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Teaching Through the Bible

Matthew-Revelation

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Lesson 32: Matthew: The Book About Jesus Christ the Messiah-King

Author: Matthew, the tax collector

Date: about A.D. 65

Theme: Jesus Is Israel's Messiah-King

Key Verse: "Tell ye the daughter of Si-on, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass." (Matthew 21:5, Zechariah 9:9)

- I. The King's Modest Coming to His People (ch 1:1-4:11)
  - A. The King's family background (1:1-17)
  - B. The King's birth (1:18-2:23)
  - C. The King's baptism (3:1-17)
  - D. The King's temptation (4:1-11)
  
- II. The King's Magnificent Messages to His People (ch 5-7)
  - A. Messages on blessedness and morals (5)
  - B. Messages on motives, mammon, and cares (6)
  - C. Messages on discernment, encouragement, warnings (7)
  
- III. The King's Mighty Works for His People (ch 8-10)
  - A. The King's power over diseases (8:1-15, 9:1-22)
  - B. The King's power over nature (8:23-27)
  - C. The King's power over demons (8:28-34, 9:32-34)
  - D. The King's power over death (9:23-26)
  - E. The King's plan for His disciples' work (ch 10)
  
- IV. The King's Meaningful Doctrine Demonstrated to His People (ch 11-18)
  - A. The King's doctrine of faith, works, and the Kingdom (11-14)
    1. Doctrines of doubt and repentance (11)
    2. Doctrines of the Sabbath and signs (12)
    3. Doctrine of the Kingdom in parables (13)
    4. Demonstrated by miracle power over nature (14)
  - B. The King's doctrine of authority and the Church (15-17)
    1. Doctrine of the source of authority (15)
    2. Doctrine of the Church's foundation (16)
    3. Demonstrated by His transfiguration and miracles (17)
  - C. The King's doctrines of discipline, divorce, duty, destiny (18-20)
    1. Doctrine of discipline (18)
    2. Doctrine of divorce and duty (19)
    3. Doctrine of heavenly rewards (20)
  
- V. The King's Presentation, Death, and Resurrection (21-28)
  - A. The King's presentation to His people (21-25)
  - B. The King's crucifixion by His people (26-27)
  - C. The King's resurrection for His people (28)

Lesson 33: Mark: The Book About Jesus the Servant of God

Author: Mark, the son of Mary (Acts 12:12), the cousin of Barnabas (Col. 4:10)

Date: about A.D. 61

Theme: The Messianic Ministry of Jesus, the Servant of God

Key Verse: "The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner."  
(Mark 12:10)

I. The Messianic Ministry of Jesus Is Introduced (ch 1-3)

- A. Jesus Christ is introduced (1)
- B. Jesus Christ confronts His critics (2-3)

II. The Messianic Ministry of Jesus Is Manifested (ch 4-6)

- A. Parables teach about Messiah's Kingdom (4)
- B. Powerful miracles demonstrate Messiah's deity (5)
- C. Public manifestations of Messiah's ministry (6)

III. The Messianic Ministry of Jesus Is Challenged (ch 7-12)

- A. Jesus reproved challenges about ritualism and racism (7)
- B. Jesus refused challenges of sensationalism and self-exaltation (8)
- C. Jesus revealed His glory and power (9)
- D. Jesus rectified various doctrines (10)
- E. Jesus revealed His messianic authority (11)
- F. Jesus responded to challengers with biblical doctrine (12)

IV. The Messianic Ministry of Jesus Is Consummated (13-16)

- A. Jesus' doctrine of the last days (13)
- B. Jesus prepared for His death (14)
- C. Jesus condemned, crucified and buried (15)
- D. Jesus resurrected and ascended to heaven (16)

Lesson 34: Luke: The Book About Jesus the Son of Man

Author: Luke, the physician, companion of Paul

Date: about A.D. 60

Theme: Jesus as the Son of Man

Key Verse: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)

I. The Background of Jesus the Son of Man (ch 1-3)

- A. The birth of John the Baptist and the annunciation to Mary (1)
- B. The birth and childhood of Jesus (2)
- C. The baptism and genealogy of Jesus (3)

II. The Beginning of the Ministry of the Son of Man (ch 4-6)

- A. The temptation and early public ministry of Jesus (4)
- B. The calling of the first disciples by Jesus (5)
- C. The teaching on the Sabbath, blessedness, foundations (6)

III. The Preaching Ministry of the Son of Man (ch 7-10)

- A. He healed diseased and doubts (7)
- B. He preached kingdom parables, demonstrated His power (8)
- C. He preached through His disciples (9-10)
  - 1. He sent the twelve out to preach (9)
  - 2. He sent the seventy out to preach (10)

IV. The Doctrinal Ministry of the Son of Man (ch 11-18)

- A. His doctrines on prayer and the hearts of God and man (11-12)
- B. His doctrines on repentance, faith, rejection, surrender (13-14)
- C. His doctrines on lost things, stewardship, Hell (15-16)
- D. His doctrines on faith, forgiveness, the future (17-18)

