

Week 7

Small Group

Galatians

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

Written to: The Churches in Galatia

Written in: 48 AD

Purposes: 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 Chapter: Doctrinal section

Last chapters: The practical section.

Talks about the _____ and the armor of the believer.

Philippians

Author: Paul with Timothy (1:1)

Prison Epistle

Purpose:

1. To thank the Philippians for the _____ 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 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 _____ (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 _____
- Authentic ministry is not done for _____
- Authentic ministry is motivated by _____

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

1st and 2nd Timothy

Pastoral Epistles

Written to: Timothy and Titus

1st 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 being 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 widows family has the first responsibility for widows, if they have no family its then the churches responsibility.

Personal exhortation for Timothy as 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 in him Rome before he dies

Theme: _____ – “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 true Christian is his deeds (3:1-11)