**Lent 2016**: **From Adam to Christ**

**ABRAHAM AND ISAAC**

**Introduction**

Typology

The hammer and wood

*What is a type?*

“A historical, temporal, earthly reality (a person, or a place, or an event, or an institution) that represents a reality beyond itself.”

A means by which Christ is *sacramentally* (or spiritually) present in the OT.

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*Water of judgement*

*The Dwelling place of God*

*What’s been making the marks?*

*The ‘antitype’*

*Types are not perfect!*

**CONTEXT**

The Promise to Abraham (Gen 12,15): Land, numerous seed, blessing.

Read Gen 22:1-18.

Jot down different ways this resembles what Jesus did at the cross.

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v4

v6

v8

v9

*Through Isaac Abraham’s offspring reckoned*

*How did Abraham do this?*

*Belief in the resurrection*

*By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.* Heb 11:17-19

**So what?**

*The covenant ‘work’ has been accomplished!*

*Abraham*

*Like us, a recipient of the promise*

*Like the ‘Father’: who does the work*

*Isaac*

*Like the ‘Son’: who does the work*

**A Covenant of Works?**

‘Works’ for God’s Mediator (done for us)

AND SO…

‘Grace’ for God’s People

ISAAC**: ISRAEL’S REPRESENTATIVE AND MEDIATOR**

Representative/

Mediator

Representative/

Mediator

Representative/

Mediator

**Father: Son**

Abraham: Isaac

God: Adam

GOD

Applies the work

to Mankind

Applies the work

to Israel (via Moses)

Applies the work

to the Church

(via Jesus)

Mankind

Israel

**The Church**

The mediator does the ‘work’.

He mediates the consequences:

the people enjoy blessing or suffer curse.