V. The Consummation of the Ministry of the Son of Man (ch 19-24)

- A. The triumphal entry and cleansing the Temple (19)
- B. The teaching on authority, rejection, resurrection (20)
- C. The teaching on giving, tribulation, second coming (21)
- D. The trial, death, burial, resurrection (22-24)
  - 1. The Lord's Supper, Gethsemane, arrest (22)
  - 2. The trial, crucifixion, burial (23)
  - 3. The resurrection, appearance, ascension (24)

Lesson 35: John: The Book About Jesus the Son of God

Author: John, the apostle

Date: about A.D. 90

Theme: Jesus Is the Son of God and God the Son

Key Verse: "And I saw and bare record, that this is the Son of God." (John 1:34)

I. The Son of God Is Introduced (ch 1)

- A. He is the Word of God (1:1-5)
- B. He is the Light from God (1:6-10)
- C. He is the Incarnation of God (1:11-14)
- D. He is the Lamb of God (1:15-34)
- E. He is the Messiah of God (1:35-51)

II. The Son of God Is Declared to Be Messiah (ch 2-5)

- A. Two signs declare His Messiahship: wine, Temple (2)
- B. Three people witness His Messiahship: Nicodemus, John the Baptist, John (3)
- C. The Son claimed to be Messiah in Samaria (4)
- D. The Son claimed to be Messiah in Jerusalem (5)

III. The Son of God Is the Source of Our Sustenance (ch 6-9)

- A. He is the Bread of Life to the hungry (6)
- B. He is the Water of Life to the thirsty (7)
- C. He is the Source of Light to those in darkness (8)
- D. He is the Source of Sight to the blind (9)

IV. The Son of God Is the Guide for Our Life (ch 10-13)

- A. He is the Good Shepherd: the guide through daily life (10)
- B. He is the Resurrection: the guide into eternal life (11)
- C. He is the King of Israel: the guide in national life (12)
- D. He is the Humble Servant: the guide in personal life (13)

V. The Son of God Is Mediator with the Father (ch 14-17)

- A. He is the Way: access to the Father (14)
- B. He is the Vine: source of fruitfulness for the Father (15)
- C. He is the Sender: the comforter from the Father (16)
- D. He is the Intercessor: advocate with the Father (17)

VI. The Son of God Is the Propitiation for Our Sins (ch 18-21)

- A. He was betrayed, denied, condemned for us (18)
- B. He was crucified and buried for us (19)
- C. He arose and appeared to His disciples (20)
- D. He instructed His disciples in service (21)

Lesson 36: Acts: The Book About the Early Church

Author: Luke, the physician

Date: about A.D. 62

Theme: The Beginning and Growth of the Church

Key Verse: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

Prologue: (1:1-8)

I. The Witness of the Gospel in Jerusalem and Judea (ch 1-7)

- A. The Day of Ascension: the believers are instructed (1)
- B. The Day of Pentecost: the birth of the Church (2)
- C. Peter and John preach to the Jews (3)
- D. Peter and John put in prison: preaching prohibited (4)
- E. The Apostles put in prison: preaching prohibited (5)
- F. Stephen's witness and martyrdom (6-7)

II. The Witness of the Gospel to Samaria (ch 8)

III. The Witness of the Gospel to the Gentiles (ch 9-20)

- A. The conversion of Saul of Tarsus: the first missionary (9)
- B. The conversion of Cornelius: the first Gentile believer (9-11)
- C. The Church of Antioch started: the first Gentile Church (11-12)
- D. The conversion of Gentiles: Paul's missionary journeys (13-20)
  - 1. Paul's first missionary journey: to Asia Minor (13-15)
  - 2. Paul's second missionary journey: to Europe (16-18)
  - 3. Paul's third missionary journey: to Asia and Europe (19-20)

IV. The Witness of the Gospel to Rulers (ch 21-26)

- A. Paul witnesses to the Jews in Jerusalem (21-22)
- B. Paul witnesses to the rulers of the Jews (23)
- C. Paul witnesses to Felix: more convenient time (24)
- D. Paul witnesses to Festus: an appeal to Caesar (25)
- E. Paul witnesses to Agrippa: almost persuaded (26)

V. The Witness of the Gospel to Rome (ch 27-28)

- A. Paul's journey Rome: shipwreck at sea (27)
- B. Paul's arrival at Rome: witness to the Jews (28)

Lesson 37: Romans: The Book About Justification by Faith

Author: Paul, the apostle

Date: about A.D. 56

Theme: Justification by Faith

Key Verse: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation by every one that believeth; to the Jews first, and also to the Greek," (Romans 1:16)

Prologue: (1:1-18)

I. Instruction on Doctrine (ch 1-8)

- A. The doctrine of man's depravity (1:19-3:20)
  - 1. All men re guilty and without excuses (1:19-32)
  - 2. There are no exemptions from universal guilt (2:1-29)
  - 3. The Jew's advantage results in greater responsibility (3:1-20)
- B. The doctrine of justification by faith (3:21-5:21)
  - 1. God's remedy for sin: Justification by faith (3:21-31)
  - 2. Abraham, the example of justification by faith (ch 4)
  - 3. The results of justification by faith (ch 5)
- C. The doctrine of sanctification by faith (6:1-8:39)
  - 1. The question of sin for Christians under grace (ch 6)
  - 2. The Law's role in sanctification by faith (ch 7)
  - 3. The Holy Spirit and the purposes of God in sanctification by faith (ch 8)

