

## **THE SCRIPTURE'S WITNESS TO CHRIST**

### **JOHN 5:39-47**

#### **I. THE SCRIPTURE'S TESTIMONY TO CHRIST COMES WITH A PREREQUISITE: IT HAS TO BE SEARCHED (5:39-40)**

- A. Regardless Of The Mood Of The Verb "Search" The Lord Was Surely Encouraging A Greater Probing Of Its Contents
- B. Men Do Not Become Skeptics Because They Study The Bible, But Because They Have Never Really Studied Its Claims In Any Depth
  - 1. The Scripture, In Every Part, Testifies Of Christ (5:39)
  - 2. The Scriptures Were Mostly Disbelieved By That First Century Audience (5:40)

#### **II. THE LORD'S EXPLANATION OF THE DISBELIEVED TESTIMONY (5:41-44)**

- A. An Unspoken Assumption With Regard To Christ's Motive Was Pervasive In The Populace (5:41)
- B. A Loveless People Can Be Characterized By Poor Decisions (5:42-43)
  - 1. They Had No Love For God Whatsoever (5:42)
  - 2. Should An Impostor Come With His Own Credentials, Him They Will Embrace (5:43)
- C. A Relentless Quest For The Approval Of Their Peers Was Far More Important To Them Than What God Might Think Of Them (5:44)

#### **III. THE SCRIPTURE'S TESTIMONY ITSELF WILL ACCUSE YOU IN THE END (5:45-47)**

- A. The Accuser Will Be Moses (5:45-46)
- B. No One Can Claim The N.T. While In The Same Breath He Denies The O.T. (5:47)