We are members of the Oak Ridge church of Christ. We call ourselves Christians ([**Acts 11:26**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%2011:26)) and we hold to the Bible as our one and only Truth. Church of Christ is a biblical description of Christians who work together for the cause of Christ ([**Ro. 16:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%2016:16)). We are independent assemblies with no organization beyond our own number as described in [**Phil. 1:1**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Philippians%201:1). There are Christians across the world working with local congregations of God’s people such as described in [**Rev. 2**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Revelation%202)**-3**. Christians are members of Christ’s body, which is also known as His Church ([**Acts 2:47**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%202:47)**,**[**Eph. 5:23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%205:23)). Our mission is to stand for God’s truth (the gospel) and teach it to all people ([**Matt. 28:18-20**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Matthew%2028:18-20)**,**[**Romans 1:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%201:16)**,**[**1 Tim. 3:15**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=1%20Timothy%203:15)). We are accountable to our one and only Head Jesus Christ ([**Eph. 1:22-23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%201:22-23)**,**[**Col. 1:18**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Colossians%201:18)).

Introduction: As Christians we know that Jesus is our ultimate example of perfection. There are also many individuals in the scriptures that we can look to as examples of righteousness, and thus did many things in ways similar to Jesus. We are in the midst of a series of programs that compares some of these individuals to Jesus. Some of these people were similar because their lives emulated His life; others were similar because events that happened in their lives corresponded with events in His life. In all of these cases we can see the consistency of the Scriptures and of God's expectations for His followers. For this study we want to compare **Abraham and The Christ!**

**SIMILARITIES BETWEEN ABRAHAM AND THE CHRIST**

**• Both willingly followed God’s will for them under difficult circumstances**

Abraham (**Genesis 12:1-9, Hebrews 11:8, 17-19**): Jesus (**John 8:28-29, 14:31, 19:30, Luke 22:42**)

**• Both had brides of great promise**

Abraham (**Genesis 17:15-19, Hebrews 11:11-12**): Jesus (**2 Corinthians 11:1-2,** **Ephesians 5:22-33, Revelation 21:2, 9, 22:12-17**).

\****Have you given your life to the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ?*** ***The Spirit and the bride, His church, invite you now to come to Him!***

**• Both set examples of faith that brought blessings to ALL nations**

Abraham (**Ro. 4:9-18, Gal. 3:7-9**): Jesus (**Col. 1:19-23, Heb. 12:1-2, 1 Peter 2:21-24**)

**• Both demonstrated their faith in their works**

Abraham (**Ro. 4:19-25, James 2:20-26**): Jesus (**John 10:25, 32, 37-39, 2 Peter 1:17**).

***\*Christians have a faith that listens to the Lord and obeys what He says (Matthew 7:21-24, John 14:6).***

**• Both longed to be with God in Heaven, in the city not made with hands, forever**

Abraham (**Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-16**): Jesus (**John 17:1-5, Philippians 2:5-11**)

**• Only one was a preparer of that City – Jesus Christ (John 14:1-6)**

To enter this wonderful city of God you have to obey him (**Revelation 21:27, 22:14, John 3:5, Mark 16:15-16**). ***Have you been obedient to God? Have you become a Christian by repenting of your sins and being baptized to wash them all away?*** If not, we are here to help you. We have given you many ways for you to contact us. We want to help you understand God’s will for you so that you can one day enter the city which Abraham longed for and where Jesus is!

Please check the scriptures we have covered tonight. We want to help you in any way we can. Contact us for Bible studies by telephone, e-mail, or simply come to one of our assemblies. Contact: We assemble at 225 North Purdue Ave. in Oak Ridge at 9am on Sundays and 7pm on Wednesdays; oakridgechurch.com; larry.paden@oakridgechurch.com, murray.wade@oakridgechurch.com; (865) 693-1416.

For our next live program, next month on March 7, 2022 we hope to study, **"Moses and The Christ”** We hope to see you next time on **"Speaking The Truth In Love".**