

# Week 7

## Small Group

1. Ask what they got out of reading from the last week. (5 Minutes)
2. Beginning Discussion Questions (5-10 Minutes):
  1. Why is 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians important enough to be included in the New Testament?
  2. Could you see in 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians how Paul was defending his ministry?

### 3. Video: Week 7 (17:00):

#### Galatians

Author: Paul (Gal. 1:1, 5:2)

Written to: The Churches in Galatia

Written in: 48 AD

Purpose: To defend his Gospel as the true Gospel

#### Key Terms in Galatians

1. Gospel = the good news of salvation.
2. Works of the Law = salvation by obeying the Laws of the OT.
3. Grace = unmerited favor not based on works but on God's gift.
4. Fruit of the Spirit = the outworking of the Spirit's presence in the life of the believer who walks in Spirit.

Justification by Faith alone (3:11) Paul contrasts the "Works of the Law" vs. "Grace" (2:16; 3:11,24; 5:4)

#### Ephesians:

Author: Paul

## Prison Epistle

It is written in a formal manner which resembles a sermon more than a letter.

**Key Phrase:** "In Christ" or its equivalent. It is repeated about 35 times.

**First Three Chapters:** Doctrinal section

**Last chapters:** The practical section

Talks about the Spiritual Warfare and the armor of the believer.

## Philippians

**Author:** Paul with Timothy (1:1)

Prison Epistle

**Purpose:**

1. To thank the Philippians for the offering they had sent to Paul.
2. To warn the church against false teachers.
3. To appeal for unity in the church.

**Paul's exhortation to the Philippians:**

- Let your conduct be worthy of the Gospel (1:27)
- Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus (2:5)
- Rejoice in the Lord always (4:4)
- Be anxious for nothing (4:6)
- Think on what is good and noble (4:8)
- Be gracious to all men (4:5)
- Love and esteem the brethren (2:2,4)

## Colossians

**Author:** Paul with Timothy (1:1)

**Written in:** 60-62 from Rome most likely

**Purpose:**

- To combat heretical teachings in the Church of Colossae.
- To present Christ as our all sufficient savior.
- To exhort the Colossians to walk worthy of the Lord.

**Theme:** The Preeminence of Christ

**The Doctrine of Christ:**

- He is fully God {His divinity} (1:15; 2:2,9).
- He is over all {His supremacy as creator and Lord of all} (1:16,17,19).
- He is the redeemer and savior of mankind (1:20-22).
- He is the head of the Church (1:18).
- He is the believers hope (1:22; 2:10; 3:1-4).

**Principles of the Christ centered life:**

- Set your mind on Christ (3:1-3).
- Put off the world.
- Put on Christ.

### 1 and 2 Thessalonians

**Author:** Paul (with Silas and Timothy)

**Written:** 50-51 AD

**Place of writing:** Corinth

**Purpose:**

- To defend himself against false accusations (1 Th. 2).
- To encourage them in the midst of persecution (1 Th 3:3; 2 Th. 1:4).

**Authentic Ministry**

- Authentic ministry proclaims the Gospel.
- Authentic ministry is not done for money.
- Authentic ministry is motivated by love.

**Paul wanted them to remember what he had already taught them**

- Christians will experience trials.

- Christians should excel in Holy living (Sanctification).
- Christians should not be idle (lazy).

### Paul wanted to clear up

- Christ will return to “rapture” all his people (including the dead).
- Before Christ returns certain events must have already happened.

### The Day of the Lord (1 Thess. 5:1-11)

- It will come as a thief in the Night so watch and be sober.
- To the unbeliever it will be a day of wrath.
- To the believer it will be day of Salvation.

### 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy

Pastoral Epistles

Written to: Timothy and Titus

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy is entirely pastoral.

Titus is mainly pastoral with very personal elements.

2 Timothy is mainly personal with very little pastoral instruction.

Timothy’s mother (Eunice) and grandmother (Lois) were Jewish and his father was Greek.

Titus was a Gentile Convert.

### 1 Timothy

Instruction on how to be a good Pastor:

1. Personal godliness.
2. Teach the truth.

Christian Conduct:

1. Men: avoid disputes and anger and devote themselves to prayer.
2. Women: maintain a good testimony, be in submission to authority.

3. Widows: The widow's family has the first responsibility for widows, if they have no family it's then the church's responsibility.

### **Personal exhortation for Timothy as a young pastor**

1. The key element is Godliness (3:16; 4:8; 6:3-16).
2. Exercise your gift (4:11-16).
3. Be impartial (5:21-25).
4. Guard what was committed to you (6:20).

### **Qualification for Elders and Deacons (3:1-13)**

## **2 Timothy**

**Purpose:** To encourage and instruct Timothy and request him to join him in Rome before he dies

**Theme:** Perseverance – “Finishing Well”

## **Titus**

### **Special characteristics of Titus**

1. Qualification for church leaders (1:5-9).
  2. Sound doctrine vs. false doctrine (1:10-2:15).
  3. The test of a true Christian is his deeds (3:1-11).
4. Go over and discuss video notes with group (5- 7 minutes)
  5. Questions from the Video (5-10 Minutes):
    1. Is it important to have a Paul in your life?
    2. When is it important to have a Timothy or Titus in your life?
    3. How can you finish like Paul?
  6. Discuss what they are hoping to get out of the reading this week (3-5 Minutes)
  7. Prayer (5 Minutes)
    - Take prayer requests.
    - Pray together as a group.