II. Instruction on Dispensations (ch 9-11)

- A. Israel is lost whereas some Gentiles are saved (9)
- B. Israel is lost because of unbelief (10)
- C. Although now rejected, all Israel shall be saved (11)

III. Instruction on Duties (ch 12-15)

- A. The Christian's duty for dedication and service (12)
- B. The Christian's duty as a good citizen (13)
- C. The Christian's duty regarding doubtful practices (14)
- D. The Christian's duty to one another (15:1-13)

Epilogue: (15:14-16:27)

Lesson 38: 1 Corinthians: The Book About Carnality

Author: Paul, the apostle

Date: about A.D. 59

Theme: Corrections for Carnality in the Church

Key Verse: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."  
(1 Corinthians 10:13)

Prologue: (1:1-9)

- I. Paul Advises Them Concerning Their Problems (ch 1-6)
  - A. Their problem of divisions over personalities (1:10-17)
  - B. Their problem of seeking worldly wisdom (1:18-2:16)
    1. The difficulty with worldly wisdom (1:18-31)
    2. The difference between natural and spiritual wisdom (ch 2)
  - C. Their problem with carnality in the Church (ch 3-4)
    1. The Corinthians were carnal (3:1-4)
    2. All Christians will be judged by Christ (3:5-23)
    3. No Christian should be judged by men (4:1-21)
  - D. Their problem with immorality (ch 5)
  - E. Their problem with legal differences (6:1-8)
  - F. Their problem with bodily purity (6:9-20)
  
- II. Paul Answers Their Questions (ch 7-16)
  - A. Their questions about marriage (ch 7)
    1. Marriage is proper and recommended (7:1-9)
    2. Divorce is improper and not recommended (7:10-16)
    3. Continenence is commended but not commanded (7:17-40)
  - B. Their questions about foods (ch 8-10)
    1. What we eat should not be a stumbling block (ch 8)
    2. Paul has authority to answer this question (ch 9)
    3. Paul warns them about Israel's failure (10:1-15)
    4. Paul suggests separation from questionable practices (10:16-22)
    5. Paul's rule about love and offenses (10:23-33)
  - C. Their questions about the Lord's Supper (ch 11)
  - D. Their questions about spiritual gifts (ch 12-14)
    1. Spiritual gifts are diversified (12:1-11)
    2. Not all have the same spiritual gifts (12:12-31)
    3. Love is the governing principle (ch 13)
    4. Prophecy is superior to tongues (14:1-22)
    5. Order and edification are necessary (14:23-40)
  - E. Their questions about the resurrection (ch 15)
  - F. Their questions about giving (16:1-9)

Epilogue: (16:10-24)



Lesson 39: 2 Corinthians: The Book About Comforting the Church

Author: Paul, the apostle

Date: about A.D. 60

Theme: Comfort for a Church, Confused and in Conflict

Key Verse: "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

Prologue: (1:1-2)

I. Comfort for the Church at Corinth (ch 1-7)

- A. Paul comforts them concerning his own personal problems (ch 1)
  - 1. He comforts them about his suffering (1:3-11)
  - 2. He comforts them regarding his integrity (1:12-24)
- B. Paul comforts and forgives the repentant (2:1-13)
- C. Paul comforts them concerning his ministry (2:14-6:18)
  - 1. His ministry is triumphant (2:14-17)
  - 2. His ministry is evident to them (3:1-5)
  - 3. His ministry is spiritual not legal (3:6-18)
  - 4. His ministry is honest and honoring to Christ (4:1-7)
  - 5. His ministry involves suffering (4:8-18)
  - 6. His ministry anticipates a new body (5:1-9)
  - 7. His ministry anticipates the Judgment Seat (5:10-13)
  - 8. His ministry is motivated by Christ's love (5:14-17)
  - 9. His ministry is for reconciliation (5:18-21)
  - 10. His ministry is approved (6:1-10)
  - 11. His ministry involves separation (6:11-18)
- D. Paul comforts the sorrowful repenter (7:1-16)

II. Instructions for the Collection at Corinth (ch 8-9)

- A. They should abound in the grace of giving (8)
- B. They should abound in the cheerfulness of giving (9)

III. Authentication of Paul's ministry to Corinth (ch 10-12)

- A. His ministry is authenticated by God (10)
- B. His ministry is authenticated by his works (11)
- C. His ministry is authenticated by visions and signs (12)

Epilogue: (ch 13)

Lesson 40: Galatians: The Book Against Legalism

Author: Paul, the apostle

Date: about A.D. 60

Theme: The Gospel Is of Grace Completely Apart from the Law

Key Verse: "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." (Galatians 3:24)

Salutation: To the Churches of Galatia (1:1-5)

