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INTRODUCTION

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Tim. 2:15)

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. (2 Tim. 2:2)

Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. (Matt. 9:37,38)

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The lessons in this book are the class notes given out during the first half of the second year of study. All the lessons were written by Charles Coats, the preacher who works with the congregation at Webberville, Michigan. These lessons were designed to encourage the student to look more deeply in God's word to gain the knowledge needed to proclaim the message of God. With this knowledge, the student will gain confidence, boldness, and courage to do God's will.

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Lesson 1

JOSHUA - 2 CHRONICLES

JOSHUA, JUDGES, RUTH

INTRODUCTION:

1. Joshua has 24 chapters. The book gives us the story of the children of Israel from the crossing of the Jordan to end of the conquest of the land of Canaan.
2. Judges has 21 chapters and gives us the story of the children of Israel during the period of the Judges. It depicts for us what happens when a nation "does that which is right in their own eyes."
3. Ruth, with its 4 chapters, gives us the story of a portion of the lineage of Christ. This story takes place during the period of the Judges.

DISCUSSION:

JOSHUA

General Outline

- I. Instructions to Joshua (1:1-9)
- II. Joshua prepares the people to cross the Jordan (1:10-18)
- III. Spies sent to Jericho (2:1-24)
- IV. Crossing the Jordan (3:1-4:24)
- V. Events after the crossing (5:1-15)
- VI. Jericho (6:1-27)
- VII. Ai (7:1-8:35)
- VIII. The Gibeonites fool Joshua (9:1-10:27)
- IX. Various conquests (10:28-11:23)
- X. Lands conquered by Moses on the eastern side of the Jordan (12:1-6)
- XI. Lands conquered by Joshua on the western side of the Jordan (12:7-24)
- XII. Lands not conquered (13:1-7)
- XIII. Reuben, Gad, and half tribe of Manasseh receive their land on the eastern side of the Jordan (13:8-33)
- XIV. Division of land on the western side of the Jordan (14:1-21:45)
- XV. The eastern tribes return home (22:1-34)
- XVI. Joshua's final charge (23:1-24:33)

Detailed Outline

- I. Instructions to Joshua (1:1-9)
- II. Joshua prepares the people to cross the Jordan (1:10-18)
- III. Spies sent to Jericho (2:1-24)
 1. Hidden by Rahab (2:1-7)
 2. Covenant with Rahab (2:8-21)

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3. Spies return to camp (2:22-24)
- IV. Crossing the Jordan (3:1-4:24)
 1. Directions for the crossing (3:1-13)
 2. Waters divided and the crossing (3:14-4:13)
 3. Twelve stones erected as a memorial to the crossing (4:14-24)
- V. Events after the crossing (5:1-15)
 1. Circumcision of those who had journeyed in the wilderness (5:1-9)
 2. Passover kept (5:10,11)
 3. No more manna (5:12)
 4. Joshua sees the "captain of the host of the Lord" (5:13-15)
- VI. Jericho (6:1-27)
 1. The march around the city (6:1-19)
 2. The walls fall (6:20,21)
 3. Rahab saved (6:22-27)
- VII. Ai (7:1-8:35)
 1. Preparation for the battle (7:1-3)
 2. Israel loses at Ai (7:4,5)
 3. Joshua's prayer to God (7:6-9)
 4. God tells Joshua there is sin in the camp (7:10-15)
 5. Achan exposed and killed (7:16-26)
 6. Ai defeated (8:1-29)
 7. The word of God read to the people (8:30-35)
- VIII. The Gibeonites fool Joshua (9:1-10:27)
 1. Their craftiness (9:1-15)
 2. Gibeon made servants of Israel (9:16-27)
 3. Gibeon attacked by Adonizedek (10:1-5)
 4. Israel comes to the aid of Gibeon (10:6,7)
 5. The sun stands still to allow Joshua to win the battle (10:8-27)
- IX. Various conquests (10:28-11:23)
- X. Lands conquered by Moses on the eastern side of the Jordan (12:1-6)
- XI. Lands conquered by Joshua on the western side of the Jordan (12:7-24)
- XII. Lands not conquered (13:1-7)
- XIII. Reuben, Gad, and half tribe of Manasseh receive their land on the eastern side of the Jordan (13:8-33)
- XIV. Division of land on the western side of the Jordan (14:1-21:45)
 1. Land divided as God had commanded Moses (14:1-5)
 2. Caleb inherits Hebron (14:6-15)
 3. Judah's portion (15:1-63)
 4. Ephraim's portion (16:1-10)
 5. Half tribe of Manasseh's portion (17:1-18)
 6. Tabernacle erected (18:1)
 7. Instructions for division of the rest of the land (18:2-10)
 8. Benjamin's portion (18:11-28)

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9. Simeon's portion (19:1-9)
10. Zebulun's portion (19:10-16)
11. Issachar's portion (19:17-23)
12. Asher's portion (19:24-31)
13. Naphtali's portion (19:32-39)
14. Dan's portion (19:40-48)
15. Joshua's inheritance (19:49-51)
16. Cities of refuge (20:1-9)
17. Levitical cities (21:1-45)
- XV. The eastern tribes return home (22:1-34)
 1. Joshua allows them to return (22:1-9)
 2. They erect an altar (22:10)
 3. The dispute over the altar (22:11-34)
- XVI. Joshua's final charge (23:1-24:33)
 1. People called before Joshua (23:1-10)
 2. They must love God (23:11-16)
 3. Joshua reminds the people of God's care for them (24:1-13)
 4. Joshua's charge to serve God only (24:14,15)
 5. The people's response (24:16-28)
 6. Joshua dies (24:29-33)

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JUDGES

General Outline

- I. Judah and Simeon take their inheritance (1:1-20)
- II. Nations not driven out by Israel (1:21-36)
- III. The angel of the Lord rebukes Israel (2:1-5)
- IV. Israel turns away from God (2:6-15)
- V. Israel's reaction to its judges (2:16-23)
- VI. Nations not driven out would be a "thorn in the flesh" to Israel (3:1-7)
- VII. Othniel (3:8-11)
- VIII. Ehud (3:12-30)
- IX. Shamgar (3:31)
- X. Deborah (4:1-5:31)
- XI. Gideon (6:1-8:35)
- XII. Abimelech, the usurper (9:1-57)
- XIII. Tola (10:1,2)
- XIV. Jair (10:3-5)
- XV. Jephthah (10:6-12:7)
- XVI. Ibzan (12:8-10)
- XVII. Elon (12:11,12)
- XVIII. Abdon (12:13-15)
- XIX. Samson (13:1-16:31)
- XX. False gods in the house of Micah (17:1-13)
- XXI. Dan takes territory in the north (18:1-31)
- XXII. The Levite's concubine (19:1-21:25)

Detailed Outline

- I. Judah and Simeon take their inheritance (1:1-20)
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- VII. Othniel (3:8-11)
- VIII. Ehud (3:12-30)
- IX. Shamgar (3:31)
- X. Deborah (4:1-5:31)
 1. Defeats Canaanites (4:1-24)
 2. Song of victory (5:1-31)
- XI. Gideon (6:1-8:35)
 1. Midian oppresses Israel (6:1-10)
 2. Gideon chosen to deliver Israel (6:11-40)

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3. Gideon defeats Midian with 300 men (7:1-8:22)
4. Gideon's idol (8:23-28)
5. Gideon's death (8:29-32)
6. Israel returns to idolatry (8:33-35)
- XII. Abimelech, the usurper (9:1-57)
- XIII. Tola (10:1,2)
- XIV. Jair (10:3-5)
- XV. Jephthah (10:6-12:7)
 1. Philistines and Ammonites oppress Israel (10:6-18)
 2. Jephthah chosen to deliver Israel (11:1-11)
 3. Jephthah reasons with Ammon (11:12-28)
 4. Jephthah's vow (11:29-31)
 5. Ammonites defeated (11:32-33)
 6. Jephthah's vow fulfilled (11:34-40)
 7. Ephraim quarrels with Jephthah (12:1-6)
 8. Jephthah dies (12:7)
- XVI. Ibzan (12:8-10)
- XVII. Elon (12:11,12)
- XVIII. Abdon (12:13-15)
- XIX. Samson (13:1-16:31)
 1. Promise of Samson's birth (13:1-14)
 2. Samson's father entertains the angel of the Lord (13:15-23)
 3. Samson's birth (13:24,25)
 4. Samson desires a wife of the Philistines (14:1-9)
 5. Samson's riddle (14:10-20)
 6. Samson burns the Philistines' corn (15:1-6)
 7. Samson fights the Philistines (15:7-20)
 8. Samson escapes from Gaza (16:1-3)
 9. Samson and Delilah (16:4-20)
 10. Captured by the Philistines (16:21-25)
 11. Samson dies while destroying the temple of Dagon (16:26-31)
- XX. False gods in the house of Micah (17:1-13)
 1. Graven images built (17:1-6)
 2. A false priest hired (17:7-13)
- XXI. Dan takes territory in the north (18:1-31)
 1. A possession sought (18:1-13)
 2. House of Micah taken. The tribe of Dan adopts Micah's false gods (18:14-26)
 3. Laish conquered by Dan (18:27-31)
- XXII. The Levite's concubine (19:1-21:25)
 1. Concubine killed at Gibeah (19:1-30)
 2. Gibeah and Benjamin defeated (20:1-48)
 3. Sorrow for Benjamin (21:1-15)
 4. Wives provided for tribe of Benjamin (21:16-25)

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THE JUDGES

<u>Judge</u>	<u>Oppressing Nation(s)</u>	<u>Years as Judge</u>
Othniel	Mesopotamia	40
Ehud	Moab	80
Shamgar	Philistia	Unknown
Deborah	Canaan	40
Gideon	Midian	40
Tola	Unknown	23
Jair	Unknown	22
Jephthah	Philistia/Ammon	6
Ibzan	Unknown	7
Elon	Unknown	10
Abdon	Unknown	8
Samson	Philistia	20

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RUTH

General Outline

- I. Naomi in Moab (1:1-5)
- II. Naomi and Ruth return to Judah (1:6-22)
- III. Ruth gleans in Boaz's fields (2:1-23)
- IV. Ruth marries Boaz (3:1-4:16)
- V. The genealogy from Obed to David (4:17-22)

Detailed Outline

- I. Naomi in Moab (1:1-5)
 - 1. Her husband dies (1:1-3)
 - 2. Her sons marry (1:4)
 - 3. Her sons die (1:5)
- II. Naomi and Ruth return to Judah (1:6-22)
- III. Ruth gleans in Boaz's fields (2:1-23)
 - 1. Boaz asks concerning Ruth (2:1-6)
 - 2. Boaz tells Ruth to glean only in his field (2:7-17)
 - 3. Ruth tells Naomi all that has happened (2:18-23)
- IV. Ruth marries Boaz (3:1-4:16)
 - 1. Naomi's plan (3:1-5)
 - 2. Ruth goes to Boaz (3:6-11)
 - 3. Boaz tells Ruth of a kinsman nearer than he (3:12-34)
 - 4. Ruth tells Naomi (3:16-18)
 - 5. Boaz inquires of the near kinsman (4:1-7)
 - 6. The near kinsman gives up his right to Ruth (4:8-12)
 - 7. Boaz marries Ruth and a son is born (4:13-16)
- V. The genealogy from Obed to David (4:17-22)

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JOSHUA - 2 CHRONICLES

JOSHUA - LESSONS FROM

1. We must be “strong and of good courage” (1:6,7).
2. Do ALL God has commanded (1:7,8).
3. God is with his people (1:9).
4. How a “good heart” reacts (2:9-13).
5. The power of God (3:14-16).
6. Remind your children of what God has done (4:5-7,20-24).
7. Obedience to God’s commands will bring about the desired result (6:1-20).
8. Sin in the camp can bring evil upon others (7:1-11).
9. God knows (7:11,16-26, esp. vs. 21).
10. Teach God’s word to all, even the “little ones”. These “little ones” can understand the plain spoken word of God (8:35).
11. When man acts on his own, he is sure to do something wrong (9:14).
12. The power of God (10:12-14).
13. One will be punished for their sins. Time does not make wrong things right (13:22).
14. God’s giving us something does not mean we do not have to work for it (15:13ff).
15. God does not want man to take vengeance upon wrongdoers. Fair judgments must be made (20:1-9).
16. To love God is to not draw back to the world (23:11ff).
17. Choose whom you will serve. Do not try to hold a “middle ground” (24:15).
18. Make the decision that your house will follow God (24:15).
19. We are witnesses against ourselves or if we fail to obey, we condemn ourselves (24:22).
20. God is faithful (24:32 + Gen. 50:24,25).

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JUDGES - LESSONS FROM

1. Do not mix with the wicked of the land (2:2ff).
2. The danger of not following God's word on future generations (2:10).
3. The cycle of the period of the judges (2:16ff).
4. God uses the world to test our loyalty to him (3:4).
5. Great faith does not require great numbers (7:1ff).
6. When people turn to worldly things, they forget God (8:33,34).
7. Be careful what you promise (11:29ff).
8. Corruption of a nation comes when "every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (17:6; 21:25).

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RUTH - LESSONS FROM

1. The influence we can have on the lives of others (1:16,17).
2. You reap what you sow (2:11,12).
3. Provide things honorable in the sight of all men. Boaz respected the right of the near kinsman (4:1ff).
4. The link to Jesus (4:17-22).

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Lesson 3

JOSHUA - 2 CHRONICLES

1 SAMUEL, 2 SAMUEL, 1 KINGS

INTRODUCTION:

1. 1 Samuel has 31 chapters. The book begins in the period of the judges with Eli and Samuel as the last to judge Israel. It continues through the reign of Saul, the first king of Israel, and ends with Saul's death.
2. 2 Samuel has 24 chapters. It tells the story of David as king. David was king for forty years -- seven and one-half years at Hebron and thirty-three at Jerusalem (5:5).
3. 1 Kings has 22 chapters. It gives us the story from the death of David into the period of the Divided Kingdom. It ends with the reign of Jehoshaphat.

DISCUSSION:

1 SAMUEL

General Outline

- I. Hannah prays for a son (1:1-2:11)
- II. Eli's wicked sons (2:12-17)
- III. Samuel serves before God (2:18-21)
- IV. Eli to lose his priestly lineage (2:22-36)
- V. Samuel's vision (3:1-21)
- VI. Israel and the Philistines (4:1-6:21)
- VII. Samuel judges Israel (7:1-17)
- VIII. Israel desires a king (8:1-22)
- IX. Saul, the first king of Israel (9:1-31:13)

Detailed Outline

- I. Hannah prays for a son (1:1-2:11)
 1. Hannah's desire for a son (1:1-8)
 2. Hannah's prayer (1:9-18)
 3. Hannah gives birth to Samuel (1:19-23)
 4. Hannah gives Samuel in service to God (1:24-28)
 5. Hannah's song of rejoicing (2:1-11)
- II. Eli's wicked sons (2:12-17)
- III. Samuel serves before God (2:18-21)
- IV. Eli to lose his priestly lineage (2:22-36)
 1. Eli's sons refuse to repent (2:22-25)
 2. A prophet of God tells Eli that Eli's line will end (2:26-36)
- V. Samuel's vision (3:1-21)

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1. God tells Samuel that Eli's house will fall (3:1-14)
2. Samuel tells Eli about the vision (3:15-18)
3. Samuel becomes a great prophet (3:19-21)
- VI. Israel and the Philistines (4:1-6:21)
 1. Israel is defeated by Philistia (4:1-10)
 2. The ark is captured (4:11)
 3. Eli dies (4:12-22)
 4. The ark in the house of Dagon (5:1-5)
 5. The Philistines stricken with emerods (5:6-12)
 6. The Philistines return the ark to Israel (6:1-18)
 7. The men of Bethshemesh smitten because they looked in the ark (6:19-21)
- VII. Samuel judges Israel (7:1-17)
 1. The ark at Kirjathjearim (7:1-12)
 2. The Philistines defeated (7:13,14)
 3. Samuel judges Israel (7:15-17)
- VIII. Israel desires a king (8:1-22)
 1. Israel upset over Samuel's sons (8:1-3)
 2. Israel asks for a king (8:4,5)
 3. God grants Israel its desire for a king (8:6-9)
 4. Samuel tells the people what it will be like when they get a king (8:10-22)
- IX. Saul, the first king of Israel (9:1-31:13)
 1. Saul looks for his father's donkeys (9:1-5)
 2. Saul meets Samuel (9:6-27)
 3. Saul anointed king (10:1-16)
 4. Saul takes his place as king (10:17-27)
 5. Saul defeats the Ammonites (11:1-11)
 6. Saul confirmed as king (11:12-15)
 7. Samuel addresses Israel (12:1-25)
 8. Philistia oppresses Israel (13:1-7)
 9. Saul offers a sacrifice (13:6-9)
 10. Samuel reproves Saul. Saul to lose his kingdom (13:11-23)
 11. Jonathan's exploits (14:1-52)
 12. Saul fails to destroy the Ammonites. Saul to lose his kingdom. (15:1-35)
 13. David anointed king (16:1-13)
 14. David plays his harp to comfort Saul (16:14-23)
 15. David and Goliath (17:1-58)
 16. David grows in favor with the people (18:1-7)
 17. Saul envies David (18:8-16)
 18. Saul gives his daughter to David and demands a dowry of David (18:17-30)
 19. Saul tries to kill David (19:1-3)
 20. Jonathan and Michal, Saul's children, help David (19:4-24)
 21. David and Jonathan's agreement (20:1-23)
 22. Saul tries to kill David with a javelin (20:24-34)

