

Week 8

Small Group

Philemon

Author: Paul

Date: 60 – 62

Place of writing: _____

Address: Philemon (slave owner) relationship with Onesimus

Onesimus's name means "profitable"

Paul doesn't command Philemon to free Onesimus but seeks to show him that is his Christian responsibility to do this.

Traditions say that Philemon freed Onesimus who later became Bishop of the church in Ephesus and was responsible for the gathering together of Paul's Epistles.

Hebrews

Author: Unknown

Purpose: To prepare Jewish Christians for approaching persecution.

Theme: The superiority of Christ

- Superior to the _____
- Superior to the Angels
- Superior to _____ (who gave the law)
- Superior to Joshua (who gave the promise land)
- Superior to Aaron and the Priesthood
- Mediator of a superior covenant and sacrifice

Four Warnings

1. Neglecting our Salvation (2:3)
2. A heart of unbelief (3:12)
3. Apostasy (falling away) (6:6)
4. Willing sinning (10:26)

The Faith Chapter: _____

James

Author: James the half-brother of Jesus and the leader of the Jerusalem Church

Date: 45 to 62 AD

Written in: Jerusalem

Addressed to: Christians that were scattered

Theme: "Practical Holiness"

James cared about consistent Christian living

Prayer of Faith for the sick (5:13-18)

1st Peter

Author: Peter

Date: 64-66

Addressed to: Christians living in the Roman provinces of Asia Minor

Theme: Suffering as Christians

Peter wanted to connect his Christian readers to their _____ heritage

2nd Peter

It was his 2nd letter to Asia Minor (3:1)

Date: 66 or 67

Written in: Rome

Purpose: To warn them of coming _____ and encourage them to patience for the Lord's coming

Peter addresses the Lord's return and that God keeps his promises.

1st, 2nd & 3rd John

Author: John

Written in: Ephesus

Addressed:

- 1st John: Christians
- 2nd John: “the elect lady and her children” either some woman in a local church or, more probably, as a euphemism for the whole church
- 3rd John: written to Gaius

Theme:

- 1st John: _____
- 2nd John: Beware of _____
- 3rd John: Beware of false brothers (their conduct)

Test the Spirits

- Don't believe every spirit. False Teachers claim to speak for God
- The theological test; Do they believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?
- The Social Test: Do they love their brothers?
- The Moral Test: do they keep God's Commandments?

Jude

Jude wasn't an apostle.

Author: _____

Jude says he is the brother of James

The Special Characteristics:

- The nature of False Teaching
 - It was immoral (v.4)
 - It denied Jesus as Master and Lord (v.4)
 - It was divisive (v.19)
- The Three O.T. examples of false teachings
 - The way of Cain (v.11)
 - The error of Balaam (v. 11)
 - The rebellion of Korah (v. 12)