I. The Gospel of Grace Is Authentic (ch 1-2)

A. It is genuine and God-given (ch 1)

1. It is genuine: in contrast to false legalism (1:6-9)
2. It is God-given: received from Christ not men (1:10-24)

B. It is approved and unchallenged (ch 2)

1. It was approved by the apostles (2:1-10)
2. It was unchallenged at the rebuke of Peter (2:11-20)

II. The Gospel of Grace Excludes Legalism (ch 3-34)

A. It places faith above law (ch 3)

1. The Galatians began by faith alone (3:1-5)
2. Abraham was justified by faith alone (3:6-9)
3. The law is not of faith (3:10-12)
4. The promises and covenants were not of the law (3:13-18)
5. The law merely leads sinners to Christ (3:19-24)
6. The law is set aside by grace (3:25-29)

B. Grace and law cannot co-exist (ch 4)

1. Illustrated by the law of sonship (4:1-18)
2. Illustrated by the typology of Sarah and Hagar (4:19-31)

III. The Gospel of Grace Is Not Lawless (ch 5-6)

A. It is under a higher standard not regulated by Mosaic law (ch 5)

1. It is under the law of love (5:1-15)
2. It is under the control of the Spirit (5:16-26)
  - a. The Spirit does not lead us to lawlessness (16-21)
  - b. The Spirit's fruit has no law against it (22-26)

B. It is under the law of Christ (ch 6)

1. Christ's law of forgiveness and restoration (6:1)
2. Christ's law of mutual concern (6:2-5)
3. Christ's law of stewardship (6:6)
4. Christ's law of sowing and reaping (6:7-9)
5. Christ's law of beneficence (6:10)
6. Christ's law of glorifying (6:11-15)
7. Christ's law of peace (6:16)

Signature: Closing Benediction (6:17-18)

Lesson 41: Ephesians: The Book About Union with Christ

Author: Paul, the apostle

Date: about A.D. 61

Theme: The Believer's Wealth and Walk in Christ

Key Verse: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." (Ephesians 1:3)

I. The Believer's Wealth in Christ (ch 1-3)

- A. The believer's position and potential in Christ (ch 1)
  - 1. Our present position in Christ (1:1-14)
  - 2. Our potential perception in Christ (1:15-23)
- B. The believer's condition and relationships in Christ (ch 2)
  - 1. Our condition with Christ (2:1-10)
  - 2. Our relationships in Christ (2:11-22)
- C. The believer's riches and resources in Christ (ch 3)
  - 1. Our riches in Christ: A mystery (3:1-12)
  - 2. Our resources in Christ: A prayer (3:13-21)

II. The Believer's Walk in Christ (ch 4-6)

- A. The believer's walk in the Church (ch 4)
  - 1. The ideals of our walk (4:1-6)
  - 2. The gifts and goals of our walk (4:7-16)
  - 3. The rules of our walk (4:17-32)
- B. The believer's walk in personal holiness (5:1-21)
- C. The believer's walk with others (5:22-6:9)
  - 1. Our walk as husbands and wives (5:22-33)
  - 2. Our walk as parents and children (6:1-4)
  - 3. Our walk as masters and servants (6:5-9)
- D. The believer's walk as a warrior (6:10-24)
  - 1. Our enemy (6:10-12)
  - 2. Our weapons (6:13-17)
  - 3. Our warfare (6:18-20)
  - 4. Our benediction (6:21-24)

Lesson 42: Philippians: The Book About Christian Living

Author: Paul, the apostle

Date: about A.D. 61

Theme: Christ: The Key to Christian living

Key Verse: "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

Salutation: (1:1-7)

I. Christ Our Life (ch 1)

(The Christian's Philosophy of Life)

- A. Paul's concern for their life (1:8-11)
- B. Paul comforts them regarding his life (1:12-26)
- C. Paul's command for their life (1:27-30)
  - 1. Let your life be worthy of the Gospel (27-28)
  - 2. Your life includes suffering for Christ (29-30)

II. Christ Our Mind (ch 2)

(The Christian's Pattern of Thinking)

- A. Exhortations for the Christian mind (2:1-16)
  - 1. Be like-minded (1-2)
  - 2. Be lowly-minded (3-4)
  - 3. Be Christ-minded (5-11)
  - 4. Be work-minded (12-16)
- B. Examples for the Christian mind (2:17-30)

III. Christ Our Goal (ch 3)

(The Christian's Purpose for Living)

-- Seven Goals for Christians --

- A. The goal of joy: Rejoice in the Lord (3:1)
- B. The goal of caution: Beware of error (3:2-3)
- C. The goal of values: Losses and gains (3:4-9)
- D. The goal of personal growth in Christ (3:10)
- E. The goal of rewards: The prize (3:11-16)
- F. The goal of leadership: Follow God men (3:17-19)
- G. The goal of Christ's Second Coming (3:20-21)

IV. Christ Our Power (ch 4)

(The Christian's Perseverance in Life)

- A. Christ our power over weakness (4:1-4, 13)
- B. Christ our power over worry (4:5-7)
- C. Christ our power over worldliness (4:8-9)
- D. Christ our power over want (4:10-19)

Benediction: (4:20-23)

Lesson 43: Colossians: The Book About Fullness of Life

Author: Paul, the apostle

Date: about A.D. 61

Theme: Christ the Fullness of All Things

Key Verse: "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." (Colossians 2:9)