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- 23. David's flight (20:35-24:22)
 - A. Jonathan helps David escape (20:35-42)
 - B. David helped by the priests at Nob (21:1-9)
 - C. Flees to Gath (21:10-15)
 - D. Flees to Adullam (22:1-10)
 - E. Saul kills the priests at Nob (22:11-23)
 - F. David saves the city of Keilah (23:1-6)
 - G. David flees from Saul (23:7-29)
 - H. David spares Saul's life at Engedi (24:1-22)
- 24. Samuel dies (25:1)
- 25. David marries Abigail (25:2-44)
- 26. David again spares Saul's life (26:1-25)
- 27. David dwells at Gath (27:1-28:6)
- 28. Saul and the witch of Endor (28:7-25)
- 29. David defeats the Amalekites (29:1-30:31)
- 30. Saul's death (31:1-13)

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2 SAMUEL

General Outline

- I. David laments Saul's death (1:1-27)
- II. David made king of Judah and Israel (2:1-5:12)
- III. David fights the Philistines (5:13-25)
- IV. The ark of the covenant moved to Jerusalem (6:1-23)
- V. David cannot build the temple (7:1-29)
- VI. David's conquests (8:1-18)
- VII. Possessions of Mephibosheth, Saul's son, restored (9:1-13)
- VIII. David defeats Ammon and Syria (10:1-19)
- IX. David and Bathsheba (11:1-12:31)
- X. Amnon's sin against Tamar (13:1-39)
- XI. Absalom (14:1-18:33)
- XII. David returns to Jerusalem (19:1-20:3)
- XIII. Sheba's revolt put down (20:4-26)
- XIV. Seven of Saul's sons killed (21:1-11)
- XV. Saul and Jonathan's bones buried (21:12-14)
- XVI. David's men slay four giants in Philistia (21:15-22)
- XVII. David's song of deliverance and last words (22:1-23:7)
- XVIII. David's mighty men (23:8-29)
- XIX. The numbering of the people (24:1-25)

Detailed Outline

- I. David laments Saul's death (1:1-27)
 - 1. The false messenger (1:1-16)
 - 2. David's sorrow expressed (1:17-27)
- II. David made king of Judah and Israel (2:1-5:12)
 - 1. King of Judah (2:1-7)
 - 2. Ishbosheth, Saul's son, made king of Israel (2:8,9)
 - 3. War between the house of Saul and the house of David (2:10-3:39)
 - 4. Ishbosheth is murdered (4:1-12)
 - 5. David, king of Israel (5:1-12)
- III. David fights the Philistines (5:13-25)
- IV. The ark of the covenant moved to Jerusalem (6:1-23)
 - 1. Uzzah's death (6:1-11)
 - 2. The ark comes to Jerusalem (6:12-23)
- V. David cannot build the temple (7:1-29)
- VI. David's conquests (8:1-18)
 - 1. Conquers Philistia, Moab, Zobah, Syria (8:1-8)
 - 2. Hamath pays tribute (8:9-13)
 - 3. David's leaders (8:14-18)

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- VII. Possessions of Mephibosheth, Saul's son, restored (9:1-13)
- VIII. David defeats Ammon and Syria (10:1-19)
- IX. David and Bathsheba (11:1-12:31)
 - 1. David's adultery with Bathsheba (11:1-5)
 - 2. David has Uriah killed (11:6-25)
 - 3. Marries Bathsheba (11:26,27)
 - 4. Nathan exposes David's sin (12:1-12)
 - 5. David's penitence and punishment (12:13-23)
 - 6. Solomon is born (12:24-31)
- X. Amnon's sin against Tamar (13:1-39)
 - 1. Amnon rapes Tamar (13:1-22)
 - 2. Absalom kills Amnon and flees Jerusalem (13:23-39)
- XI. Absalom (14:1-18:33)
 - 1. Returns to Jerusalem (14:1-23)
 - 2. Allowed to see David (14:24-33)
 - 3. Plots to overthrow David (15:1-12)
 - 4. David flees Jerusalem (15:13-37)
 - 5. David spoken against by those of the house of Saul (16:1-14)
 - 6. Absalom enters Jerusalem (16:15-23)
 - 7. David warned to flee (17:1-23)
 - 8. David defeats Absalom's army (17:24-18:8)
 - 9. Absalom killed (18:9-18)
 - 10. David's sorrow over Absalom (18:19-33)
- XII. David returns to Jerusalem (19:1-20:3)
- XIII. Sheba's revolt put down (20:4-26)
- XIV. Seven of Saul's sons killed (21:1-11)
- XV. Saul and Jonathan's bones buried (21:12-14)
- XVI. David's men slay four giants in Philistia (21:15-22)
- XVII. David's song of deliverance and last words (22:1-23:7)
- XVIII. David's mighty men (23:8-29)
- XIX. The numbering of the people (24:1-25)
 - 1. David numbers the people (24:1-9)
 - 2. The punishment (24:10-15)
 - 3. The plague stopped (24:16-25)

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1 KINGS

General Outline

- I. David's death (1:1-2:11)
- II. Solomon establishes his reign (2:12-3:1)
- III. Solomon chooses wisdom (3:2-15)
- IV. Solomon's wise judgment (3:16-28)
- V. Solomon's greatness (4:1-34)
- VI. Solomon builds the temple (5:1-8:66)
- VII. God's pledge to Solomon (9:1-11)
- VIII. Solomon's new cities (9:12-25)
- IX. Solomon's navy (9:26-28)
- X. The queen of Sheba (10:1-13)
- XI. Solomon's wealth (10:14-29)
- XII. Solomon's wives turn him from God (11:1-25)
- XIII. Jereboam to take ten tribes (11:26-40)
- XIV. Solomon dies (11:41-43)
- XV. Rehoboam succeeds Solomon (12:1-24)
- XVI. Jereboam leads Israel astray (12:25-14:20)
- XVII. Rehoboam's disobedience (14:21-31)
- XVIII. The kings (15:1-22:53)

Detailed Outline

- I. David's death (1:1-2:11)
 - 1. David - old and stricken in years (1:1-4)
 - 2. Adonijah starts a claim to the throne (1:5-10)
 - 3. Bathsheba pleads to David on behalf of Solomon (1:11-31)
 - 4. Solomon anointed as king (1:32-40)
 - 5. Adonijah fears for his life (1:41-53)
 - 6. David's last charge to Solomon (2:1-9)
 - 7. David dies (2:10,11)
- II. Solomon establishes his reign (2:12-3:1)
 - 1. Adonijah, Abiathar, and Joab are killed (2:12-35)
 - 2. Shimei is killed (2:36-46)
 - 3. Makes a treaty with Pharaoh (3:1)
- III. Solomon chooses wisdom (3:2-15)
- IV. Solomon's wise judgment (3:16-28)
- V. Solomon's greatness (4:1-34)
- VI. Solomon builds the temple (5:1-8:66)
 - 1. Cedars of Lebanon (5:1-12)
 - 2. Workers gathering materials for the temple (5:13-18)
 - A. 30,000 to cut timbers

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- B. 70,000 that bore burdens
- C. 80,000 hewers in the mountains
- D. 3,300 overseers
- 3. The work begins (6:1-4)
- 4. The temple's size and description (6:5-38)
- 5. Solomon's palace (7:1-14)
- 6. More on the temple's description (7:15-50)
- 7. The temple completed (7:51)
- 8. The ark of the covenant placed in the temple (8:1-13)
- 9. Solomon's prayer (8:14-61)
- 10. The temple dedicated (8:62-66)
- VII. God's pledge to Solomon (9:1-11)
- VIII. Solomon's new cities (9:12-25)
- IX. Solomon's navy (9:26-28)
- X. The queen of Sheba (10:1-13)
- XI. Solomon's wealth (10:14-29)
- XII. Solomon's wives turn him from God (11:1-25)
 - 1. Turn his heart from God (11:1-8)
 - 2. God's anger with Solomon (11:9-25)
- XIII. Jereboam to take ten tribes (11:26-40)
- XIV. Solomon dies (11:41-43)
- XV. Rehoboam succeeds Solomon (12:1-24)
 - 1. Refuses to relieve taxes (12:1-15)
 - 2. Ten tribes rebel (12:16-19)
 - 3. Rehoboam reigns over Judah and Benjamin (12:20-24)
- XVI. Jereboam leads Israel astray (12:25-14:20)
 - 1. The golden calves (12:25-30)
 - 2. False places of worship and false priests (12:31-33)
 - 3. The prophet of God confronts Jereboam (13:1-10)
 - 4. The prophet of God dies for disobeying God (13:11-32)
 - 5. Jereboam continues his sinful ways (13:33,34)
 - 6. Jereboam's wife visits Ahijah, the prophet (14:1-16)
 - 7. Jereboam dies (14:17-20)
- XVII. Rehoboam's disobedience (14:21-31)
 - 1. Judah disobeys God (14:21-24)
 - 2. Jerusalem despoiled (14:25-28)
 - 3. Rehoboam dies (14:29-31)
- XVIII. The kings (15:1-22:53)
 - 1. Abijam - Judah - 3 years (15:1-8)
 - 2. Asa - Judah - 41 years (15:9-24)
 - 3. Nadab - Israel - 2 years (15:25-32)
 - 4. Baasha - Israel - 24 years (15:33-16:7)
 - 5. Elah - Israel - 2 years (16:8-14)

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6. Zimri - Israel - 7 days (16:15-22)
7. Omri - Israel - 12 years (16:23-28)
8. Ahab - Israel - 22 years (16:29-22:40)
 - A. Ahab's sins (16:29-34)
 - B. Elijah, the prophet (17:1-16)
 - C. Widow's son raised from dead (17:17-24)
 - D. The contest on Mt. Carmel (18:1-46)
 - E. Elijah flees Jezebel (19:1-18)
 - F. Elisha chosen to succeed Elijah (19:19-21)
 - G. Ahab defeats Benhadad of Syria (20:1-34)
 - H. Ahab to die (20:35-43)
 - I. Naboth's vineyard (21:1-29)
 - J. Ahab's false prophets and Micaiah, the prophet of God (22:1-28)
 - K. Ahab killed in battle (22:29-40)
9. Jehoshaphat - Judah - 25 years (22:41-50)
10. Jehoram (Joram) - Judah - 8 years, start of his reign (22:50)
11. Ahaziah - Israel - 2 years, start of his reign (22:51-53)

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1 SAMUEL - LESSONS FROM

1. A mother's true act of love - to dedicate her child to the service of God (1:11,28).
2. We will be lost if we favor our children over God (2:29).
3. The servant of God listens to God (3:10).
4. God is more powerful than all of man's gods (5:1-5).
5. One must not violate that which God has called sacred (5:6ff).
6. We will be punished if we violate God's will (6:19-21; cf. Num. 4:15).
7. The desire to be like the world will lead man to turn against God (8:5).
8. When man goes against God's plan, man rejects God (8:7).
9. One is a fool who refuses to obey God (13:13).
10. The end does not justify the means. We cannot ignore part of God's commands and justify such by saying it was for a good cause (15:22,23).
11. God makes his judgments about man by measuring the heart of man (16:7).
12. If God be for us, who can be against us? (Ch. 17)
13. One of the chief lessons of this book is how far envy and anger will take a person. When studying this book, pay close attention to Saul's relentless pursuit of David with murder in his mind.

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2 SAMUEL - LESSONS FROM

1. Sin will cost you more than you want to pay (1:1-15).
2. Sin can cause others to be hurt or killed (6:1-7).
3. Lust when it has conceived leads to sin (11:1-5).
4. Sin will take you farther than you want to go (11:6-17).
5. God knows all (12:1-7).
6. We must realize that we sin against God (12:13).
7. There are consequences to sin even if we are forgiven (12:14ff).
8. The love we should have, even for our enemies (18:33).
9. God -- our rock, our fortress, our deliverer (22:2).
10. We will be rewarded according to our righteousness (22:21).
11. A violation of God's desire will bring punishment (24:1-15).
12. A lesson that runs throughout the book -- Violence and unrest prevail when man directs his own steps.

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1 KINGS - LESSONS FROM

1. Wisdom before anything else (3:9).
2. Fulfillment of the land promise (4:21 + Ex. 23:31).
3. Repentance brings forgiveness (8:33-36).
4. Marriage to the ungodly will turn your heart away from God (11:4).
5. "Convenient" worship will lead people astray (12:28).
6. Idolatry is sin (12:28-30).
7. One must not change God's will (12:31ff).
8. Obey God; do not listen to man (13:1-24).
9. Sin destroys (13:34).
10. God does not forget (16:34 + Josh. 6:26).
11. Do not try to hold a "middle ground" in service to God (18:21).
12. God is more powerful than all of man's so-called gods (18:22ff).
13. We are never the only ones serving God (19:10 + 19:18).
14. What God says, that will we speak (22:14).
15. Heed what God says (22:17ff).

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2 KINGS, 1 CHRONICLES, 2 CHRONICLES

INTRODUCTION:

1. 2 Kings has 25 chapters and gives us the story of the Divided Kingdom from Ahaziah to the fall of Jerusalem.
2. 1 Chronicles, in its 29 chapters, starts by giving us the genealogies of several families and retells the story of Saul and David.
3. 2 Chronicles has 36 chapters. This book relates the spiritual aspect of the lives of Solomon and the rest of the kings of Judah. The book takes us to the fall of Jerusalem and up to the time of Cyrus, king of Persia.

DISCUSSION:

2 KINGS

General Outline

- I. Ahaziah seeks counsel of Baalzebub the god of Ekron (1:1-18)
- II. Elijah and Elisha (2:1-25)
- III. Jehoram reigns in Israel (12 years) (3:1-9:29)
- IV. Jehu reigns in Israel (28 years) (9:30-10:36)
- V. Athaliah, mother of Ahaziah, tries to destroy all the royal seed in Judah. Joash saved alive (11:1-11)
- VI. Jehoash (Joash) reigns in Judah (40 years) (11:12-12:21)
- VII. Jehoahaz reigns in Israel (17 years) (13:1-9)
- VIII. Jehoash reigns in Israel (16 years) (13:10-13)
- IX. Elisha dies (13:14-20)
- X. Hazael, king of Syria, dies (13:21-25)
- XI. Amaziah reigns in Judah (29 years) (14:1-20)
- XII. Jereboam reigns in Israel (41 years) (14:21-29)
- XIII. Azariah reigns in Judah (52 years) (15:1-7)
- XIV. Zachariah reigns in Israel (6 months) (15:8-12)
- XV. Shallum reigns in Israel (1 month) (15:13-16)
- XVI. Menahem reigns in Israel (10 years) (15:17-22)
- XVII. Pekahiah reigns Israel (2 years) (15:23-26)
- XVIII. Pekah reigns in Israel (20 years) (15:27-31)
- XIX. Jotham reigns in Judah (16 years) (15:32-38)
- XX. Ahaz reigns in Judah (16 years) (16:1-20)
- XXI. Hoshea reigns in Israel (9 years) (17:1,2)
- XXII. Assyrian captivity (17:3-41)
- XXIII. Hezekiah reigns in Judah (29 years) (18:1-20:21)
- XXIV. Manasseh reigns in Judah (55 years) (21:1-18)

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- XXV. Amon reigns in Judah (2 years) (21:19-26)
- XXVI. Josiah reigns in Judah (31 years) (22:1-23:30)
- XXVII. Jehoahaz reigns in Judah (3 months) (23:31-34)
- XXVIII. Jehoiaikim reigns in Judah (11 years) (23:35-24:6)
- XXIX. Jehoiachin reigns in Judah (3 months) (24:7-16)
- XXX. Zedekiah reigns in Judah (11 years) (24:17-25:7)
- XXXI. Jerusalem destroyed (25:8-21)
- XXXII. In Babylonian captivity (25:22-30)

Detailed Outline

- I. Ahaziah seeks counsel of Baalzebub the god of Ekron (1:1-18)
 - 1. Moab rebels (1:1)
 - 2. Ahaziah is injured and sends messengers to ask counsel of Baalzebub (1:2)
 - 3. Elijah meets the messengers of Ahaziah (1:3,4)
 - 4. Ahaziah condemned because he did not seek counsel of God (1:5-16)
 - 5. Ahaziah dies; Jehoram reigns (1:17,18)
- II. Elijah and Elisha (2:1-25)
 - 1. Cross the Jordan (2:1-10)
 - 2. Elijah taken into heaven (2:11)
 - 3. Elisha succeeds Elijah (2:12-18)
 - 4. Elisha heals waters at Jericho (2:19-25)
- III. Jehoram reigns in Israel (12 years) (3:1-9:29)
 - 1. Moab rebels (3:1-5)
 - 2. Judah and Israel agree to battle Moab (3:6-12)
 - 3. Elisha prophesies a victory over Moab (3:13-20)
 - 4. Moab defeated (3:21-27)
 - 5. The widow's oil (4:1-7)
 - 6. The Shunammite woman (4:8-41)
 - 7. The feeding of the 100 (4:42-44)
 - 8. Naaman, the leper (5:1-27)
 - 9. Elisha makes the ax head rise to the water's surface (6:1-7)
 - 10. Elisha defeats the Syrians (6:8-23)
 - 11. Famine in Samaria (6:24-29)
 - 12. Jehoram sends a messenger to kill Elisha (6:30-33)
 - 13. The Syrians driven back from Samaria (7:1-20)
 - 14. The Shunammite woman's land restored (8:1-6)
 - 15. Hazael becomes king of Syria (8:7-15)
 - 16. Jehoram reigns in Jerusalem (8 years) (8:16-19)
 - 17. Jehoram, king of Judah, dies (8:20-24)
 - 18. Ahaziah reigns in Jerusalem (1 year) (8:25-27)
 - 19. Jehoram, king of Israel, wounded in battle (8:28,29)
 - 20. Jehu anointed king of Israel (9:1-14)

