

# Christ, Our Refuge

Everything in the Old Testament points to Jesus, Romans 15:4.  
Let's study the cities of Refuge in ancient Israel and see how they remind us of the merciful Savior we have today.

## I. The Need for Refuge

- A. An innocent man needed a place to be judged  
Deuteronomy 19:4-6, Deuteronomy 19:11-12
- B. Jesus is our place of refuge  
We are guilty of sin, Rom. 3:23, Luke 13:2-5  
We are safe in Christ, Rom 6:4, 2 Cor. 5:21

## II. The Name of Refuge, Joshua 20:7-8

- A. Kadesh "set apart" 1 Peter 1:15-16
- B. Shechem "burden-bearer" Mt 11:28-30
- C. Hebron "fellowship" 1 John 1:7
- D. Bezer "secure" Hebrews 6:19
- E. Ramoth "to set on high" 1 John 4:10
- F. Golan "to take away" John 1:29

## III. The Nearness of Refuge

- A. Each city was placed in proximity, Num 13:13-15
- B. Jesus has given access to himself today  
He came to this world, John 1:14, 1 Tim 1:15  
He offers salvation to us, Eph 2:8-9, Mt 11:28-30  
We must accept him through obedience, Mark 16:16

## IV. The Necessity of Urgency for Refuge

- A. If the slayer was not in the city, he could perish  
Num 35:26-28
- B. If we are not in Christ, we will perish  
In Christ (1 Thess 4:14-18)  
Out of Christ (2 Thess 1:6-9)