Salutation: (1:1-14)

I. Christ Is the Fullness of God and Man (1:15-2:23)

A. Christ is the fullness of God (1:15-29)

1. He is the fullness of God in preeminence (1:15-18)
2. He is the fullness of God in reconciliation (1:19-23)
3. He is the fullness of God in perfecting (1:24-29)

B. Christ is the completeness of believers (ch 2)

1. Paul's concern for their steadfastness (2:1-5)
2. Paul's command to be steadfast in faith (2:6-8)
3. Paul's doctrine of completeness in Christ (2:9-15)
  - a. The fullness of the Godhead dwells in Christ (9)
  - b. All believers are complete in Christ (10-14)
  - c. All principalities are subject to Christ (10, 15)
4. Paul desires their freedom from ritualism (2:16-23)

II. Christ Is the Fullness of Duty (3:1-4:6)

A. The Christian's duties to self and responsibilities (3:1-4:1)

1. His duty toward his desires (3:1-4)
2. His duties toward his two natures (3:5-17)
3. His domestic duties (3:18-4:1)
  - a. The duties of husbands and wives (18-19)
  - b. The duties of parents and children (20-21)
  - c. The duties of masters and servants (3:22-4:1)

B. The Christian's duties to the world (4:2-6)

1. His duty to pray for missionaries (4:2-4)
2. His duty to practice a good testimony (4:5-6)

Benediction: (4:7-18)

Lesson 44: 1 Thessalonians: The Book of Instruction

Author: Paul, the apostle

Date: about A.D. 54

Theme: Instructions for a New Church

Key Verse: "Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more." (1 Thessalonians 4:1)

Prologue: Thankfulness at Their Remembrance (1:1-3)

I. Paul Remembered Their Early Enthusiasm (ch 1)

- A. Their labor of love: Being examples (4-8)
- B. Their work of faith: Turning to God (9)
- C. Their patience of hope: Waiting for Jesus (10)

II. Paul Reminded Them of His Early Entrance (ch 2)

- A. His initial entrance to Thessalonica (1-8)
- B. His labor and travail in Thessalonica (9-12)
- C. His authority in the Word of God (13-18)
- D. His crown at Christ's coming (19-20)

III. Paul Instructed Them About Persecution and Perfection (ch 3)

- A. Their comfort concerning persecution (1-7)
- B. Their concern for continued perfection (8-12)
- C. Their completion in holiness at Christ's coming (13)

IV. Paul Instructed Them in Their Calling and Comfort (ch 4)

- A. Their call to sanctification (1-8)
- B. Their call to brotherly love (9-12)
- C. Their comfort at Christ's coming (13-18)

V. Paul Instructed Them in Watchfulness and Holiness (ch 5)

- A. His instruction about times and seasons (1-3)
- B. His instruction to holy watchfulness (4-11)
- C. His instruction about holy walking (12-22)

Benedictions: (5:23-28)

Lesson 45: 2 Thessalonians: The Book of Comfort and Correction

Author: Paul, the apostle

Date: about A.D. 54

Theme: Comfort and Correction Concerning Tribulation

Key Verse: "...that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer."  
(2 Thessalonians 1:5)

Prologue: Thankfulness and Boasting about Them (1:1-4)

I. Paul Comforted Them Concerning Tribulation (ch 1)

- A. His comfort in tribulation (1:5-7)
  - 1. Their tribulation is evidence of worthiness (5-6)
  - 2. Their tribulation will end in rest (7)
- B. His comfort by Christ's coming (1:8-12)
  - 1. Christ's coming brings vengeance on the wicked (8-9)
  - 2. Christ's coming brings glory in His saints (10-12)

II. Paul Corrected Them Concerning Tribulation (ch 2)

- A. He corrected them about the tribulation (2:1-12)
  - 1. The Day of the Lord has not yet come (1-2)
  - 2. The Day of the Lord must follow certain events (3-5)
    - a. It follows the "falling away" (3a)
    - b. It follows the revelation of Antichrist (3b-5)
  - 3. The Day of the Lord is withheld by the Holy Spirit (6-10)
  - 4. The Day of the Lord brings damning delusions (11-12)
- B. His command to stand fast in tribulation (2:13-17)
  - 1. Stand fast because they are chosen (13-14)
  - 2. Stand fast in sound doctrine (15-17)

III. Paul's Confidence in Them Concerning Tribulation (ch 3)

- A. His confidence in their obedience (3:1-5)
  - 1. His confident request for prayer (1-2)
  - 2. His confidence in the Lord's faithfulness (3)
  - 3. His confidence that they will be obedient (4-5)
- B. His command to separation from the disorderly (3:6-15)
  - 1. His command to separation (6-9)
  - 2. Separation from the sluggard (10-13)
  - 3. Separation from the disobedient (14-15)

Benediction: (3:16-18)

Lesson 46: 1 and 2 Timothy: The Books to a Spiritual Son

Author: Paul, the apostle

Date: about A.D. 65-66

Theme: Instructions to a Young Pastor and Dear Son

Key Verse: "But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness." (1 Timothy 6:11)

