joy of the resurrection, that we announce that our dear friend and coworker, John Bryant, has been taken from us and passed into the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on September 20, after a weeks-long battle with the Covid virus. John occupied the front office of New Geneva Seminary beginning in the summer of 2014, where he greeted visitors to the seminary with a warm smile and a humorous story. What impressed us most about John was his desire that everyone he met come into a personal relationship with Jesus. That passion for the gospel came out most clearly in his work with the Saints Prison Ministry, where he regularly took men into several of the local prisons in our area to play soccer with the inmates and share his personal testimony of how the Lord changed his life. John will be missed both personally and professionally, but we're thankful that his son Daryll has stepped in to occupy his seat in the seminary front office.