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- 21. Jehu kills Jehoram and Ahaziah (9:15-29)
- IV. Jehu reigns in Israel (28 years) (9:30-10:36)
 - 1. Jezebel is killed (9:30-37)
 - 2. Ahab's sons are killed (10:1-11)
 - 3. Ahaziah's brethren killed (10:12-17)
 - 4. Jehu destroys Baal worship in Israel (10:18-31)
 - 5. Jehu dies (10:32-36)
- V. Athaliah, mother of Ahaziah, tries to destroy all the royal seed in Judah. Joash saved alive (11:1-11)
- VI. Jehoash (Joash) reigns in Judah (40 years) (11:12-12:21)
 - 1. Becomes king (11:12-19)
 - 2. Athaliah killed (11:20,21)
 - 3. Repairs temple (12:1-16)
 - 4. Pays Hazael of Syria so he will not destroy Jerusalem (12:17,18)
 - 5. Jehoash dies (12:19-21)
- VII. Jehoahaz reigns in Israel (17 years) (13:1-9)
- VIII. Jehoash reigns in Israel (16 years) (13:10-13)
- IX. Elisha dies (13:14-20)
- X. Hazael, king of Syria, dies (13:21-25)
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- XVII. Pekahiah reigns Israel (2 years) (15:23-26)
- XVIII. Pekah reigns in Israel (20 years) (15:27-31)
 - 1. An evil king (15:27,28)
 - 2. Assyria comes against Israel (15:29-31)
- XIX. Jotham reigns in Judah (16 years) (15:32-38)
- XX. Ahaz reigns in Judah (16 years) (16:1-20)
- XXI. Hoshea reigns in Israel (9 years) (17:1,2)
- XXII. Assyrian captivity (17:3-41)
- XXIII. Hezekiah reigns in Judah (29 years) (18:1-20:21)
 - 1. Takes away places of idolatry (18:1-12)
 - 2. Assyria invades Judah (18:13-19:37)
 - A. Hezekiah pays tribute to Assyria (18:13-16)
 - B. Assyria threatens Judah (18:17-37)
 - C. Hezekiah calls on Isaiah (19:1-7)
 - D. Assyria again threatens Judah (19:8-13)
 - E. Hezekiah prays for deliverance (19:14-19)
 - F. Isaiah's prophecy against Assyria (19:20-34)
 - G. Assyrian army defeated by God (19:35-37)

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3. Hezekiah's life extended (20:1-11)
4. Hezekiah shows the Babylonians the treasure of Judah (20:12,13)
5. Babylonian captivity foretold (20:14-20)
6. Hezekiah dies (20:21)
- XXIV. Manasseh reigns in Judah (55 years) (21:1-18)
- XXV. Amon reigns in Judah (2 years) (21:19-26)
- XXVI. Josiah reigns in Judah (31 years) (22:1-23:30)
 1. Repairs temple (22:1-7)
 2. Book of the law found (22:8-20)
 3. Law read to the people (23:1-3)
 4. Idolatry abolished (23:4-20)
 5. Passover observed again (23:21-25)
 6. Josiah killed in battle (23:26-30)
- XXVII. Jehoahaz reigns in Judah (3 months) (23:31-34)
- XXVIII. Jehoiakim reigns in Judah (11 years) (23:35-24:6)
- XXIX. Jehoiachin reigns in Judah (3 months) (24:7-16)
 1. An evil king (24:7-9)
 2. Babylonian captivity begins (24:10-16)
- XXX. Zedekiah reigns in Judah (11 years) (24:17-25:7)
- XXXI. Jerusalem destroyed (25:8-21)
- XXXII. In Babylonian captivity (25:22-30)

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Rehoboam	17 years	1 Kings 12:1-14:31
Abijam	3 years	1 Kings 15:1-8
Asa	41 years	1 Kings 15:9-24
Jehoshaphat	25 years	1 Kings 22:41-50
Joram	8 years	1 Kings 22:50-2 Kings 8:24
Ahaziah	1 year	2 Kings 8:24-11:12
Jehoash	40 years	2 Kings 11:12-12:21
Amaziah	29 years	2 Kings 14:1-20
Azariah	52 years	2 Kings 15:1-7
Jotham	16 years	2 Kings 15:32-38
Ahaz	16 years	2 Kings 16:1-20
Hezekiah	29 years	2 Kings 18:1-20:21
Manasseh	55 years	2 Kings 21:1-18
Amon	2 years	2 Kings 21:19-26
Josiah	31 years	2 Kings 22:1-23:30
Jehoahaz	3 months	2 Kings 23:31-34
Jehoiakim	11 years	2 Kings 23:35-24:6
Jehoiachin	3 months	2 Kings 24:7-16
Zedekiah	11 years	2 Kings 24:17-25:7

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Jereboam	22 years	1 Kings 12:25-14:20
Nadab	2 years	1 Kings 15:25-32
Baasha	24 years	1 Kings 15:33-16:7
Elah	2 years	1 Kings 16:8-14
Zimri	7 days	1 Kings 16:15-22
Omri	12 years	1 Kings 16:23-28
Ahab	22 years	1 Kings 16:29-22:40
Ahaziah	2 years	1 Kings 22:51-2 Kings 1:18
Jehoram	12 years	2 Kings 3:1-9:29
Jehu	28 years	2 Kings 9:30-10:36
Jehoahaz	17 years	2 Kings 13:1-9
Jehoash	16 years	2 Kings 13:10-13
Jeroboam	41 years	2 Kings 14:21-29
Zachariah	6 months	2 Kings 15:8-12
Shallum	1 month	2 Kings 15:13-16
Menahem	10 years	2 Kings 15:17-22
Pekahiah	2 years	2 Kings 15:23-26
Pekah	20 years	2 Kings 15:27-31
Hoshea	9 years	2 Kings 17:1,2

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1 CHRONICLES

General Outline

- I. The generations (1:1-9:44)
- II. Saul's death (10:1-14)
- III. David anointed king of Israel (11:1-3)
- IV. David captures Jerusalem (11:4-9)
- V. David's mighty men (11:10-47)
- VI. David's armies (12:1-40)
- VII. The ark of the covenant moved to Obed-edom. Uzzah dies (13:1-14)
- VIII. David's wives (14:1-7)
- IX. David's victories (14:8-17)
- X. The ark of the covenant brought to Jerusalem (15:1-16:43)
- XI. David forbidden to build the temple (17:1-10)
- XII. David's son to build the temple (17:11-27)
- XIII. David defeats Philistia, Moab, Zobah, Syria, and Edom (18:1-17)
- XIV. David defeats Ammon (19:1-20:3)
- XV. Giants of Philistia killed (20:4-8)
- XVI. David numbers the people and is punished (21:1-30)
- XVII. Preparations for building of the temple (22:1-19)
- XVIII. David appoints Solomon to be king (23:1)
- XIX. The Levites (23:2-26:32)
- XX. Leaders of the people and officers in service to David (27:1-34)
- XXI. David announces Solomon's reign to the people (28:1-29:25)
- XXII. David dies (29:26-30)

Detailed Outline

- I. The generations (1:1-9:44)
 1. Adam to Lamech (1:1-3)
 2. Noah to Abraham (1:4-27)
 3. Abraham to Isaac (1:28-34)
 4. Of Esau (1:35-54)
 5. Of Israel (2:1,2)
 6. Of Judah through Jesse (2:3-55)
 7. Of David (3:1-9)
 8. Of Solomon (3:10-24)
 9. Of Judah through Caleb (4:1-23)
 10. Of Simeon (4:24-43)
 11. Of Reuben (5:1-10)
 12. Of Gad (5:11-22)
 13. Of 1/2 tribe of Manasseh (5:23-26)

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- 14. Of Levi (6:1-81)
- 15. Of Issachar (7:1-5)
- 16. Of Benjamin (7:6-13)
- 17. Of the other 1/2 of Manasseh and Ephraim (7:14-29)
- 18. Of Asher (7:30-40)
- 19. Benjamin's sons (8:1-40)
- 20. Israel's genealogies (9:1-9)
- 21. The priests and Levites (9:10-44)
- II. Saul's death (10:1-14)
- III. David anointed king of Israel (11:1-3)
- IV. David captures Jerusalem (11:4-9)
- V. David's mighty men (11:10-47)
- VI. David's armies (12:1-40)
- VII. The ark of the covenant moved to Obed-edom. Uzzah dies (13:1-14)
- VIII. David's wives (14:1-7)
- IX. David's victories (14:8-17)
- X. The ark of the covenant brought to Jerusalem (15:1-16:43)
- XI. David forbidden to build the temple (17:1-10)
- XII. David's son to build the temple (17:11-27)
- XIII. David defeats Philistia, Moab, Zobah, Syria, and Edom (18:1-17)
- XIV. David defeats Ammon (19:1-20:3)
- XV. Giants of Philistia killed (20:4-8)
- XVI. David numbers the people and is punished (21:1-30)
- XVII. Preparations for building of the temple (22:1-19)
- XVIII. David appoints Solomon to be king (23:1)
- XIX. The Levites (23:2-26:32)
- XX. Leaders of the people and officers in service to David (27:1-34)
- XXI. David announces Solomon's reign to the people (28:1-29:25)
- XXII. David dies (29:26-30)

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General Outline

- I. Solomon chooses wisdom (1:1-17)
- II. The temple (2:1-8:16)
- III. Solomon's navy (8:17,18)
- IV. Visit of the queen of Sheba (9:1-12)
- V. Solomon's wealth and wisdom (9:13-28)
- VI. Solomon dies (9:29-31)
- VII. Rehoboam's reign (10:1-12:16)
- VIII. Abijah reigns over Judah (13:1-22)
- IX. Asa reigns over Judah (14:1-16:14)
- X. Jehoshaphat reigns over Judah (17:1-20:37)
- XI. Jehoram reigns over Judah (21:1-20)
- XII. Ahaziah reigns over Judah (22:1-9)
- XIII. Athaliah attempts to usurp the throne (22:10-23:21)
- XIV. Joash reigns over Judah (24:1-27)
- XV. Amaziah reigns in Judah (25:1-28)
- XVI. Uzziah reigns in Judah (26:1-23)
- XVII. Jotham reigns over Judah (27:1-9)
- XVIII. Ahaz reigns over Judah (28:1-27)
- XIX. Hezekiah reigns over Judah (29:1-32:33)
- XX. Manasseh reigns over Judah (33:1-20)
- XXI. Amon reigns over Judah (33:21-25)
- XXII. Josiah reigns over Judah (34:1-35:27)
- XXIII. Jehoahaz reigns over Judah (36:1-4)
- XXIV. Jehoiakim reigns over Judah (36:5-8)
- XXV. Jehoiachin reigns over Judah (36:9,10)
- XXVI. Zedekiah reigns over Judah (36:11-13)
- XXVII. Babylonian captivity (36:14-21)
- XXVIII. Cyrus, king of Persia (36:22,23)

Detailed Outline

- I. Solomon chooses wisdom (1:1-17)
 - 1. Chooses wisdom (1:1-12)
 - 2. His wealth (1:13-17)
- II. The temple (2:1-8:16)
 - 1. Workmen (2:1-18)
 - 2. The work begins (3:1-17)
 - 3. The vessels and outer courts (4:1-22)
 - 4. The ark of the covenant brought into the temple (5:1-14)

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5. The dedication (6:1-42)
6. The first sacrifices in the temple (7:1-11)
7. God speaks to Solomon (7:12-22)
8. Solomon's cities (8:1-13)
9. Priests and porters (8:14-16)
- III. Solomon's navy (8:17,18)
- IV. Visit of the queen of Sheba (9:1-12)
- V. Solomon's wealth and wisdom (9:13-28)
- VI. Solomon dies (9:29-31)
- VII. Rehoboam's reign (10:1-12:16)
 1. Rehoboam becomes king (10:1-12)
 2. The kingdom splits (10:13-19)
 3. God keeps Rehoboam from fighting Israel (11:1-12)
 4. Priests and Levites come to Judah (11:13-17)
 5. Rehoboam's family (11:18-23)
 6. Egypt spoils Jerusalem (12:1-12)
 7. Rehoboam dies (12:13-16)
- VIII. Abijah reigns over Judah (13:1-22)
- IX. Asa reigns over Judah (14:1-16:14)
 1. Abolishes idolatry (14:1-15:19)
 2. Asa's foolish league with Syria (16:1-12)
 3. Asa dies (16:13,14)
- X. Jehoshaphat reigns over Judah (17:1-20:37)
 1. Instructs Judah in God's ways (17:1-11)
 2. His army (17:12-19)
 3. His league with Ahab of Israel (18:1-32)
 4. Ahab dies (18:33,34)
 5. Jehu, the prophet, rebukes Jehoshaphat (19:1-3)
 6. Sets up fair judges and priests (19:4-11)
 7. Seeks God before battling Moab and Ammon (20:1-30)
 8. His failed league with Ahaziah, king of Israel (20:31-37)
- XI. Jehoram reigns over Judah (21:1-20)
 1. A wicked king (21:1-11)
 2. Elijah prophesies against him (21:12-17)
 3. Jehoram dies (21:18-20)
- XII. Ahaziah reigns over Judah (22:1-9)
- XIII. Athaliah attempts to usurp the throne (22:10-23:21)
 1. Attempts to kill all of the royal seed (22:10-12)
 2. Joash saved (23:1-11)
 3. Athaliah killed (23:12-21)
- XIV. Joash reigns over Judah (24:1-27)
 1. Repairs the temple (24:1-16)
 2. Judah goes into idolatry (Zechariah, son of Jehoiada the priest, is killed)

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- (24:17-22)
3. Joash dies in battle with Syria (24:23-27)
- XV. Amaziah reigns in Judah (25:1-28)
- XVI. Uzziah reigns in Judah (26:1-23)
1. His might (26:1-15)
2. Turns from God (26:16-20)
3. Dies a leper (26:21-23)
- XVII. Jotham reigns over Judah (27:1-9)
- XVIII. Ahaz reigns over Judah (28:1-27)
1. His wickedness (28:1-4)
2. He is defeated by Syria and Israel (28:5-15)
3. His sacrifices to false gods (28:16-26)
4. Ahaz dies (28:27)
- XIX. Hezekiah reigns over Judah (29:1-32:33)
1. Restores worship of God (29:1-36)
2. Proclaims a Passover (30:1-27)
3. The priests (31:1-21)
4. Assyria defeated (32:1-26)
5. Hezekiah dies (32:27-33)
- XX. Manasseh reigns over Judah (33:1-20)
1. His evil ways (33:1-10)
2. Taken to Babylon (33:11)
3. His repentance (33:12-20)
- XXI. Amon reigns over Judah (33:21-25)
- XXII. Josiah reigns over Judah (34:1-35:27)
1. Restores worship of God (34:1-13)
2. Book of the law found (34:14-33)
3. The Passover kept (35:1-19)
4. Dies in battle against Egypt (35:20-27)
- XXIII. Jehoahaz reigns over Judah (36:1-4)
- XXIV. Jehoiakim reigns over Judah (36:5-8)
- XXV. Jehoiachin reigns over Judah (36:9,10)
- XXVI. Zedekiah reigns over Judah (36:11-13)
- XXVII. Babylonian captivity (36:14-21)
- XXVIII. Cyrus, king of Persia (36:22,23)

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2 KINGS -- LESSONS FROM

1. A failure to seek the counsel of God will bring the wrath of God upon us (1:1-6).
2. Trust in God and get the proper results (5:1ff).
3. Pride can keep us from obeying God (5:1ff, esp. vs. 11).
4. Greed will bring punishment (5:20-27).
5. God will punish the wicked nations -- Israel to Assyrian captivity; Judah to Babylonian.
6. A hard heart causes us not to hear God (17:14).
7. Origin of the Samaritans (17:24).
8. The power of prayer (20:1-11).
9. We will bring the wrath of God upon us if we fail to hearken unto the law of God (22:13).
10. God's prophecies will be fulfilled (23:16 + 1 Kings. 13:2).

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JOSHUA - 2 CHRONICLES

1 CHRONICLES - LESSONS FROM

1. Serve God and be blessed (4:9,10).
2. Seek counsel of someone other than God and you will fall (10:13,14).
3. Do not violate God's command (13:9,10).
4. When we seek to exalt ourselves, we violate God's will and serve Satan (21:1,2).
5. Our sins can bring evil upon others (21:7).
6. Look to help your children so they will not fail in the future (22:5).
7. David introduced the musical instrument into worship, not God (23:5).
8. Serve God with a perfect heart and willing mind (28:9).
9. The Lord knows all (28:9).
10. Seek God and you will find him (28:9).
11. Forsake God and he will cast you off (28:9).

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2 CHRONICLES - LESSONS FROM

1. Instrumental music in temple worship was introduced by David, not God (7:6; 29:26,27).
2. Like father, like son (11:21-23).
3. Do not seek help from any but God (16:7).
4. Speak only what God has said (18:13).
5. If we help the ungodly, we will bring the wrath of God upon us (19:2).
6. Believe God and his prophets and we will prosper (20:20).
7. A wicked wife will turn your heart away from God (21:6).
8. We will not prosper if we violate the commandments of God (24:20).
9. Pride goes before destruction (26:16).
10. False worship is the ruin of a nation (28:23).
11. Repentance brings favor from God (33:12,13,19).
12. One drifts from God when his law is not heard (34:14ff).
13. There will come a time when God will tolerate no more evil (36:16).

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ACTS, ROMANS

INTRODUCTION:

1. The book of Acts, in 28 chapters, gives us the story of the establishment of the church and the church's growth. The book begins with the ascension of Christ and ends with Paul under Roman guard. The book has often been referred to as the Acts of the Holy Spirit because of the number of miracles in the book. A list of these miracles is found at the end of this lesson.

2. Romans has 16 chapters. This book was written to the church at Rome to help them see that all Christians are equal. All need the salvation that is in Christ. Paul makes a sharp distinction between man's righteousness and the righteousness of God. The book helps us to understand what it means to be justified by faith.