I. Instructions to a Young Pastor (1 Timothy)

- A. Recommendations for the young pastor (ch 1)
  - 1. Warning against false doctrine (1-11)
  - 2. Thanks for God's mercy (12-17)
  - 3. Charge to faithful ministry (18-20)
- B. Exhortations for Church members (ch 2)
  - 1. Exhortation to pray for all men (1-7)
  - 2. Exhortation to proper conduct in the church (8-15)
- C. Qualifications for Church officers (ch 3)
  - 1. Qualifications for the bishop (1-7)
  - 2. Qualifications for the deacons (8-16)
- D. Exhortations for the young pastor (ch 4)
  - 1. Exhortation about apostasy (1-4)
  - 2. Exhortation for godly exercise (5-10)
  - 3. Exhortation to exemplary ministry (11-16)
- E. Proper respect among church members (5:1-6:2)
  - 1. Proper respect for members (5:1-2)
  - 2. Proper care for widows (5:3-16)
  - 3. Proper honor for ruling elders (5:17-25)
  - 4. Proper honor for masters (6:1-2)
- F. Proper attitudes for Christians (6:3-21)
  - 1. Proper godliness and contentment (3-10)
  - 2. Proper conduct for a young pastor (11-16)
  - 3. Proper attitude toward riches (17-19)
  - 4. Proper caution against science (20-21)

II. Instructions for a Dear Son (2 Timothy)

- A. Reminders for a dear son (ch 1)
  - 1. Reminder of his heritage of faith (1-7)
  - 2. Reminder of loyalty to the Gospel and sound doctrine (8-18)
- B. Commands for a dear son (ch 2)
  - 1. Command to be strong in grace (1-13)
  - 2. Command to be an approved worker (14-26)
- C. Warnings for a dear son (ch 3)
  - 1. Warning about perilous last days (1-9)
  - 2. Warning to continue in the inspired Scriptures (10-17)
- D. Charges for a dear son (ch 4)
  - 1. Charge to preach the Word (1-5)
  - 2. Charges of farewell (6-22)



Lesson 47: Titus and Philemon: Letters to Pastors

Author: Paul, the apostle

Date: about A.D. 65-66

Theme: Instructions for Pastors

Key Verse: "But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine.: (Titus 2:1)

I. The Characteristics of a Good Church (Titus)

- A. The characteristics of the Church's pastor (ch 1)
  - 1. He has biblical qualifications (1-9)
  - 2. He has protective qualities (10-16)
  
- B. The characteristics of the Church's members (ch 2)
  - 1. They have good personal characteristics (1-10)
    - a. The older men (1-2)
    - b. The older women (3)
    - c. The younger women (4-5)
    - d. The younger men (6-8)
    - e. The slaves (9-10)
  - 2. They have godly characteristics (11-15)
    - a. They deny ungodly behavior (11-12)
    - b. They desire godly behavior (12)
    - c. They desire Christ's coming (13-15)
  
- C. The good works of the Church's members (ch 3)
  - 1. They are subject to higher authorities (1)
  - 2. They seek a good testimony to the world (2-8)
  - 3. They separate from divisive people (9-15)

II. Paul's Intercession for a Slave (Philemon)

- A. Paul praises Philemon's good character (1-7)
  
- B. Paul pleads for Onesimus the slave (8-16)
  - 1. On the basis of their personal relationship (8-9)
  - 2. On the basis of Onesimus' salvation (10-11)
  - 3. On the basis of Onesimus' new brotherhood (12-16)
  
- C. Paul promises personal responsibility for Onesimus (17-25)
  - 1. He promises to repay his debt (17-20)
  - 2. He promises to pay a visit (21-25)

Lesson 48: Hebrews: The Book About Christ's Superiority

Author: Unknown

Date: before A.D. 68

Theme: The Superiority of Christ

Key Verse: "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:25)

- I. The Superior Revelation of Christ (1:1-4)
- II. The Superior Person of Christ (1:5-3:19)
  - A. He is superior to the angels (1:5-14)
  - B. His salvation demands diligence (ch. 2-3)
    1. His salvation must not be neglected (2:1-4)
    2. His salvation required His humbling (2:5-9)  
That He might save many sons (2:10-18)
    3. His salvation required His faithfulness (3:1-6)  
Therefore we must be faithful (3:7-19)
- III. The Superior Rest of Christ (4:1-13)
  - A. God promised superior rest to His people (4:1-10)
  - B. We should be diligent to enter His rest (4:11-13)
- IV. The Superior Priesthood of Christ (4:14-8:13)
  - A. Christ's priesthood is after the Melchizadek order (4:14-5:14)
  - B. Warning against unbelief of God's promises (ch 6)
  - C. The Melchizadek order is superior to Aaronic order (ch 7)
  - D. Christ the priest mediates a superior covenant (ch 8)
- V. The Superior Sanctuary of Christ (9:1-15)
  - A. The earthly sanctuary was a shadow (1-10)
  - B. The heavenly sanctuary is superior (11-15)
- VI. The Superior Sacrifice of Christ (9:16-10:39)
  - A. Christ's sacrificial death was necessary and superior (9:16-28)
  - B. Christ's sacrificial death satisfied God's will (10:1-39)
- VII. The Superiority of Faith in Christ (ch 11-13)
  - A. Faith is the essence of reality (11:1-3)
  - B. Faith was the example of the patriarchs (11:4-38)
  - C. Faith waits for ultimate perfection (11:39-40)
  - D. Faith requires our perseverance (ch 12)
  - E. Faith results in perfecting works (ch 13)

