



QA: Why Keep Preaching Outdated Scripture? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

Question: Why do you keep preaching Scripture, when it is so out-dated for today? Society keeps changing all the time.

ANSWER: Oh, really? What Jesus said applies to you:

"You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God." (**Matthew 22:29**)

1. **God certainly knows more than you**, for:

When the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. (**Galatians 4:4-5**)

"The fulness of the time" meant there had never, nor would there ever, come such richness of influence than when Jesus came. The spoken **Greek language** in which the New Testament was mainly written, became a dead language, so that its meaning has not changed since then. The **Roman Empire** gave travel and highways easier access. **Judaism** reached its zenith of corruption in that:

[Jewish people] denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. (**Acts 3:14-15**)

The Gospel in Athens was preached against philosophies which we know today (**Acts 17:15-34**):

- A. **Epicurean** - all fleshly lusts are good and to be sated
- B. **Stoic** - no fleshly lusts are good, hence all children must have begun as completely corrupt sinners
- C. **Anything new** - read that as anything we don't already know!

For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing. (**Acts 17:21**)

These certainly pervade our culture today. *Their name is "legion" who breathlessly await the latest:* iPhone; Video Games "Fortnite," "Zelda," "Call of Duty;" Clothes Fashions; TV Series "Game of Thrones," "Orange is the New Black;" Car Models; Streaming Services; Political Program Headline; or Religion/ Church! *Everyone in America, it seems, spends "their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing!"*

The Gospel of Christ holds everyone accountable for their own souls while they're alive, because of the resurrection and Judgment Day certainly to follow. Seeking a new church or religious emphasis is completely contrary to Paul's inspired admonition:

Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle. (**2 Thessalonians 2:15**)

While looking for something "new," why not reread Scripture and find that the Gospel, and the church of Christ have become "new" to you?

2. **Are you wiser than Solomon?**

That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which it may be said, 'See, this is new?' It has already been in ancient times before us. There is no remembrance of former things, Nor will there be any remembrance of things that are to come By those who will come after. (**Ecclesiastes 1:9-11**)

People may have learned more about God's Creation than they have ever known before, but are still subjected to it's power (massive floods, droughts, brutal Winters, tornadoes & hurricanes, etc.). People still treat each other horribly (verbally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually). The speeds which which bad things happen, or are reported, may have increased, but people have the same need today,

[Jesus] gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age. (**Galatians 1:4**)

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