DISCUSSION:

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General Outline

- I. The ascension of Christ (1:1-11)
- II. A new apostle is chosen (1:12-26)
- III. The church established (2:1-47)
- IV. The healing of a lame man (3:1-4:37)
- V. Peter and John appear before the Council again (5:1-42)
- VI. Stephen (6:1-7:60)
- VII. The growth of the church (8:1-12:23)
- VIII. The first missionary journey (12:24-14:28)
- IX. Paul and Barnabas discuss the Gentiles with the church at Jerusalem (15:1-35)
- X. The second missionary journey (15:36-18:22)
- XI. The third missionary journey (18:23-21:30)
- XII. Paul's defense before the Jews at Jerusalem (21:31-22:21)
- XIII. Paul taken to jail (22:22-30)
- XIV. Paul before the Jewish Council (23:1-35)
- XV. Paul before Felix (24:1-26)
- XVI. Paul before Festus (24:27-25:11)
- XVII. Paul before Agrippa (25:12-26:32)
- XVIII. The journey to Rome (27:1-28:16)
- XIX. At Rome (28:17-31)

Detailed Outline

- I. The ascension of Christ (1:1-11)
 1. Appears to the apostles (1:1-8)

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- 2. The ascension (1:9-11)
- II. A new apostle is chosen (1:12-26)
 - 1. Apostles and disciples gather in Jerusalem (1:12-14)
 - 2. Qualifications of an apostle (1:15-22)
 - 3. Matthias chosen (1:23-26)
- III. The church established (2:1-47)
 - 1. Those gathered at Jerusalem (2:1-13)
 - 2. Peter's sermon (2:14-40)
 - 3. Those converted (2:41)
 - 4. The beginning of the growth of the church (2:42-47)
- IV. The healing of a lame man (3:1-4:37)
 - 1. A lame man healed (3:1-11)
 - 2. Peter addresses the people (3:12-26)
 - 3. Peter and John taken into custody (4:1-4)
 - 4. Peter and John before the Council (4:5-22)
 - 5. The church prays for boldness (4:23-31)
 - 6. The unified church (4:32-37)
- V. Peter and John appear before the Council again (5:1-42)
 - 1. Ananias and Sapphira (5:1-13)
 - 2. Many are healed (5:14-16)
 - 3. Peter and John imprisoned (5:17,18)
 - 4. The angel of the Lord frees them (5:19-26)
 - 5. Before the Jewish Council (5:27-42)
- VI. Stephen (6:1-7:60)
 - 1. Chosen with six others (6:1-6)
 - 2. Arrested (6:7-15)
 - 3. His defense (7:1-53)
 - 4. Stoned to death (7:54-60)
- VII. The growth of the church (8:1-12:23)
 - 1. Those scattered abroad preach the word (8:1-4)
 - 2. Philip in Samaria (8:5-25)
 - A. Simon the sorcerer is converted (8:5-13)
 - B. Apostles bestow the Holy Spirit (8:14-17)
 - C. Simon sins in trying to buy this gift (8:18-25)
 - 3. Ethiopian eunuch converted (8:26-40)
 - 4. Saul of Tarsus converted (9:1-19)
 - 5. Saul preaches in Damascus (9:20-30)
 - 6. Peter raises Dorcas and other miracles (9:31-43)
 - 7. Cornelius is converted (10:1-48)
 - 8. Peter explains about the Gentiles (11:1-18)
 - 9. Those scattered abroad preach the word (11:19-21)
 - 10. Saul and Barnabas at Antioch (11:22-30)
 - 11. James is killed and Peter is imprisoned (12:1-19)

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- 12. Herod dies (12:20-23)
- VIII. The first missionary journey (12:24-14:28)
 - 1. Paul and Barnabas separated (12:24-13:3)
 - 2. Elymas, the sorcerer, struck blind (13:4-12)
 - 3. John Mark goes back to Jerusalem (13:13)
 - 4. At Antioch (13:14-44)
 - 5. The Jews reject the gospel. Paul goes to the Gentiles (13:45-52)
 - 6. Paul and Barnabas thought to be gods (14:1-18)
 - 7. Paul is stoned and left for dead (14:19-25)
 - 8. Paul and Barnabas return to Antioch (14:26-28)
- IX. Paul and Barnabas discuss the Gentiles with the church at Jerusalem (15:1-35)
- X. The second missionary journey (15:36-18:22)
 - 1. Paul and Barnabas separate (15:36-41)
 - 2. Paul and Silas meet Timothy (16:1-3)
 - 3. The Macedonian call (16:4-10)
 - 4. Lydia converted (16:11-15)
 - 5. Paul casts out a demon from a possessed girl and he and Silas are imprisoned (16:16-23)
 - 6. Philippian jailer converted (16:24-35)
 - 7. Paul and Silas released from jail (16:36-40)
 - 8. Persecuted at Thessalonica (17:1-9)
 - 9. At Berea (17:10-14)
 - 10. The sermon on Mars Hill in Athens (17:15-34)
 - 11. At Corinth (18:1-22)
- XI. The third missionary journey (18:23-21:30)
 - 1. Apollos (18:23-28)
 - 2. Those of the baptism of John are baptized correctly (19:1-7)
 - 3. At Ephesus (19:8-41)
 - A. Miracles wrought (19:8-11)
 - B. Many converted (19:12-23)
 - C. Riot of the worshippers of Diana (19:24-41)
 - 4. At Troas (20:1-12)
 - 5. The discussion at Miletus with the Ephesian elders (20:13-38)
 - 6. Arrested at Jerusalem (21:1-30)
- XII. Paul's defense before the Jews at Jerusalem (21:31-22:21)
- XIII. Paul taken to jail (22:22-30)
- XIV. Paul before the Jewish Council (23:1-35)
 - 1. He divides the Council over the resurrection (23:1-11)
 - 2. The conspiracy to kill Paul (23:12-22)
 - 3. Paul sent to Felix at Caesarea (23:23-35)
- XV. Paul before Felix (24:1-26)
 - 1. The charges against him (24:1-9)
 - 2. Paul's defense (24:10-26)

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- XVI. Paul before Festus (24:27-25:11)
 - 1. The Jews accuse Paul (24:27-25:7)
 - 2. Paul appeals to Caesar (25:8-11)
- XVII. Paul before Agrippa (25:12-26:32)
 - 1. Festus explains the case to Agrippa (25:12-27)
 - 2. Paul's defense before Agrippa (26:1-23)
 - 3. Agrippa is almost persuaded (26:24-30)
 - 4. Paul to be sent to Rome (26:31,32)
- XVIII. The journey to Rome (27:1-28:16)
 - 1. Paul warns the ship about the dangers ahead (27:1-11)
 - 2. A great storm comes against the ship (27:12-40)
 - 3. The shipwreck (27:41-44)
 - 4. Paul bitten by a poisonous snake on Melita (28:1-6)
 - 5. Many sick are healed (28:7-10)
 - 6. Arrival at Rome (28:11-16)
- XIX. At Rome (28:17-31)
 - 1. Paul speaks to the chief of the Jews (28:17-29)
 - 2. Paul preaches the word while under Roman guard (28:30,31)

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ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

(Below is, to the best of my ability, a list of the miracles found in the book of Acts. This list does not include the visions that are also recorded in the book.)

1. Sound of wind and cloven tongues like as of fire (2:1ff)
2. Apostles speaking in tongues (2:4)
3. Many wonders and signs (2:43)
4. A lame man healed (3:1ff)
5. Ananias and Sapphira struck dead (5:1ff)
6. Many signs and wonders (5:12)
7. Shadow of Peter heals many (5:15)
8. Angel delivers Peter and John from prison (5:19ff)
9. Stephen works miracles (6:8)
10. Philip works miracles (8:6,7)
11. Philip caught away from the Ethiopian eunuch (8:39)
12. Aeneas healed (9:33,34)
13. Dorcas raised from the dead (9:36ff)
14. Peter freed from jail (12:7ff)
15. Herod killed (12:23)
16. Elymas struck blind (13:8ff)
17. A cripple healed (14:8ff)
18. Demon cast out (16:16ff)
19. The earthquake that opened the jail (16:26ff)
20. Speaking in tongues (19:6)
21. Special miracles by Paul (19:11ff)
22. Eutychus brought back to life (20:9ff)
23. Paul bitten by a poisonous snake and not harmed (28:1ff)
24. Father of Publius healed (28:8)
25. Many healed (28:9)

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ROMANS

General Outline

- I. Introductory remarks (1:1-9)
- II. The gospel is God's power to salvation (1:10-17)
- III. The Gentiles rejected God (1:18-32)
- IV. The Jews rejected God (2:1-5)
- V. God's judgment is without respect of persons (2:6-16)
- VI. The Jews should have known better (2:17-29)
- VII. The law gave the Jews an advantage (3:1,2)
- VIII. All have sinned (3:3-23)
- IX. Salvation for all is through Christ (3:24-31)
- X. Abraham, an example of one justified by faith (4:1-25)
- XI. Our justification (5:1-16)
- XII. Grace and our salvation (5:17-6:23)
- XIII. Contrast of the law of Moses to the new law (7:1-8:16)
- XIV. As children of God (8:17-39)
- XV. Physical Israel is not God's chosen people (9:1-13)
- XVI. God has mercy on the Gentiles also (9:14-33)
- XVII. Israel was lost because it would not obey God (10:1-21)
- XVIII. God wants Israel to be saved (11:1-15)
- XIX. A warning to the Gentiles (11:16-25)
- XX. There is hope for Israel (11:26-36)
- XXI. Present your bodies a living sacrifice (12:1-21)
- XXII. Various laws (13:1-15:14)
- XXIII. Paul's desire to come to Rome (15:15-33)
- XXIV. Final exhortation (16:1-27)

Detailed Outline

- I. Introductory remarks (1:1-9)
- II. The gospel is God's power to salvation (1:10-17)
- III. The Gentiles rejected God (1:18-32)
 1. Man should know God (1:18-20)
 2. The Gentiles worshipped the creature rather than the Creator (1:21-25)
 3. The sins of the Gentiles (1:26-32)
- IV. The Jews rejected God (2:1-5)
- V. God's judgment is without respect of persons (2:6-16)
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- X. Abraham, an example of one justified by faith (4:1-25)
- XI. Our justification (5:1-16)
 - 1. Justified by faith in Christ (5:1-11)
 - 2. Justified by the death of Christ (5:12-16)
- XII. Grace and our salvation (5:17-6:23)
 - 1. Grace came by Jesus Christ (5:17-21)
 - 2. Grace forbids sin (6:1,2)
 - 3. The old man of sin was crucified by obedience to God (6:3-11)
 - 4. They became the servants of righteousness by obeying God's word (6:12-23)
- XIII. Contrast of the law of Moses to the new law (7:1-8:16)
 - 1. We cannot hold to both laws at the same time (7:1-11)
 - 2. The inner struggle of man (7:12-25)
 - 3. We should be spiritually minded (8:1-16)
- XIV. As children of God (8:17-39)
 - 1. Heirs of God (8:17-25)
 - 2. The Spirit helps us in our prayers (8:26,27)
 - 3. We are more than conquerors (8:28-39)
- XV. Physical Israel is not God's chosen people (9:1-13)
- XVI. God has mercy on the Gentiles also (9:14-33)
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- XX. There is hope for Israel (11:26-36)
- XXI. Present your bodies a living sacrifice (12:1-21)
- XXII. Various laws (13:1-15:14)
 - 1. Obey the laws of the land (13:1-7)
 - 2. Love one another (13:8-10)
 - 3. Do not yield to the things of the flesh (13:11-14)
 - 4. Respect those who are weak in Christ (14:1-23)
 - 5. We must be unified. We are all Christians (15:1-14)
- XXIII. Paul's desire to come to Rome (15:15-33)
- XXIV. Final exhortation (16:1-27)
 - 1. Personal greetings (16:1-16)
 - 2. Mark those who cause divisions (16:17-20)
 - 3. Greetings from others (16:21-24)
 - 4. Faith is obedience to God's word (16:25-27)

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ACTS - LESSONS FROM

1. The day of Pentecost would be the fulfillment of the kingdom coming with power (1:4-8 + Mk. 9:1).
2. When Christ comes back, all eyes shall see him (1:11 + Rev. 1:7).
3. The qualification of an apostle -- one who had been in their company from the baptism of John to the ascension of Christ (1:21,22).
4. Speaking in tongues = speaking known languages (2:4 + 6).
5. Jesus is both Lord and Christ (2:36).
6. Repentance + baptism = remission of sins (2:38).
7. One who is willing to gladly receive the word is one who will be converted (2:41).
8. The saved are added to the church (2:47).
9. Change brought about by repentance will blot out sins (3:19).
10. Jesus is the prophesied Messiah (3:22 + Deut. 18:15; Acts 13:23).
11. Those who will not hear Christ will be destroyed (3:23).
12. Salvation is in Jesus Christ (4:12).
13. We must not yield to the threats of the ungodly (4:18-20).
14. When in distress, pray for more boldness (4:29).
15. The Holy Ghost is God (5:3,4).
16. God's law must be obeyed over man's law (5:29).
17. Count it a joy when tried as a Christian (5:41).
18. Do things God's way and the word of God will increase (6:1-7).
19. Boldly defend the word even in the face of death (Stephen - chapter 7).

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20. The church is the people (8:3).
21. Preach the word wherever you are (8:4).
22. One must be taught concerning Christ and his church (8:12).
23. The Christian must repent and pray for forgiveness when they sin (8:22).
24. Water is necessary in baptism (8:36; 10:47).
25. To persecute the church is to persecute Christ (9:4,5).
26. Being a good man is not the same as being a saved man (Cornelius - Acts 10).
27. We need to hear what God has commanded us to do (10:33).
28. God is no respecter of persons (10:34).
29. Christians seek to help those in need (11:29).
30. The arrogant will fall (12:20-23).
31. Forgiveness comes through Jesus (13:38).
32. We judge ourselves unworthy when we reject God's word (13:46).
33. We must suffer to enter the kingdom (14:22).
34. Elders (plural) in every congregation (14:23).
35. We must praise God even when we are in distress (16:25).
36. We need to "turn the world upside down" (17:6).
37. We need to search the scriptures daily (17:11).
38. God is superior to all man-made gods (17:22ff).
39. Not everyone will respond correctly to the gospel message (17:32-34).
40. One can be "baptized" incorrectly (19:1-5).
41. There is no price too high to pay to be a child of God (17:19).

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- 42. We are to partake of the Lord's supper upon the first day of the week (20:7).
- 43. To be free from the blood of men we must teach them the whole truth (20:20,26,27).
- 44. Beware of false prophets disguised as wolves in sheep's clothing (20:28-31).
- 45. It is more blessed to give than to receive (20:35).
- 46. We must be willing to die for Christ (21:13).
- 47. Baptism washes away sin and is where we call on the name of the Lord (22:16).
- 48. All will be judged (24:15).
- 49. People will tremble when all the truth is preached (24:25).
- 50. Paul recognized the right of the government to kill wrongdoers (25:11).
- 51. Christianity is not to be "done in a corner" (26:26).
- 52. God does not want us to be almost persuaded (26:28).
- 53. An example of what Mark 16:18 meant (28:1-5).
- 54. We must preach the word regardless of the circumstances we are in (28:23,31).

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ROMANS - LESSONS FROM

1. Christians are saints (1:7).
2. The gospel is God's power to salvation (1:16).
3. God is revealed to us by the creation (1:20).
4. We are without excuse (1:20).
5. Following the wisdom of the world will make us fools (1:22).
6. We must worship God only (1:25).
7. Homosexuality is a sin (1:26,27).
8. Disobeying parents is a sin (1:30).
9. Consenting to sin makes us as guilty as those committing the sin (1:32).
10. Everyone will be judged without respect of persons (2:3,11,21).
11. Everyone will be judged based on their own deeds (2:6).
12. We will be judged by the gospel (2:16).
13. True Jews are those who obey Christ (2:28,29; 9:6ff).
14. God is the God of everyone (3:29).
15. Christ died for us when we did not deserve it (5:7,8).
16. We do not inherit the sin of Adam (5:12-14).
17. The old man of sin must be crucified and kept dead (6:1-6).
18. Obedience saves (6:16-18).
19. We cannot hold to the law of Christ and the old law at the same time (7:1-4).
20. Worldliness kills; godliness saves (8:6).
21. As Christians, we are heirs of God (8:17).

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22. Nothing is to separate us from the love of God (8:37-39).
23. We should not question God (9:20).
24. When one is ignorant of God's word, he will seek his own righteousness and be lost (10:1-3).
25. Faith comes by hearing God's word (10:17).
26. Take heed lest you fall (11:20,21).
27. God is both good and severe (11:22).
28. God does not change (11:29).
29. We are both the sacrifice and the sacrificer (12:1).
30. Don't be like the world (12:2).
31. Don't be arrogant (12:3).
32. Be kind, fair, honest, compassionate (12:9-18).
33. Vengeance belongs to God (12:19,20).
34. Overcome evil with good (12:21).
35. Obey the government (13:1-7).
36. Love one another (13:8-10).
37. Make no room for fleshly things in your life (13:14).
38. Help the weak in Christ (14:1-23).
39. Edify one another (15:2).
40. What was written was written for our learning (15:4).
41. The church will win (16:20).
42. Faith is obedience (16:26).

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1 CORINTHIANS, 2 CORINTHIANS

INTRODUCTION:

1. The letter of 1 Corinthians contains 16 chapters. This letter was written to address several problems inside the church at Corinth. Information concerning these problems came from those of the house of Chloe (1:11) and from questions written by the Corinthian brethren (7:1).
2. 2 Corinthians has 13 chapters and is a very personal letter from Paul to the Corinthian brethren. It does address some problems, but also finds Paul having to defend his apostleship due to false teachers working among the Corinthians.