Lesson 49: James: The Book About Godliness

Author: James, the Lord's brother

Date: about A.D. 44

Theme: The Characteristics of True Godliness

Key Verse: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."  
(James 1:22 NKJV)

I. The Godly Man Endures Trials (1:1-20)

- A. Trials are profitable to the godly man (1-12)
  - 1. They have a perfecting effect (1-8)
  - 2. They have an exalting effect (9-11)
  - 3. They have an enduring reward (12)
- B. Temptations are produced by evil lusts (13-20)

II. The Godly Man Exhibits Excellent Qualities (1:21-3:18)

- A. He is a doer of the word (1:21-27)
- B. He does not show partiality (2:1-13)
- C. He demonstrates his faith by works (2:14-26)
- D. He controls his tongue (3:1-12)
- E. He possesses heavenly wisdom (3:13-18)

III. The Godly Man Evades Worldly Lusts (4:1-10)

- A. He knows the consequences of worldly lusts (1-6)
- B. He knows the cure for worldly lusts (7-10)

IV. The Godly Man Eludes False Attitudes (4:11-5:6)

- A. He avoids false judging (4:11-12)
- B. He avoids false planning (4:13-17)
- C. He avoids false trust in riches (5:1-6)

V. The Godly Man Engages in Profitable Practices (5:7-20)

- A. He practices patient perseverance (7-12)
- B. He practices persistent prayer (13-18)
- C. He practices persuasive penitence (19-20)

Lesson 50: 1 and 2 Peter: The Books of Instructions for Believers

Author: Peter, the apostle

Date: about A. D. 60-66

Theme: Instructions for God's People about God's Word

Key Verse: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." (1 Peter 1:23)

I. Instructions for God's Elect People (1 Peter)

- A. Instructions on God's saving power (ch 1)
  - 1. Believers are elect of God (1-2)
  - 2. Believers are born again to a living hope (3-9)
  - 3. Believer's salvation was foretold by the prophets (10-12)
  - 4. Believers are to be holy (13-21)
  - 5. Believers are to have brotherly love (22-25)
- B. Instructions for spiritual growth (2:1-12)
  - 1. Grow by nourishment from the Word (1-3)
  - 2. Built up into a spiritual house of living stone (4-10)
  - 3. Grow by separation from fleshly lusts (11-12)
- C. Instructions on submission to others (2:13-3:22)
  - 1. Citizens are to submit to civil authorities (2:13-17)
  - 2. Servants are to submit to their masters (2:18-25)
  - 3. Husbands and wives are to submit to each other (3:1-7)
  - 4. Church members are to submit to others (3:8-12)
  - 5. Christians are to submit to suffering (3:15-22)
- D. Instructions for glorifying God (ch 4)
  - 1. Glorify God by ceasing from sin (1-6)
  - 2. Glorify God by serving selflessly (7-11)
  - 3. Glorify God by suffering silently (12-19)
- E. Instructions for Church leadership (ch 5)
  - 1. The elders are to shepherd the flock (1-4)
  - 2. The young people are to submit to God (5-7)
  - 3. Christians are to resist the devil (8-14)

II. Instructions About God's Word (2 Peter)

- A. The profit of the prophetic word (ch 1)
  - 1. They provide promises for fruitful growth (1-15)
  - 2. They provide for absolute certainty of truth (16-21)
- B. The perils of false prophets (ch 2)
  - 1. False prophets are destructive (1-3)
  - 2. False prophets are doomed (4-11)
  - 3. False prophets are depraved (12-17)
  - 4. False prophets are deceivers (18-22)
- C. The predictions about the prophetic word (ch 3)
  - 1. Unbelief will increase in the last days (1-9)
  - 2. The Day of the Lord will certainly come (10-13)
  - 3. Christians must remain steadfast (14-18)

## Lesson 51: The Epistles of John: Books to Help God's Children

Author: John, the apostle

Date: about A.D. 80-90

Theme: How to Know You Have Eternal Life

Key Verse: "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." (1 John 5:13)

### I. God's Children May Know They Have Eternal Life (1 John)

- A. Fellowship with God is based on our walk, cleansing, advocate (1:1-2:2)
  - 1. We must walk in the light (1:1-7)
  - 2. We must be cleansed by the blood (1:8-10)
  - 3. We have an advocate with the Father (2:1-2)
- B. Knowing God is based on obedience, love, truth (2:3-29)
  - 1. We must obey His commandments (3-6)
  - 2. We must love our brothers (7-14)
  - 3. We must not love the world (15-17)
  - 4. We must abide in the truth (18-29)
- C. God's children practice righteousness, love, discernment (3:1-4:6)
  - 1. We are the children of God (3:1-2)
  - 2. We must practice righteousness (3:3-9)
  - 3. We must practice love (3:10-24)
  - 4. We must discern the spirits (4:1-6)
- D. God's children love God and men (4:7-21)
  - 1. We know God through love (7-11)
  - 2. We see God through love (12-16)
  - 3. We are perfected through love (17-21)
- E. God's children continually exercise faith (5:1-21)
  - 1. Faith brings the new birth (1-3)
  - 2. Faith overcomes the world (4-5)
  - 3. Faith accounts God to be true (6-10)
  - 4. Faith gives certainty of salvation (11-13)
  - 5. Faith gives confidence in prayer (14-17)
  - 6. Faith leads to personal purity (18-21)

