

Deacon's Beacons

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For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
Romans 15:4

Remember that the Scriptures to which St. Paul refers would be what we would call the Old Testament. So it is not, as some Pentecostal assemblies may propose, suitable to ignore the Old Testament and only focus on the New Testament. The deeper meaning of the New Testament is found in the Old. And, by extension, the New Testament is also written for our instruction. We must, however, approach Scripture with a sense of where it originated, historically and culturally. One could draw some conclusions from what was written that would be absolutely incorrect and unacceptable in today's world. The basic question one must always ask is if such action is loving or not. That is really the litmus test.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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