DISCUSSION:

1 CORINTHIANS
General Outline

- I. Greeting (1:1-9)
- II. A plea for unity (1:10-17)
- III. Wisdom of the world and the wisdom of God (1:18-2:16)
- IV. Do not glory in men (3:1-23)
- V. Be faithful stewards (4:1-8)
- VI. The hardships of the apostles (4:9-15)
- VII. Paul addresses their problems (4:16-7:40)
- VIII. Liberty (8:1-9:27)
- IX. Take heed lest you fall (10:1-14)
- X. The distinctiveness of Christians (10:15-33)
- XI. God, Christ, Man, Woman -- In that order! (11:1-16)
- XII. Correction concerning the Lord's Supper (11:17-34)
- XIII. Spiritual gifts (12:1-14:40)
- XIV. The resurrection of Christ (15:1-15:58)
- XV. Concerning giving financially (16:1-4)
- XVI. Concluding remarks (16:5-24)

Detailed Outline

- I. Greeting (1:1-9)
- II. A plea for unity (1:10-17)
- III. Wisdom of the world and the wisdom of God (1:18-2:16)
 1. God uses the preaching of the word to save (1:18-31)
 2. We speak the wisdom of God (2:1-10)
 3. The spirit of God contrasted to the spirit of the world (2:11-16)
- IV. Do not glory in men (3:1-23)

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1. Do not fight over the carnal (3:1-5)
2. God gives the increase (3:6-10)
3. Christ is the true foundation (3:11-15)
4. We are the temple of God (3:16-23)
- V. Be faithful stewards (4:1-8)
- VI. The hardships of the apostles (4:9-15)
- VII. Paul addresses their problems (4:16-7:40)
 1. Do not be puffed up (4:16-21)
 2. Do not allow "leaven" into the church (5:1-13)
 3. Do not take your brother to court (6:1-8)
 4. Flee unrighteousness (6:9-20)
 5. Concerning marriage (7:1-40)
 - A. Husband/wife relationship (7:1-6)
 - B. Best to be single, but all right to marry (7:7-9)
 - C. Christian married to a non-Christian (7:10-16)
 - D. Abide with God (7:17-24)
 - E. The marriage of virgins (7:25-28)
 - F. Under the present distress, it is better not to marry (7:29-38)
 - G. When death ends the marriage (7:39-40)
- VIII. Liberty (8:1-9:27)
 1. Do not use your liberties to cause another to sin (8:1-13)
 2. Preachers may be supported financially by the church (9:1-18)
 3. Be willing to do what is necessary to win souls (9:19-27)
- IX. Take heed lest you fall (10:1-14)
- X. The distinctiveness of Christians (10:15-33)
 1. We cannot partake of good and of evil (10:15-23)
 2. Seek the good for others (10:24-30)
 3. Do all to the glory of God (10:31-33)
- XI. God, Christ, Man, Woman -- In that order! (11:1-16)
- XII. Correction concerning the Lord's Supper (11:17-34)
- XIII. Spiritual gifts (12:1-14:40)
 1. All the gifts came from the same Spirit (12:1-11)
 2. We are all important to the body (12:12-31)
 3. Love is the greatest of all (13:1-13)
 4. The regulation of the spiritual gifts (14:1-40)
- XIV. The resurrection of Christ (15:1-15:58)
 1. The witnesses to the resurrection (15:1-11)
 2. What the resurrection means to us (15:12-19)
 3. We will have a resurrection (15:20-34)
 4. We will be changed at the resurrection (15:35-56)
 5. We will be victorious (15:57,58)
- XV. Concerning giving financially (16:1-4)
- XVI. Concluding remarks (16:5-24)

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1. His desire to come through Corinth (16:5-9)
2. Help Timothy (16:10,11)
3. Apollos will not come yet (16:12)
4. Be strong (16:13,14)
5. The salutation (16:15-24)

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THE REGULATION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS
1 CORINTHIANS 14

TONGUES

1. Not as great as prophesying, unless there be an interpreter (14:5)
2. Must be words easy to understand (14:9)
3. Of no effect if one cannot understand them (14:16-19)
4. Are for those that do not believe, not for believers (14:22)
5. Must be done orderly (14:27)
6. If there is no interpreter, the speaker must be quiet (14:28)

PROPHECY

1. Is profitable (14:6)
2. Is for believers (14:22)
3. Must be done orderly (14:33)

PRINCIPLES TO GOVERN THE USE OF THE GIFTS

1. God is not the author of confusion (14:33)
2. All things are to be done decently and in order (14:40)

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1 CORINTHIANS
PROBLEMS ADDRESSED

1. Lack of unity (1:10; 12:14ff)
2. Following of men (1:12; 3:4)
3. Wisdom of man versus wisdom of God (1:18ff; 3:18)
4. Stay with that which is written (4:6)
5. Sin in the camp (5:1ff)
6. Taking one another to court (6:1-8)
7. Following immorality (6:9ff)
8. Sexual relations in marriage (7:1-5)
9. Christian married to non-Christian (7:12ff)
10. Virgins and marriage (7:25ff)
11. Abuse of liberties (8:1ff; 10:24-30)
12. Supporting a preacher financially (9:1-16)
13. Following idolatry (10:1ff)
14. Understanding roles (11:1-16)
15. Abuse of Lord's Supper (11:17-34)
16. Abuse of spiritual gifts (12:1-14:40)
17. Lack of love (13:1-13)
18. Failure to believe in the resurrection of man (15:1-34)
19. Failure to understand the nature of our resurrection (15:35-58)
20. Concerning giving (16:1,2)

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2 CORINTHIANS
General Outline

- I. Paul's personal message to the Corinthians (1:1-2:2)
- II. Purpose of writing (2:3-11)
- III. Paul's preaching (2:12-17)
- IV. Our hope (3:1-18)
- V. Our work (4:1-18)
- VI. Our motivation (5:1-21)
- VII. The test of our faithfulness (6:1-13)
- VIII. Exhortation to be separate from the world (6:14-7:1)
- IX. Titus' work (7:2-16)
- X. Concerning giving (8:1-9:15)
- XI. Our warfare (10:1-7)
- XII. Proper measuring of ourselves (10:8-18)
- XIII. False teachers (11:1-20)
- XIV. Paul's defense (11:21-12:21)
- XV. Paul's call for the Corinthians to repent (13:1-10)
- XVI. Salutation (13:11-14)

Detailed Outline

- I. Paul's personal message to the Corinthians (1:1-2:2)
 - 1. Greeting (1:1-3)
 - 2. His present distress and joy (1:4-14)
 - 3. His delay in coming (1:15-2:2)
- II. Purpose of writing (2:3-11)
- III. Paul's preaching (2:12-17)
- IV. Our hope (3:1-18)
- V. Our work (4:1-18)
- VI. Our motivation (5:1-21)
 - 1. Desire for a heavenly home (5:1-9)
 - 2. Fear of being lost (5:10-13)
 - 3. Christ's love at Calvary (5:14-21)
- VII. The test of our faithfulness (6:1-13)
- VIII. Exhortation to be separate from the world (6:14-7:1)
- IX. Titus' work (7:2-16)
 - 1. A comfort to Paul (7:2-6)
 - 2. Titus' report concerning their change (7:7-16)
- X. Concerning giving (8:1-9:15)
 - 1. The example of the Macedonians (8:1-7)
 - 2. Give willingly (8:8-15)
 - 3. Commendation of Titus (8:16-24)

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- 4. The collection for the saints (9:1-5)
- 5. Why and how to give (9:6-15)
- XI. Our warfare (10:1-7)
- XII. Proper measuring of ourselves (10:8-18)
- XIII. False teachers (11:1-20)
- XIV. Paul's defense (11:21-12:21)
 - 1. His tribulations (11:21-33)
 - 2. His vision (12:1-10)
 - 3. His miracles proved his apostleship (12:11-13)
 - 4. His desire to give all for them (12:14-19)
 - 5. His desire for their faithfulness (12:20,21)
- XV. Paul's call for the Corinthians to repent (13:1-10)
- XVI. Salutation (13:11-14)

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1 CORINTHIANS -- LESSONS FROM

1. Christians are saints (1:2).
2. Unity demanded (1:10).
3. Information from reliable sources may be used (1:11).
4. Christ is not divided (1:13).
5. God uses preaching to save souls (1:21).
6. The wise and mighty of the world will most likely not obey the gospel (1:26).
7. The simple, yet powerful, message (2:2).
8. We must plant and water, but God gives the increase (3:6).
9. Jesus is the true foundation (3:11).
10. We are the temple of God (3:16; 6:19).
11. We must be faithful stewards (4:2).
12. Do not go beyond that which is written (4:6).
13. Sometimes, we have to come with a rod (4:21).
14. Do not allow sin to go unchecked (5:6).
15. We judge those that are within (5:12).
16. Do not take your brother to court (6:1-8).
17. Christians were living in sin (6:11).
18. Glorify God in our bodies (6:20).
19. Let each man have HIS OWN wife. Let each woman have HER OWN husband (7:2).
20. Sexual relations outside of marriage is sin (7:2).
21. The Christian must work to keep the marriage together without compromising the truth (7:12-15).
22. We were bought with a price. Do not serve the world (7:23).
23. Do not allow your liberty to cause your brother to lose his soul (8:1-13).

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24. It is right to support a preacher financially (9:1-14).
25. We preach because we cannot keep it inside (9:16; cf. Jer. 20:9).
26. Work hard to keep ourselves faithful, lest we also be lost (9:27).
27. The examples of sin in the past were written to show us how not to be (10:6).
28. Take heed, lest we fall (10:12).
29. God provides a way out of each temptation (10:13).
30. We are not more powerful than God (10:22).
31. Do all to the glory of God (10:31).
32. Woman is subject to man (11:3).
33. The purpose of the Lord's Supper is to commemorate Christ's death until he come (11:26).
34. We are baptized into the church (12:13).
35. All Christians are important to God (12:14ff).
36. If love is not the motivating factor, the deed is worthless (13:1-13).
37. Love endures all (13:4-8).
38. Miracles would cease when the written word was completed (13:8-10).
39. The ability to speak in tongues was not to show other Christians that you had been saved (13:22).
40. Women must keep silence in the assemblies. Therefore, it is not lawful for women to preach (14:34,35).
41. All things must be done decently and in order (14:40).
42. All we do and believe is meaningful because Christ was raised from the dead (15:12ff).
43. The church will be delivered to the Father at judgment (15:24).

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- 44. Evil companions will corrupt us (15:33).
- 45. We will be victorious (15:57,58).
- 46. Give as we have prospered (16:1,2).
- 47. The Christian's battle cry (16:13).

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2 CORINTHIANS - LESSONS FROM

1. Christians are saints (1:1).
2. Prayer works (1:11).
3. The Spirit is the earnest of our salvation (1:22).
4. Church discipline works (2:6ff).
5. The teaching of the gospel exalts and condemns (2:15,16).
6. We speak the things of God (2:17).
7. We must never waver in our service to God (4:1,16).
8. We exalt Christ, not ourselves (4:5).
9. We possess the treasure of God (4:7).
10. We will never be moved from serving God (4:8-10).
11. Our eyes should be on Heaven (4:17,18).
12. We will all be judged by our own deeds (5:10).
13. We preach because we do not want others to be lost (5:11).
14. Christ died so we would live unto him, not so we could serve self (5:14-21).
15. We become new creatures in Christ (5:17).
16. Now is the day of salvation (6:2).
17. Be separate from the world (6:14-18).
18. Godly sorrow will bring about repentance (7:10).
19. We must first give ourselves to God (8:5).
20. We must be willing givers (8:12; 9:6-7).
21. We will never out give God (9:8).

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- 22. Our giving helps others (9:12).
- 23. Our motivation for giving -- God's gift of Christ for us (9:15).
- 24. We must not measure ourselves by ourselves (10:12).
- 25. If God does not commend us, we are nothing (10:18).
- 26. Be careful. Sometimes Satan's helpers appear to be God's helpers (11:14,15).
- 27. A cause of grief -- unfaithfulness in the church (11:28).
- 28. Prayer is not always answered yes (12:8,9).
- 29. We should do what we do so we can edify others (12:19).
- 30. Sometimes, we have to be harsh (13:2).
- 31. We must examine ourselves to make certain our lives are in keeping with God's will (13:5).
- 32. We must be perfect (13:11).

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GALATIANS, EPHESIANS

INTRODUCTION:

1. The six chapters of Galatians give us some of the strongest teaching concerning the need to follow the law of Christ and not to follow the old law. Paul gives a sharp rebuke to those who would follow the old law.
2. Ephesians, in its six chapters, teaches us concerning the church -- our lives, our work, our battle. It is the book of the church.

DISCUSSION:

GALATIANS

General Outline

- I. Greetings (1:1-5)
- II. Do not follow other doctrines (1:6-10)
- III. Paul defends his teaching (1:11-2:21)
- IV. The promise of faith (3:1-14)
- V. The purpose of the old law (3:15-25)
- VI. We are the heirs of God (3:26-4:7)
- VII. As heirs of God, why do you follow false gods? (4:8-5:12)
- VIII. Walk in the Spirit (5:13-26)
- IX. General admonitions (6:1-10)
- X. False teachers urge you to observe the old law so they will not suffer in the flesh (6:11-13)
- XI. Glory in the cross of Christ (6:14-18)

Detailed Outline

- I. Greetings (1:1-5)
- II. Do not follow other doctrines (1:6-10)
 1. There is but one true doctrine (1:6,7)
 2. Do not listen to any false teacher (1:8,9)
 3. If we please men, we do not serve Christ (1:10)
- III. Paul defends his teaching (1:11-2:21)
 1. His teaching came from God (1:11,12)
 2. His early life as a Christian (1:12-2:10)
 3. Paul withstands Peter because of Peter's hypocrisy (2:11-15)
 4. We are not justified by the works of the old law (2:16-21)
- IV. The promise of faith (3:1-14)
 1. Do not go back into sin (3:1-6)

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- 2. All are saved by the new law (3:7-14)
- V. The purpose of the old law (3:15-25)
 - 1. Not to make the new law of none effect (3:15,16)
 - 2. To make known transgressions (3:17-21)
 - 3. To bring us to the Master (3:22-25)
- VI. We are the heirs of God (3:26-4:7)
- VII. As heirs of God, why do you follow false gods? (4:8-5:12)
 - 1. Do not observe the things under the old law (4:8-11)
 - 2. At the first, you followed the truth (4:12-16)
 - 3. Those who teach you falsely work against you (4:17,18)
 - 4. Even the old law spoke of a time when we would not be under the old law (4:19-31)
 - 5. Do not go back into the yoke of bondage (5:1-4)
 - 6. Who hindered you? (5:5-12)
- VIII. Walk in the Spirit (5:13-26)
 - 1. Do not devour one another (5:13-15)
 - 2. Walk in the Spirit, not under the old law (5:16-18)
 - 3. Works of the flesh (5:19-21)
 - 4. Fruit of the Spirit (5:22-26)
- IX. General admonitions (6:1-10)
 - 1. Restore the erring (6:1)
 - 2. Bear one another's burdens (6:2-5)
 - 3. Support those who teach the truth (6:6)
 - 4. Persevere (6:7-9)
 - 5. Help all (6:10)
- X. False teachers urge you to observe the old law so they will not suffer in the flesh (6:11-13)
- XI. Glory in the cross of Christ (6:14-18)

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EPHESIANS

General Outline

- I. Greetings (1:1-3)
- II. Our salvation (1:4-2:22)
- III. The Gentiles should be fellow heirs (3:1-21)
- IV. Unity (4:1-16)
- V. Walk in the way of Christ (4:17-5:21)
- VI. Christ and the church (5:22-33)
- VII. General instructions (6:1-9)
- VIII. Our battle (6:10-20)
- IX. Conclusion (6:21-24)

Detailed Outline

- I. Greetings (1:1-3)
- II. Our salvation (1:4-2:22)
 - 1. Redemption through Christ's blood (1:4-7)
 - 2. Saved by obedience to the word of truth (1:8-14)
 - 3. Christ is our head (1:15-23)
 - 4. We are saved by grace through faith (2:1-9)
 - 5. We are to do the work of God (2:10)
 - 6. In Christ, we now have hope (2:11-13)
 - 7. Christ brought all under on law, so that all now have the hope of salvation (2:14-22)
- III. The Gentiles should be fellow heirs (3:1-21)
 - 1. Paul was the minister to the Gentiles (3:1-8)
 - 2. The church is to spread the word (3:9-11)
 - 3. Be rooted and grounded in love (3:12-21)
- IV. Unity (4:1-16)
 - 1. Endeavor to keep unity (4:1-3)
 - 2. The seven ones of unity (4:4-6)
 - 3. Various gifts / one giver (4:7-12)
 - 4. We must be solidly grounded on the unity of the faith (4:13-16)
- V. Walk in the way of Christ (4:17-5:21)
 - 1. Walk not as the world walks (4:17-23)
 - 2. Be honest and truthful (4:24-28)
 - 3. Do not be of bitter and corrupt speech (4:29-31)
 - 4. Be compassionate (4:32)
 - 5. Follow God (5:1,2)
 - 6. Evil is not to be named among you (5:3-5)
 - 7. Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness (5:6-12)

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- 8. Walk as wise men / redeem the time (5:13-17)
- 9. Submit to one another (5:18-21)
- VI. Christ and the church (5:22-33)
- VII. General instructions (6:1-9)
 - 1. To children (6:1-3)
 - 2. To fathers (6:4)
 - 3. To servants (6:5-8)
 - 4. To masters (6:9)
- VIII. Our battle (6:10-20)
 - 1. We war against the devil (6:10-12)
 - 2. Put on the whole armor of God (6:13-20)
- IX. Conclusion (6:21-24)

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THE OLD LAW IN GALATIANS

1. A man is not justified by the works of the law (2:16).
2. The Spirit did not come by the works of the law (3:2).
3. Those who are of the works of the law are under the curse (3:10).
4. No man is justified by the law (3:11).
5. If the inheritance is of the law, it is no more of promise (3:18).
6. The law was added for transgressions until the seed should come (3:19).
7. Under the law, we were shut up unto faith (3:23).
8. The law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ (3:24).
9. To return to the old law is to be in bondage (4:9; 5:1).
10. To hold to one part of the old law makes us a debtor to the whole law (5:3).
11. If we seek to be justified by the old law, Christ is of no effect to us and we are fallen from grace (5:4).
12. If we are led by the Spirit, we are not under the old law (5:18).