### II. God's Children Must Obey and Beware (2 John)

- A. God's children walk in the truth (1-4)
- B. God's children walk in His commandments (5-6)
- C. God's children beware of Antichrist deceivers (7-13)

### III. God's children must be hospitable (3 John)

- A. God's children walk in the truth (1-4)
- B. Gaius is commended for Christian hospitality (5-8)
- C. Diotrephes is reprimanded for hostility (9-11)
- D. Demetrius is commended for his testimony (12-14)

Lesson 52: Jude: The Book Against Apostasy

Author: Jude, the brother of James

Date: about A.D. 66

Theme: Warnings Against Apostasy

Key Verse: "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." (Jude 24)

I. Prologue: Introduces the Book (1-2)

- A. The author: Jude (1)
- B. The addressee: Christians in general (1b)
- C. The anticipation: Multiplied blessings (2)

II. Purpose of the Letter: Warning Against Apostasy (3-4)

- A. It is necessary to contend for the faith (3)
- B. Because of rising apostasy (4)

III. Past Punishment of Apostates Is Remembered (5-7)

- A. Apostates in ancient Israel were punished (5)
- B. Apostates in ancient angels were punished (6)
- C. Apostates in ancient Sodom were punished (7)

IV. Present Practices of Apostates Are Defined (8-13)

- A. Present day apostates are defined by characteristics (8-11)
  - 1. They defile the flesh (8)
  - 2. They reject authority (8)
  - 3. They revile dignitaries (8-9)
  - 4. They revile the unknown (10)
  - 5. They corrupt themselves (10)
  - 6. They follow the example of ancient apostates (11)
- B. Present day apostates are defined by simile (12-13)
  - 1. Spots of defilement (12)
  - 2. Shifting clouds (12)
  - 3. Unfruitful trees (12)
  - 4. Raging waves (13)
  - 5. Wandering stars (13)

V. Prophetic Predictions Foretold Apostasy (14-19)

- A. Their doom was foretold by ancient prophets (14-15)
- B. Their tongue identifies them (16)
- C. Their coming was foretold by the apostles (17-19)

VI. Practical Precautions Are Given Against Apostasy (20-23)

- A. Keep yourselves in God's love (20-21)
- B. Have compassion on some (22)
- C. Save others with fear (23)

VII. Precious Promises Are Given of God's Keeping Power (24-25)

- A. He is able to keep us from falling (24)
- B. He is able to present us faultless (24)
- C. He is worthy of all praise and honor (25)

Lesson 53: The Revelation: The Book of Prophetic Predictions

Author: John, the apostle

Date: about A.D. 90

Theme: Revealing Jesus and His Future Dealings with Man

Key Verse: "Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter." (Revelation 1:19)

Prologue: The author gives his salutation (1:1-8)

I. The Vision of the Lord and His Commission to John (1:9-20)  
("The things which thou hast seen")

II. The Message to the Seven Churches (ch 2-3)  
("The things which are")

- A. Messages to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamus, Thyatira (ch 2)
- B. Messages to Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea (ch 3)

III. The Visions of Future Events (ch 4-22)  
("The things which shall be hereafter")

- A. Events prior to the tribulation (ch 4-5)
  - 1. Rapture of the Church and the heavenly scene (4)
  - 2. The seven-sealed book is prepared for opening (5)
- B. Events during the tribulation (ch 6-19)
  - 1. Opening 6 seals reveals the wrath of God (6)
  - 2. The fate of believers during the tribulation (7)
    - a. 144,000 Jewish believers sealed and preserved (1-8)
    - b. Great multitudes of Gentile believers martyred (9-17)
  - 3. The seventh seal initiates seven trumpet judgments (ch 8-9)
    - a. Four trumpets announce four judgments (8)
    - b. Two trumpets announce two judgments (9)
  - 4. The vision of the mighty angel and the little book (10)
  - 5. The ministry of the two witnesses in the temple (11)
  - 6. The vision of wonders and wars in heaven and earth (12)
  - 7. The vision of two beasts, from sea and earth (13)
  - 8. The destiny of earth's inhabitants (14)
  - 9. The seven vials of God's wrath (15-16)
  - 10. The judgment of Babylon (17-18)
  - 11. The marriage supper of the Lamb and the Second Coming of Christ (19)
- C. Events during the millennial reign of Christ (20)
- D. The New Heaven, New Earth, New Paradise (21-22)

Epilogue: The certainty and imminence of the prophecy and the final invitation (22:6-21)