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THE DIGRESSION OF THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS

GUARD
(Acts 20:28-31)

GREAT
(Eph. 1:15)

GONE
(Rev. 2:1-7)

THE CHURCH IN EPHESIANS

1. Christ is the head of the church (1:22; 4:15; 5:23).
2. The church is Christ's body (1:23).
3. The world is reconciled to God in the church (2:16).
4. The church is to make known the manifold wisdom of God (3:10).
5. The church was eternally purposed (3:11).
6. There is only one church (4:4).
7. Members of the church are children of light (5:8).
8. Christ is the savior of the church (5:23).
9. The church is subject to Christ (5:24).
10. Christ died for the church (5:25).
11. Christ wants the church to be without blemish (5:27).
12. The church's war is against the devil (6:11,12).

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GALATIANS -- LESSONS FROM

1. Christ died to “deliver us from this present evil world” (1:4).
2. There is only one true gospel (1:6-9).
3. We should not listen to any false teacher (1:8,9).
4. We cannot please men and be servants of Christ (1:10).
5. God does not accept us because we think we are great (2:6).
6. Remember the poor (2:10).
7. Public sin demands public rebuke (2:11ff).
8. We must be faithful to God and not fear what men might think (2:12).
9. When we sin, we make ourselves the transgressors (2:18).
10. Christ rules the hearts of Christians (2:20).
11. We should not allow people to turn us from obeying the truth (3:1).
12. The children of Abraham are those who walk by faith (3:7).
13. We are not justified by the old law (3:11).
14. Christ is the “seed” promised to Abraham through whom all nations will be blessed (3:16).
15. The old law was given to bring us to Christ (3:24).
16. We are baptized into Christ (3:27).
17. We are heirs, if we are Christ’s (3:29).
18. We should not hate those who tell us the truth (4:16).
19. To hold to the old law is to hold to the yoke of bondage (5:1).
20. Those who would hold to the old law are fallen from grace (5:4).
21. A working faith is what counts (5:6).
22. Do not let others hinder us (5:7).
23. God does not want us to fail (5:8).

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- 24. Liberty is not license to do evil (5:13).
- 25. Love thy neighbor as thyself (5:14).
- 26. Do not destroy one another (5:15).
- 27. The things of the world and the things of God are contrary one to the other (5:17).
- 28. Those who do evil will not inherit the kingdom of God (5:19-21).
- 29. There is no law against doing the things of God (5:22,23).
- 30. Those who are Christians have died to the things of the world (5:24).
- 31. Restore those who have gone astray (6:1).
- 32. Bear one another's burdens (6:2).
- 33. We will reap what we sow (6:7,8).
- 34. Never stop working for God (6:9).
- 35. Help others (6:10).
- 36. Many refuse to obey God so they will not be ridiculed or persecuted by others (6:12).
- 37. Glory in the cross of Christ (6:14).

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EPHESIANS - LESSONS FROM

1. All spiritual blessings are in Christ (1:3).
2. Forgiveness is through the blood of Christ (1:7).
3. We are saved by the word of truth (1:13).
4. The Spirit is the seal and earnest of our salvation (1:13,14).
5. In prayer, we should be thankful for the faithful brethren (1:16).
6. Christ is King (1:21,22).
7. Christ is the head of the church (1:23).
8. The church is the body of Christ (1:23).
9. Grace + works = salvation (2:5-10).
10. Outside of Christ we have no hope (2:11,12).
11. All are reconciled to God in the church (2:16).
12. Christ is the chief corner stone (2:20).
13. The gospel - the unsearchable riches of Christ (3:8).
14. The church - God's instrument to spread the word (3:10).
15. The church was eternally purposed. It was not an afterthought by God (3:11).
16. Be rooted and grounded in love (3:17).
17. God is able to do more than we can comprehend (3:20).
18. Keep the unity of the Spirit (4:3).
19. Our various abilities should be used to bring the church to maturity, unified in the gospel (4:11-13).
20. We should not be tossed to and fro by every "new" doctrine that comes along (4:14).
21. Speak the truth in love (4:15).
22. Those in Christ do not do evil deeds (4:19,20).
23. Do not give place to the devil (4:27).

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24. Use the tongue for edification (4:29).
25. Follow God (5:1).
26. Do not partake with those who do evil (5:7).
27. Reprove the works of darkness (5:11).
28. Use your time wisely (5:15,16).
29. Only vocal singing is authorized in singing praises to God (5:19).
30. Give thanks to God through Christ (5:20).
31. The husband is the head of the wife (5:22,23).
32. Christ is the head of the church (5:23).
33. Christ is the savior of the church (5:23).
34. The church must be perfect (5:26,27).
35. Husbands should love their wives as they love themselves (5:33).
36. Children must obey their parents in the things of God (6:1).
37. Fathers are to rear their children to be Christians (6:4).
38. Workers are to work as though they are working for Christ (6:6).
39. We must fight the devil (6:11,12).
40. We must put on the WHOLE armor of God (6:13-18).

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PHILIPPIANS; COLOSSIANS

INTRODUCTION:

1. The book of Philippians contains 4 chapters. In these chapters, Paul expresses his thankfulness for the help the Philippian brethren had given him. He teaches us that we must be willing to give up everything to serve Christ and be ready to suffer.
2. The 4 chapters of Colossians contain a strong warning against following false teachers. In Colossae, Judaizing teachers were working to ensnare the church into following the old law once again. Paul shows the folly of this by showing where our redemption is -- in Jesus.

DISCUSSION:

PHILIPPIANS

General Outline

- I. Greetings (1:1,2)
- II. Paul's thankfulness for the Philippian brethren (1:3-11)
- III. Paul's bonds were not a hindrance (1:12-20)
- IV. Paul's desire to help the Philippian brethren (1:21-26)
- V. Stand fast in persecution (1:27-30)
- VI. Humility (2:1-16)
- VII. Paul's fellow-helpers (2:17-30)
- VIII. Paul's example (3:1-14)
- IX. Our walk (3:15-21)
- X. Euodias and Syntyche (4:1-3)
- XI. The Christian's walk (4:4-9)
- XII. The Philippians' aid to Paul (4:10-19)
- XIII. Conclusion (4:20-23)

Detailed Outline

- I. Greetings (1:1,2)
- II. Paul's thankfulness for the Philippian brethren (1:3-11)
- III. Paul's bonds were not a hindrance (1:12-20)
- IV. Paul's desire to help the Philippian brethren (1:21-26)
- V. Stand fast in persecution (1:27-30)
- VI. Humility (2:1-16)
 1. Esteem others better than self (2:1-4)
 2. Have the mind of Christ (2:5-11)
 3. Work out our own salvation (2:12-16)

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- VII. Paul's fellow-helpers (2:17-30)
 - 1. Timothy (2:17-23)
 - 2. Epaphroditus (2:24-30)
- VIII. Paul's example (3:1-14)
 - 1. Things he gave up to be a Christian (3:1-8)
 - 2. He presses towards the mark (3:9-14)
- IX. Our walk (3:15-21)
 - 1. Follow those who walk godly (3:15-17)
 - 2. Avoid following the ungodly (3:18,19)
 - 3. Our goal is Heaven (3:20,21)
- X. Euodias and Syntyche (4:1-3)
- XI. The Christian's walk (4:4-9)
 - 1. Rejoice (4:4)
 - 2. Be moderate (4:5)
 - 3. Pray (4:6,7)
 - 4. Think on these things (4:8,9)
- XII. The Philippians' aid to Paul (4:10-19)
 - 1. Paul's contentment (4:10-12)
 - 2. Paul's source of strength (4:13)
 - 3. The Philippians' aid (4:14-18)
 - 4. God will bless them (4:19)
- XIII. Conclusion (4:20-23)

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COLOSSIANS

General Outline

- I. Greetings (1:1,2)
- II. Their faith (1:3-8)
- III. Paul's desire for them (1:9-11)
- IV. Christ (1:12-22)
- V. Paul's work (1:23-29)
- VI. Warning concerning false teachers (2:1-8)
- VII. Christ set us free from the Old Law (2:9-15)
- VIII. Walk not after the things of the flesh (2:16-23)
- IX. Seek Heaven (3:1-4)
- X. Mortify the things of the flesh (3:5-9)
- XI. Put on the things of God (3:11-17)
- XII. Instructions to wives, husbands, children, fathers, servants, masters (3:18-4:1)
- XIII. On prayer (4:2-4)
- XIV. The Christian's walk and talk (4:5,6)
- XV. Conclusion (4:7-18)

Detailed Outline

- I. Greetings (1:1,2)
- II. Their faith (1:3-8)
- III. Paul's desire for them (1:9-11)
 - 1. Filled with the knowledge of his will (1:9)
 - 2. Walk worthy of the Lord (1:10)
 - 3. Be fruitful unto every good work (1:10)
 - 4. Be strengthened (1:11)
- IV. Christ (1:12-22)
 - 1. Our savior (1:12,13)
 - 2. Our redeemer (1:14)
 - 3. The one by whom all things were created (1:15-17)
 - 4. The head of the church (1:18)
 - 5. Our reconciler (1:19-22)
- V. Paul's work (1:23-29)
- VI. Warning concerning false teachers (2:1-8)
- VII. Christ set us free from the Old Law (2:9-15)
- VIII. Walk not after the things of the flesh (2:16-23)
- IX. Seek Heaven (3:1-4)
- X. Mortify the things of the flesh (3:5-9)
- XI. Put on the things of God (3:11-17)
- XII. Instructions to wives, husbands, children, fathers, servants, masters (3:18-4:1)

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- XIII. On prayer (4:2-4)
 - 1. Continue in prayer (4:2)
 - 2. Pray that doors will be opened (4:3,4)
- XIV. The Christian's walk and talk (4:5,6)
 - 1. Walk in wisdom (4:5)
 - 2. Redeem the time (4:5)
 - 3. Purity of speech (4:6)
- XV. Conclusion (4:7-18)

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PHILIPPIANS -- LESSONS FROM

1. Elders and deacons -- Plural (1:1).
2. Be faithful until the end of time (1:6).
3. All things work together for good to them that love the Lord (1:12,13).
4. Faithfulness during adversity strengthens the faith of others (1:14).
5. Be set to defend the gospel (1:17).
6. Prayer works (1:19).
7. We must be like Christ (1:21; 2:5).
8. Be unified (1:27; 2:2).
9. Serve one another (2:3,4).
10. Our salvation depends on our works (2:12).
11. Do all things without murmuring or disputing (2:14).
12. Be blameless and harmless in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation (2:15).
13. Beware of false teachers (3:2).
14. Be willing to give up all to follow Christ (3:4-8).
15. Forget the things we gave up to be Christians and press on to Heaven (3:13,14).
16. Mark those who are faithful and follow them (3:17).
17. False teachers are the enemies of the cross of Christ (3:18).
18. Stand fast in the Lord (4:1).
19. Rejoice always (4:4).
20. Place your cares in the hands of God (4:6,7).

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- 21. The Christian's mind set (4:8).
- 22. Be content where you are (4:11).
- 23. The Christian's source of strength -- Jesus Christ (4:13).
- 24. God can and will help his people (4:19).

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COLOSSIANS -- LESSONS FROM

1. Christians are saints (1:2).
2. Pray that others will walk worthy of the Lord (1:9-11).
3. Christians have been delivered out of darkness into the kingdom of Christ (1:13).
4. The kingdom already exists. It is not the purpose of Christ's coming to establish the kingdom. (1:13).
5. Redemption is through Jesus Christ (1:14).
6. Christ is God (1:15-17).
7. Christ is the head of the church (1:18).
8. Christ died to bring peace, i.e., to reconcile mankind to himself (1:20,21).
9. We must continue in the faith and be grounded and settled (1:23).
10. In our preaching, we must warn and teach (1:28).
11. The purpose of preaching is to help present every man perfect in Christ (1:28).
12. Do not let anyone beguile us (2:4,8,16,18).
13. Walk in Christ (2:6).
14. In Christ dwells the fulness of the Godhead bodily (2:9).
15. Baptism is a burial (2:12).
16. Christ nailed the Old Law to the cross (2:14).
17. Seek those things which are above (3:1,2).
18. A Christian's life is one of dead to the world and hid in Christ (3:3).
19. Put off worldly things (3:5ff).
20. Put on the things of God (3:10ff).

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21. Forgive because Christ forgave us (3:13).
22. Above all, put on love (3:14).
23. Teach and admonish one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (3:16).
24. All that we do must be authorized by Christ (3:17).
25. Wives are subject to their husbands (3:18).
26. Husbands must love their wives (3:19).
27. Children are to obey their parents (3:20).
28. Do all that we do as if we were serving God (3:23).
29. Those who do wrong will receive their punishment based on the wrong they have done (3:25).
30. God is no respecter of persons (3:25).
31. Pray that doors may be opened (4:3).
32. Live upright before those of the world (4:5).
33. Use our time wisely (4:5).
34. Use our tongues wisely (4:6).
35. Pray that others might stand perfect and complete in all the will of God (4:12).

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1 THESSALONIANS; 2 THESSALONIANS

INTRODUCTION:

1. The book of 1 Thessalonians contains 5 chapters. The purpose of the book is to exhort the Thessalonian brethren to continued faithfulness and to correct their thinking concerning the second coming of Christ. The fifth chapter gives us some very practical rules to live by.
2. The book of 2 Thessalonians used 3 chapters to warn the brethren against false teachers and to admonish them to keep the church pure. They must withdraw from those who walk disorderly. They are further encouraged to treat the one withdrawn from as a brother, striving to get him to come back.

DISCUSSION:

1 THESSALONIANS

General Outline

- I. Greetings (1:1-4)
- II. The Thessalonians' faith (1:5-10)
- III. Paul's example (2:1-12)
- IV. Paul's joy -- the Thessalonian brethren (2:13-20)
- V. Paul encouraged by the good report concerning the Thessalonian brethren (3:1-9)
- VI. Paul's desire for them (3:10-13)
- VII. Commandments given to them (4:1-12)
- VIII. Concerning the judgment (4:13 - 5:11)
- IX. Esteem elders (5:12,13)
- X. Rules to live by (5:14-22)
- XI. Conclusion (5:23-28)

Detailed Outline

- I. Greetings (1:1-4)
- II. The Thessalonians' faith (1:5-10)
 1. Became followers of God (1:5,6)
 2. Examples to the believers (1:7,8)
 3. Turned to God (1:9,10)
- III. Paul's example (2:1-12)
 1. Boldly proclaimed the word (2:1-4)
 2. Did not seek glory of men (2:5-7)
 3. Would have given himself for them (2:8,9)
 4. Walked uprightly (2:10-12)

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- IV. Paul's joy -- the Thessalonian brethren (2:13-20)
 - 1. Received the word (2:13)
 - 2. Suffered for Christ (2:14-16)
 - 3. Paul's desire to come to them (2:17-20)
- V. Paul encouraged by the good report concerning the Thessalonian brethren (3:1-9)
- VI. Paul's desire for them (3:10-13)
- VII. Commandments given to them (4:1-12)
- VIII. Concerning the judgment (4:13 - 5:11)
 - 1. We will meet Jesus in the air (4:13-18)
 - 2. Christ's coming will come as a thief in the night (5:1-3)
 - 3. Be ready for the judgment (5:4-7)
 - 4. Live for Christ (5:8-11)
- IX. Esteem elders (5:12,13)
- X. Rules to live by (5:14-22)
- XI. Conclusion (5:23-28)

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2 THESSALONIANS

General Outline

- I. Greetings (1:1-3)
- II. Exhortation (1:4-12)
- III. Warning concerning the wicked man (2:1-12)
- IV. Hold fast the word of God (2:13-17)
- V. Paul's desire for their prayers (3:1-5)
- VI. Discipline (3:6-15)
- VII. Conclusion (3:16-18)

Detailed Outline

- I. Greetings (1:1-3)
- II. Exhortation (1:4-12)
 - 1. Their patience and faith (1:4,5)
 - 2. Their persecutors will be punished by God (1:6-10)
 - 3. Exhorted to continued faithfulness (1:11,12)
- III. Warning concerning the wicked man (2:1-12)
 - 1. Do not be deceived (2:1-6)
 - 2. Watch out for the wicked (2:7-10)
 - 3. The wicked will believe a lie and be condemned (2:11,12)
- IV. Hold fast the word of God (2:13-17)
- V. Paul's desire for their prayers (3:1-5)
- VI. Discipline (3:6-15)
 - 1. Withdraw from the disorderly (3:6)
 - 2. Paul's example (3:7-10)
 - 3. Perseverance needed (3:11-13)
 - 4. Admonish the disorderly (3:14,15)
- VII. Conclusion (3:16-18)

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1 THESSALONIANS -- LESSONS FROM

1. Faith is a work (1:3).
2. We must have a labor of love {love in action} (1:3).
3. We must be patient in our hope (1:3).
4. Sound forth the word of God everywhere you go (1:8).
5. Cease the service of the world (1:9).
6. Wait for the coming of Jesus (1:10).
7. We have been put in trust with the gospel (2:4).
8. Please God, not men (2:4).
9. Be willing to give our ourselves for others (2:8).
10. Walk worthy of God (2:12).
11. Receive the word as it is in truth the word of God (2:13).
12. The word of God is not the word of men (2:13).
13. Our faithfulness will be a joy and blessing to others (2:19-3:7).
14. Abstain from fornication (4:3).
15. Defraud not your brother in any matter (4:6).
16. Love one another (4:9).
17. Work with your own hands that you may walk honestly before men and have the things you need (4:11,12).
18. Gambling is wrong because it is not minding your own business and it is not honest before men (4:11,12).
19. We will meet the Lord in the air. Jesus will not set foot on Earth at the second coming (4:17).

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20. The second coming of Christ will not be secretive (4:16).
21. There will be a resurrection (4:15-17).
22. Some will be alive when Christ comes again (4:17).
23. The second coming should be a comfort to us -- that for which we look (4:18).
24. No one will know when Christ will come again (5:2,3).
25. Be prepared for the coming (5:4-7).
26. Work for our salvation (5:8-10).
27. Comfort and edify one another (5:11).
28. Esteem the elders who oversee you (5:12,13).
29. Warn the unruly (5:14).
30. Comfort the weak and feeble minded (5:14).
31. Be patient toward all (5:14).
32. Do not render evil for evil (5:15).
33. Be happy always (5:16).
34. Be prayerful people (5:17).
35. Do not stifle the work of the Spirit (5:19).
36. Do not despise the teaching of the word (5:20).
37. Put everything to the test (5:21).
38. Hold fast to those things which are good (5:21).
39. Abstain from that which has the similitude of evil (5:22).

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2 THESSALONIANS-- LESSONS FROM

1. Endure persecutions (1:4,5).
2. God will recompense tribulation to those who trouble the church (1:6).
3. Those who know not God and those who obey not the gospel of Christ will be punished eternally (1:8,9).
4. Faith is a work (1:11).
5. Do not let anyone move us from the truth (2:2,3).
6. God will destroy the wicked (2:8).
7. Those who will not receive the truth will be lost (2:10).
8. We are called by the gospel (2:14).
9. Stand fast (2:15).
10. Pray that the word of God may have free course (3:1).
11. Pray that the faithful will be delivered from the wicked (3:2).
12. Withdraw from every brother that walks disorderly (3:6).
13. If any will not work, neither shall he eat (3:10).
14. Do not be weary in well doing (3:13).
15. We are to have no company with those who have been withdrawn from (3:14).
16. We are to admonish the wayward as brothers (3:15).

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1 TIMOTHY; 2 TIMOTHY

INTRODUCTION:

1. The six chapters of 1 Timothy give us instructions on how to behave ourselves as Christians (3:15). Paul instructs in everything from soundness in doctrine to dress to elders to widows to the love of money. This is a book that gives strong teaching on being men and women of God.
2. In four chapters, the letter of 2 Timothy discusses the roles of everyone in the church. Paul also assures us that we will suffer persecution because we are Christians. The final charge of Paul is for us to be faithful unto death.

DISCUSSION:

1 TIMOTHY

General Outline

- I. A charge to Timothy (1:1-4)
- II. The purpose of the law (1:5-10)
- III. Salvation is through Christ (1:11-17)
- IV. The charge to hold fast the faith (1:18-20)
- V. Prayer (2:1-8)
- VI. Women to be in subjection (2:9-15)
- VII. Qualifications of elders (3:1-7)
- VIII. Qualifications of deacons (3:8-10,12,13)
- IX. Qualifications of the wives (3:11)
- X. The charge to act like Christians (3:14-16)
- XI. A warning concerning a falling away (4:1-5)
- XII. The work of a preacher (4:6-5:2)
- XIII. Widows (5:1-16)
- XIV. Elders - Praise for and accusations against (5:17-21)
- XV. General admonitions (5:22-25)
- XVI. Servants and masters (6:1,2)
- XVII. False teachers (6:3-5)
- XVIII. The love of money (6:6-10)
- XIX. The man of God (6:11-16)
- XX. A warning and admonition to the rich (6:17-19)
- XXI. Keep that which is committed to thy trust (6:20,21)

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Detailed Outline

- I. A charge to Timothy (1:1-4)
- II. The purpose of the law (1:5-10)
- III. Salvation is through Christ (1:11-17)
- IV. The charge to hold fast the faith (1:18-20)
- V. Prayer (2:1-8)
 - 1. For those in authority (2:1-3)
 - 2. Christ, our mediator (2:4-7)
 - 3. Pray without wrath and doubting (2:8)
- VI. Women to be in subjection (2:9-15)
 - 1. Dress as women that profess godliness (2:9,10)
 - 2. Do not usurp authority over a man (2:11-15)
- VII. Qualifications of elders (3:1-7)
- VIII. Qualifications of deacons (3:8-10,12,13)
- IX. Qualifications of the wives (3:11)
- X. The charge to act like Christians (3:14-16)
- XI. A warning concerning a falling away (4:1-5)
- XII. The work of a preacher (4:6-5:2)
 - 1. Put the brethren in remembrance (4:6)
 - 2. Exercise godliness (4:7,8)
 - 3. Be an example of the believers (4:9-12)
 - 4. Continue in the doctrine (4:13-16)
 - 5. Respect all (5:1,2)
- XIII. Widows (5:1-16)
 - 1. Children or nephews to care for the widow (5:1-8)
 - 2. Widows who can be cared for by the church (5:9,10)
 - 3. Younger widows (5:11-15)
 - 4. Families to take care of widows (5:16)
- XIV. Elders - Praise for and accusations against (5:17-21)
- XV. General admonitions (5:22-25)
- XVI. Servants and masters (6:1,2)
- XVII. False teachers (6:3-5)
- XVIII. The love of money (6:6-10)
- XIX. The man of God (6:11-16)
- XX. A warning and admonition to the rich (6:17-19)
- XXI. Keep that which is committed to thy trust (6:20,21)

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QUALIFICATIONS

1 Timothy 3

OF ELDERS

Desire (1)
Blameless (2)
Husband of one wife (2)
Vigilant (2)
Sober (2)
Of good behavior (2)
Given to hospitality (2)
Apt to teach (2)
Not given to wine (3)

No striker (3)
Not greedy of filthy lucre (3)
Patient (3)
Not a brawler (3)
Not covetous (3)
Ruleth well his own house (4)
Not a novice (6)
Good report of them that are
without (7)

OF DEACONS

Be grave (8)
Not double tongued (8)
Not given to much wine (8)
Not greedy of filthy lucre (8)
Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience (9)
First be proved (10)
Blameless (10)
Husbands of one wife (12)
Ruling their children and their own houses well (12)

OF THEIR WIVES

Grave (11)
Not slanderers (11)
Sober (11)
Faithful in all things (11)

A WIDOW INDEED

1 Tim. 5

Not under 60 years old (9)
Having been the wife of one man (9)
Well reported of for good works (10)
Has brought up children (10)
Has lodged strangers (10)

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Has washed the saints feet (10)
Has relieved the afflicted (10)
Has diligently followed every good work (10)

THE MAN OF GOD
1 Tim. 6:11,12,14

1. Follows after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness
2. Fights the good fight of faith
3. Keeps the commandments without spot

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2 TIMOTHY

General Outline

- I. Greetings (1:1-4)
- II. Timothy charged to hold fast the word of God (1:5-17)
- III. The work of a Christian (2:1-18)
- IV. Purity in life (2:19-26)
- V. Perilous times (3:1-17)
- VI. Preach the word (4:1-5)
- VII. A crown awaits (4:6-8)
- VIII. Final instructions (4:9-18)
- IX. Conclusion (4:19-22)

Detailed Outline

- I. Greetings (1:1-4)
- II. Timothy charged to hold fast the word of God (1:5-17)
 - 1. His unfeigned faith (1:5,6)
 - 2. We do not have the spirit of fear (1:7-11)
 - 3. God keeps what we have committed to him (1:12)
 - 4. Hold fast (1:13,14)
 - 5. Examples of unfaithfulness and faithfulness (1:15-17)
- III. The work of a Christian (2:1-18)
 - 1. Teach others (2:1,2)
 - 2. Be good soldiers (2:3,4)
 - 3. Strive lawfully (2:5,6)
 - 4. Endure all things for the elect's sake (2:7-14)
 - 5. Study (2:15)
 - 6. Shun profane and vain babblings (2:16-18)
- IV. Purity in life (2:19-26)
 - 1. Be a vessel unto honor (2:19-21)
 - 2. Flee youthful lusts (2:22,23)
 - 3. In meekness instruct the lost (2:24-26)
- V. Perilous times (3:1-17)
 - 1. What the wicked will be (3:1-9)
 - 2. The godly will suffer (3:10-13)
 - 3. Remain faithful to God's word (3:14,15)
 - 4. The work of Scripture (3:16,17)
- VI. Preach the word (4:1-5)
 - 1. Reprove, rebuke, and exhort (4:1,2)
 - 2. Some will not endure sound doctrine (4:3,4)
 - 3. Do the work of an evangelist (4:5)

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- VII. A crown awaits (4:6-8)
- VIII. Final instructions (4:9-18)
 - 1. Come to me with all diligence (4:9)
 - 2. Paul's companions (4:10-12)
 - 3. Bring my cloak, the books, and the parchments (4:13)
 - 4. Beware of false teachers (4:14,15)
 - 5. Paul's trials (4:16-18)
- IX. Conclusion (4:19-22)

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1 TIMOTHY -- LESSONS FROM

1. We should teach only the doctrine of Christ (1:3).
2. Some, who wish to be teachers, do not know what they are saying (1:7).
3. The law uncovers sin (1:9,10).
4. Christ came to save sinners (1:15).
5. It is acceptable to name those who are doing wrong (1:20).
6. Pray for those in authority (2:2).
7. Jesus is our mediator (2:5).
8. Modest apparel is a command (2:9).
9. Godly women dress modestly (2:10).
10. Women are not to take the place of a man (2:12).
11. Elders and deacons must be qualified (Ch. 3).
12. The church is the house of God (3:15).
13. There will be apostasy (4:1-5).
14. Be an example of the believers (4:12).
15. By living right and teaching right we can save some (4:16).
16. Take care of widows (Ch. 5).
17. Respect elders, even while rebuking (5:17-21).
18. Those who refuse to teach the words of Christ are arrogant and ignorant (6:3,4).
19. Be content (6:6-8).
20. The love of money is the root of all evil (6:10).
21. Be a man of God (6:11).
22. Fight the good fight of faith (6:12).
23. One can obey God perfectly (6:14).
24. Do not trust in the uncertain riches of this world (6:17).

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- 25. Lay up treasures in heaven (6:18,19).
- 26. Do not err from the faith (6:20,21).

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2 TIMOTHY -- LESSONS FROM

1. Train your children and grandchildren in the faith (1:5).
2. Be fearless in serving God (1:7,8).
3. God's plan was eternal (1:9).
4. Trust God (1:12).
5. Hold fast the form of sound words (1:13).
6. We need to identify false teachers by name (1:15; 2:17; 4:14).
7. Teach others (2:2).
8. Be a faithful soldier in the army of God (2:3).
9. Place others above self (2:10).
10. We will reap what we sow (2:11,12).
11. God is faithful (2:13).
12. Avoid words of no profit (2:14,21).
13. Study to show ourselves approved unto God (2:15).
14. God knows those that are his (2:19).
15. Flee the world and follow God (2:22).
16. Seek to save others (2:24-26).
17. Turn away from evildoers (3:1-5).
18. The godly will suffer (3:12).
19. Teach God's word to your children (3:15).
20. The Bible makes us complete (3:16,17).
21. All will be judged (4:1).
22. Preach the word (4:2).
23. Many will turn from God (4:3,4).
24. A crown awaits the faithful (4:6-8).
25. Beware of false teachers (4:14,15).

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26. Miracles were not just to heal someone. Paul left Trophimus sick, when he could have healed him (4:20).

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TITUS, PHILEMON

INTRODUCTION:

1. The book of Titus was written to help Titus set things in order in the church. Instructions for all age groups are given. Titus also is given the qualifications for elders, along with some information concerning the work of elders. Titus has 3 chapters.
2. Philemon is one of the five one-chapter books in the Bible. This book was written to restore Onesimus, a run-a-way slave to his master, Philemon. Onesimus left Philemon a rebellious slave. He returns a child of God.

DISCUSSION:

TITUS

General Outline

- I. Greetings (1:1-4)
- II. Qualification of elders (1:5-9)
- III. Against false teachers (1:10-16)
- IV. Instructions to Christians (2:1-10)
- V. Live soberly, righteously, and godly (2:11-15)
- VI. General instructions (3:1,2)
- VII. Our salvation (3:3-8)
- VIII. Dealing with those in error (3:9-11)
- IX. Conclusion (3:12-15)

Detailed Outline

- I. Greetings (1:1-4)
- II. Qualification of elders (1:5-9)
- III. Against false teachers (1:10-16)
- IV. Instructions to Christians (2:1-10)
 1. Aged men (2:1,2)
 2. Aged women (2:3,4)
 3. Younger women (2:4,5)
 4. Younger men (2:6-8)
 5. Servants (2:9,10)
- V. Live Soberly, righteously, and godly (2:11-15)
- VI. General instructions (3:1,2)
- VII. Our salvation (3:3-8)
- VIII. Dealing with those in error (3:9-11)
- IX. Conclusion (3:12-15)

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QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS
Titus 1

Blameless (6,7)
Husband of one wife (6)
Faithful children (6)
Not self-willed (7)
Not soon angry (7)
Not given to wine (7)
Not given to filthy lucre (7)
Lover of hospitality (8)
Lover of good men (8)

Sober (8)
Just (8)
Holy (8)
Temperate (8)
Holding fast the word (9)
Exhort and convince the gainsayer (9)

INSTRUCTIONS

Aged men (2:1,2)

Sober
Grave
Temperate
Sound in faith
In charity
In patience

Aged women (2:3,4)

Holy
Not false accusers
Not given to much wine
Teachers of good things
Teach the young women

Young women (2:4,5)

Be sober
To love their husbands
To love their children
Be discreet
Chaste

Keepers at home
Good
Obedient to their
own husbands

Young men (2:6-8)

Sober minded
Pattern of good works
Uncorrupt in doctrine
Grave
Sincere
Sound speech

Servants (2:9,10)

Obedient to their own masters
Pleasing their masters
Not talking back
No stealing
Showing all good fidelity
Adorn the doctrine of God in all things

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PHILEMON

General Outline

- I. Greetings (1-3)
- II. Philemon's faith (4-7)
- III. Philemon to receive Onesimus back (8-21)
- IV. Conclusion (22-25)

Detailed Outline

- I. Greetings (1-3)
- II. Philemon's faith (4-7)
- III. Philemon to receive Onesimus back (8-20)
 - 1. Paul's personal plea (8-10)
 - 2. He is profitable to Philemon (11)
 - 3. Onesimus was a comfort to Paul (12-14)
 - 4. Receive him as a brother (15,16)
 - 5. Philemon to receive Onesimus as he would receive Paul (17)
 - 6. Paul will repay any debts owed by Onesimus (18,19)
 - 7. Paul knows Philemon will do more than Paul asks (20,21)
- IV. Conclusion (22-25)

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SLAVERY IN THE BIBLE

Slavery in the Bible is never condemned, but was regulated. In the Old Testament, different guidelines were put in place to cover Hebrews owning slaves who were Hebrew and Hebrews owning slaves who were not Hebrew.

While slavery is not condemned, the abuses of slavery certainly are. Loving our neighbor as ourselves and being kind and compassionate apply to all areas of life, including slavery.

One could become a slave in one of three ways: (1) a conquered nation; (2) owing a great debt; (3) voluntary.

Please observe the following:

1. Hebrews could be sold into slavery for a period of six years (Ex. 21:2ff; Deut. 15:12ff).
2. A Hebrew could choose to stay in slavery (Ex. 21:5ff; Deut. 15:16ff).
3. Hebrew slaves were to be treated as hired servants (Lev. 25:39,40).
4. Hebrew servants to be freed in the Year of Jubilee (Lev. 25:40).
5. Slaves could be taken from the heathens (Lev. 25:44ff).
6. Serve as though you were serving Christ (Eph. 6:5-8).
7. Masters were to treat slaves with kindness, as they also have a master in heaven (Eph. 6:9).
8. Obey in all things (Col. 3:22-25).
9. Masters are to give their servants just and equal treatment (Col. 4:1).
10. Be obedient to their masters and please their masters (Tit. 2:9).
11. Do not talk back to or speak evil of their masters (Tit. 2:9).
12. Do not steal (Tit. 2:10).
13. Slaves who became Christians were still slaves (Philemon).

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TITUS – LESSONS FROM

1. God cannot lie (1:2).
2. God's plan was eternal (1:2).
3. Elders are to exhort and convince the gainsayers (1:9-11).
4. Our works must match our teaching (1:16).
5. Older women are to teach the younger women (2:4).
6. We are to live so the word of God will not be blasphemed (2:5).
7. We are to live faithfully for God in this present world (2:12).
8. We are to look for the coming of Christ (2:13).
9. We are to be zealous of good works (2:14).
10. Obey the laws of the land (3:1).
11. We are to maintain good works (3:8).
12. Reject the heretic (3:10).
13. Those who sin condemn themselves (3:11).

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PHILEMON – LESSONS FROM

1. We should refresh the saints (7).
2. The older can and must serve God (9).
3. Even in bonds, we can still do good for the kingdom (10).
4. When one becomes a Christian, he becomes profitable to others (genuine change) (11).
5. A true Christian is advantageous to us both in the world and in Christ (16).
6. As Christians, we “owe” those who helped us become Christians (19).
7. Christians will seek to serve beyond man’s expectations (21).
8. Trust in prayer (22).

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ON ELDERS

INTRODUCTION:

1. In the last quarter, we studied, briefly, the qualifications of elders.
2. Starting with this lesson, we want to look more closely at the eldership.
3. A true understanding of the qualifications of elders is found in understanding what the Bible says about the eldership.

DISCUSSION:

I. The need for elders

1. The strength of any congregation is its eldership.
2. God, in his infinite wisdom, set up elders to guide each congregation (Acts 14:23; 1 Pet. 5:1-4).
3. Each congregation should seek among its members those qualified to be elders. God desired Titus to set things in order and appoint elders (Tit. 1:5).
4. One should never underestimate how great a role is fulfilled by qualified men doing the work of elders.

II. The words that describe elders

1. The English words “elders” (Acts 20:17), “pastor” (Eph. 4:11), and “bishop” (1 Tim. 3:1,2) all refer to the same office.
2. The Greek words are as follows:
 - A. *presbuteros* – “of age” (Acts 20:17; 1 Tim. 5:17; Tit. 1:5)
 - B. *poiman* – “shepherd, to tend the flock” (Eph. 4:11; translated ‘feed’ in Acts 20:28)
 - C. *episkopa* – “inspection, overseer” (1 Tim. 3:1,2; Tit. 1:7; Phil. 1:1)

III. The authority of elders

1. Acts 20:28 – Guard the flock
2. Tit. 1:10,11 – Stop the mouths of false teachers
3. Acts 11:29,30 – See to the needs of the congregation
4. 1 Tim. 5:17 – Rule
5. Heb. 13:7 – Rule; speak the word of God
6. Heb. 13:17 – Rule; watch for the souls of the congregation; must give account for their actions
7. 1 Pet. 5:2 – Feed the flock; Take the oversight

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IV. The elders as examples

1. 1 Tim. 5:17 – Count worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine
2. Heb. 13:7 – Whose faith follow
3. 1 Pet. 5:3 – Being ensamples to the flock

V. Elders will give account to the Chief Shepherd (1 Pet. 5:4)

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ON ELDERS

INTRODUCTION:

1. The men who will serve as elders take on a tremendous responsibility. God did not want just anyone serving as an elder; therefore he listed several qualifications he said they must possess (1 Tim. 3; Tit. 1).
2. Understanding the need for godly wives to help their husbands as elders, God gave the qualifications he wanted in the wives also (1 Tim. 3:11).
3. One should never take lightly these qualifications. The man who possesses these qualifications will be able to lead the congregation in the way God desires. Those who do not possess these qualifications will lead the congregation astray.
4. We will address the qualifications as found in the Bible. In doing so, we will give the definition of the qualification from the Greek language. Although it is not necessary to know Greek to understand God's word, sometimes we see something in the original language that is not so clearly expressed in our language.
5. We also will look at a composite list of the qualifications, a comparative list between the qualifications for elders and what all Christians must possess, and address two of the most controversial qualifications – wives and children.

DISCUSSION:

- I. From 1 Tim. 3:1-7
 1. Desire – *to stretch one's self out in order to touch or to grasp something, to reach after or to desire something*
 2. Blameless – *not to take, not to lay hold of, not to take possession of, not to overtake, not to attain to* (Charge cannot be sustained, c.c.)
 3. Husband of one wife – *husband of one wife*
 4. Vigilant – *sober, temperate, abstaining from wine*
 5. Sober – *of sound mind, sane, in one's senses, curbing one's desires and impulses, self-controlled, temperate*
 6. Of good behavior – *well arranged, seemly, modest; of a man living with decorum, a well-ordered life*
 7. Given to hospitality – *hospitable, generous to guests*
 8. Apt to teach – *apt and skillful in teaching*
 9. Not given to wine – *not given (addicted) to wine, drunken*
 10. No striker – *bruiser, ready with a blow; a pugnacious, contentious, quarrelsome person*
 11. Not greedy of filthy lucre – *not loving money; not avaricious (greedy)*
 12. Patient – *seemly, suitable; equitable, fair, mild, gentle*
 13. Not a brawler – *not contentious*
 14. Not covetous – *not loving money, not avaricious*

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15. Ruleth well his own house – *to be over, to superintend, preside over; to be a protector or guardian; to give aid; to care for; give attention to*
16. Children in subjection with all gravity – Subjection (*the act of subjecting; obedience; subjection*); Gravity (*dignity, gravity, majesty, sanctity, honor, probity, purity*)
17. Not a novice – *newly planted; new convert; neophyte*
18. Good report of them which are without – Good report (*a testifying; testimony*)

II. From Titus 1:6-9

1. Blameless – *that cannot be called to account, unreprouvable, unaccused, blameless*
2. Husband of one wife – *husband of one wife*
3. Faithful children – Faithful (*trustworthy, faithful*). The word 'children' is plural in the Greek.
4. (Children) not accused of riot or unruly – Riot (*incorrigibility; an abandoned, dissolute, life; profligacy, prodigality*); Unruly (*that cannot be made subject, disobedient, unruly, refractory*)
5. Blameless as the steward of God – Blameless (See #1); Steward (*the management, oversight, administration, of another's property*)
6. Not self-willed – *self-pleasing, self-willed, arrogant*
7. Not soon angry – *prone to anger, irascible*
8. Not given to wine – *given (addicted) to wine; drunken*
9. No striker – *bruiser, ready with a blow; a pugnacious, contentious, quarrelsome person*
10. Not given to filthy lucre – *eager for base gain*
11. Lover of hospitality – *hospitable, generous to guests*
12. Lover of good men – *loving goodness*
13. Sober – *of sound mind, sane, in one's senses, curbing one's desires and impulses, self-controlled, temperate*
14. Just – *righteous, observing divine and human laws*
15. Holy – *undefiled by sin; free from wickedness; religiously observing every moral obligation; pure; holy; pious*
16. Temperate – *controlling one's self, temperate, continent*
17. Holding fast the faithful word – Holding fast (*to keep one's self directly opposite to any one, hold to him firmly, cleave to*)

III. Qualifications of the wives from 1 Tim. 3:11

1. Grave – *august, venerable, reverend; to be venerated for character, honorable*

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2. Not slanderers – *Not a calumniator, false accuser, slanderer*
(Calumniator – ‘to utter malicious false statements, charges, or imputations about; one who injures another’s reputation by uttering these false charges, intending to do so)
3. Sober – *sober, temperate, abstaining from wine*
4. Faithful in all things – *Trusty, faithful in all*

IV. On the following pages, the student will find the following in this order:

1. A composite list of the qualifications of elders
2. A comparison list of the qualifications of elders and what every Christian must have
3. A look at the qualification for elders concerning children
4. A look at the qualification for elders concerning wives

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QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS

(A Combined List From 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1)

NOTE: This list is compiled by comparing the lists given in both texts. Where there is a difference in wording, both are given side by side. Where both lists used identical words, the wording is listed only once. By doing this, we get a very good picture of what **GOD** wants in an elder. *(Although different words are used, both lists demand the same things of the one who is seeking to be or is an elder.)*

Desires the office
Blameless
Blameless, as the steward of God
Husband of one wife
Vigilant
Sober
Of good behavior
Given to hospitality/Lover of hospitality
Apt to teach/Holding fast the faithful word
Not given to wine
No striker
Not greedy of filthy lucre/Not given to filthy lucre
Patient/Not soon angry
Not a brawler
Not covetous
Ruleth well his own house/Having faithful children
Not a novice
Good report of them that are without
Lover of good men
Just
Holy
Temperate
Not self-willed

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“QUALIFICATIONS” OF CHRISTIANS AS COMPARED TO THE
QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS

ELDERS

Desires the office
Blameless
Blameless, as the steward of God
Husband of one wife
Vigilant
Sober
Of good behavior
Given to hospitality/Lover of hospitality
Apt to teach/Holding fast the faithful word
Not given to wine
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Holy
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CHRISTIANS

Acts 8:36,37
2 Pet. 3:14
1 Cor. 4:2

1 Pet. 5:8
1 Thess. 5:8
1 Cor. 13:5
Rom. 12:13
2 Tim. 2:24
Gal. 5:21
Gal. 5:22
Eph. 4:19,20
2 Tim. 2:24
2 Tim. 2:24
Eph. 5:5

1 Pet. 2:12
Phile. 5-7
Phil. 4:8
1 Pet. 1:15,16
2 Pet. 1:6
1 Pet. 5:6

Of all the qualifications that elders must have, only three are not required of a Christian. (1) A Christian is not required to be married; (2) A Christian is not required to have children or a Christian's children may be unfaithful. The Christian with unfaithful children can still go to Heaven if the Christian is faithful. One seeking to be an elder or one who is an elder may not be placed as an elder or remain as an elder if his children are not faithful; and, (3) A Christian, obviously, at one time was a novice, and is just as saved at that stage as he or she ever will be. An elder cannot be a novice.

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A LOOK AT THE QUALIFICATION FOR ELDERS CONCERNING CHILDREN

While we may, at times, use the term “children” to mean only one child, this is not the ordinary use of the word. By definition, “children” means more than one child. In the field of interpretation, a word must be understood in its normal meaning unless the context demands otherwise. Nothing in 1 Timothy 3 or Titus 1 demands anything but to understand that “children” is plural.

The term “faithful” modifies children. However many children there are, they must all be faithful. For instance, if a man has three children, and two are faithful and one is not, that man is not qualified to be an elder. This qualification is what an elder “MUST be”. This must be maintained in order for him to remain qualified as an elder.

Some have tried to get around this qualification by saying it only applies while the children are at home. To reply to this argument, please consider the following scenarios *(In each case, the man has met all the other qualifications and has two children. All of the following men are being considered for the eldership and have the following conditions concerning their children.)*

MAN “A”: While his children were at home, both were faithful. Now that they have moved away from home, they are both unfaithful.

MAN “B”: While his children were at home, one was faithful and one was not. Now that they are away from home, both are unfaithful.

MAN “C”: While his children were at home, one was faithful and one was not. Now that they are away from home, both are faithful.

MAN “D”: While his children were at home, both were unfaithful. Now that they are away from home, one is faithful and the other is not.

MAN “E”: While his children were at home, both were unfaithful. Now that they are away from home, they are both unfaithful.

MAN “F”: While his children were at home, both were unfaithful. Now that they are away from home, both are faithful.

MAN “G”: While his children were at home, both were faithful. Now that they are away from home, both are faithful.

Of these men now being considered for the eldership, which meets the qualification for faithful children? *(Assume for the sake of discussion that all the children above are not living at home at this time and that the conditions described above are their present conditions.)*

According to those who would advocate that this qualification only applies to children while they were at home, then **MAN “A”** would be qualified even though his

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children are now unfaithful. **MAN "G"** would also be qualified. Is there anyone who would dare teach that **MAN "A"** now meets the qualification of having faithful children?

Please consider this. The BIBLE says an elder **MUST BE!** Therefore, at the time of being considered for the eldership and while serving as an elder, his children must be faithful. This being the case, then **MAN "C"**, **MAN "F"**, and **MAN "G"** are the only ones who meet the qualification of having faithful children.

This qualification is not to be taken lightly. The children are used as a measuring stick of his ability to lead the church (1 Timothy 3:5).

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A LOOK AT THE QUALIFICATION FOR ELDERS CONCERNING THEIR WIVES

An elder must be married (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6). Of this, all are in agreement at least as he begins to serve as an elder. The problem comes when the wife of one who is already an elder dies. Is he now unqualified and therefore must step down? To many, he is still qualified because he still has all the other qualifications, and he had no control over her death.

While this sounds good, and I certainly am sympathetic to this man's loss, the fact of the matter is that this man is not "the husband of one wife" now that his wife has died. If he were, he would not be free to marry again, because he would still be married. Yet, the Bible teaches us in Romans 7:1-4 and 1 Corinthians 7:39 that one whose mate has died is no longer married and may enter into another marriage.

One whose wife has died is now considered single. On his income tax form, he will not list his marital status as "married". If asked to declare his marital status on an application, he will not mark "married". While I agree that he had no control over her death, this still does not change the fact that he is not now the "husband of one wife".

Nothing in the context of 1 Timothy 3 or Titus 1 makes this qualification only an initial qualification. As with the other qualifications, an elder **MUST BE**.

Some have also questioned if one is the husband of one wife is they have remarried. Those who remarry do so either because of the death of their wife or because of divorce.

In the case of death, as already noted, the Bible allows one to marry again, as long as this marriage is in keeping with God's will. If it is, then this man is still only the husband of one wife.

If divorce is the problem, please note that the Bible allows the one who puts away his wife because of her fornication to marry again (Matthew 19:9). Again, the new marriage must be in keeping with God's will. If it is, then again, this man is still only the husband of one wife.

As with children, this qualification is not to be taken lightly. Certainly, those desiring to be elders will make certain they meet all the qualifications as set forth by God.

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INTRODUCTION:

1. Ezra's writings cover 10 chapters. The book gives us a look at the return of the children of Israel from captivity. The book of Ezra shows the building of the temple and some reforms in Israel. Ezra, himself, is a priest and a scribe (Ezra 7:11).
2. Nehemiah takes place after the captivity and communicates to us the story of the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem. Nehemiah was the cupbearer to the king of Persia, but left this to lead the effort to rebuild Jerusalem. Ezra and Nehemiah were contemporaries (cf. Neh. 8). Nehemiah also instituted reform in the lives of Israel. The book has 13 chapters.

DISCUSSION:

EZRA

General Outline

- I. The decree of Cyrus (1:1-4)
- II. Vessels of the house of God restored to Israel (1:5-11)
- III. Those who returned with Zerubbabel (2:1-67)
- IV. Gifts for the rebuilding of the temple (2:68-70)
- V. Sacrifices made when Israel returns to Jerusalem (3:1-6)
- VI. The foundation of the temple laid (3:7-13)
- VII. Opposition to the building of the temple (4:1-6:12)
- VIII. The temple completed (6:13-22)
- IX. Ezra comes to Jerusalem (7:1-8:36)
- X. Reforms (9:1-10:44)

Detailed Outline

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- VI. The foundation of the temple laid (3:7-13)
- VII. Opposition to the building of the temple (4:1-6:12)
 1. Counselors hired to hinder the work (4:1-6)
 2. A letter sent to Artaxerxes to stop the work (4:7-16)
 3. Artaxerxes stops the work (4:17-24)
 4. Work on the temple continues (5:1-5)

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- 5. The governor of the land sends a letter to Darius for judgment on the matter (5:6-17)
- 6. Darius' decree to let the work proceed (6:1-12)
- VIII. The temple completed (6:13-22)
- IX. Ezra comes to Jerusalem (7:1-8:36)
 - 1. Ezra (7:1-10)
 - 2. Ezra's charge (7:11-28)
 - 3. Ezra's companions (8:1-23)
 - 4. Ezra delivers the treasures for the service of the house of God (8:24-36)
- X. Reforms (9:1-10:44)
 - 1. Ezra learns of marriages between God's people and the people of the land (9:1-4)
 - 2. Ezra beseeches God on behalf of Israel (9:5-15)
 - 3. The people commanded to separate from the people of the land and their strange wives (10:1-17)
 - 4. Those who had strange wives (10:18-44)

NEHEMIAH

General Outline

- I. Nehemiah learns of the condition of Jerusalem (1:1-2:6)
- II. Nehemiah directs the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem (2:7-6:19)
- III. Those who returned with Nehemiah (7:1-73)
- IV. Ezra reads the law to the people (8:1-10:39)
- V. The inhabitants of the cities (11:1-12:26)
- VI. The walls are dedicated (12:27-47)
- VII. Reforms (13:1-30)

Detailed Outline

- I. Nehemiah learns of the condition of Jerusalem (1:1-2:6)
 - 1. Hanani reports to Nehemiah (1:1-3)
 - 2. Nehemiah mourns and prays (1:4-11)
 - 3. The king grants Nehemiah's request to go to Jerusalem (2:1-6)
- II. Nehemiah directs the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem (2:7-6:19)
 - 1. Nehemiah arrives in Jerusalem (2:7-11)
 - 2. Nehemiah views the city by night (2:12-18)
 - 3. Sanballat, Tobiah, and Gesham try to hinder the work (2:19,20)
 - 4. The builders of the wall (3:1-32)
 - 5. Sanballat and Tobiah conspire to stop the work (4:1-8)
 - 6. Nehemiah prepares to defend the city (4:9-23)
 - 7. Nehemiah rebukes those Jews who have misused other Jews (5:1-13)
 - 8. Nehemiah's example (5:14-19)

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- 9. Sanballat, Tobiah, and Gesham try to stop the work (6:1-14)
- 10. The wall is finished (6:15-19)
- III. Those who returned with Nehemiah (7:1-73)
- IV. Ezra reads the law to the people (8:1-10:39)
 - 1. The law read (8:1-12)
 - 2. The people observe the feast of tabernacles (8:13-18)
 - 3. The people confess their sins (9:1-38)
 - 4. The covenant to follow God and separate themselves from the people of the land (10:1-39)
- V. The inhabitants of the cities (11:1-12:26)
 - 1. Those in Jerusalem (11:1-19)
 - 2. Those in Judah and Benjamin (11:20-36)
 - 3. The priests (12:1-26)
- VI. The walls are dedicated (12:27-47)
- VII. Reforms (13:1-30)
 - 1. Ammonites and Moabites expelled (13:1-9)
 - 2. Levites' portion restored (13:10-14)
 - 3. Sabbath restored (13:15-22)
 - 4. Mixed marriages ended (13:23-31)

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EZRA – LESSONS FROM

1. God's law must always be followed (2:62).
2. Continue to work for God even when opposition surrounds you (4:1-5:17; esp. 5:1-5).
3. We must prepare to seek, do, and teach the law of God (7:10).
4. We should lament when the people of God are companions of the people of the world (9:3).
5. Those who tremble at the commandment of God will obey God (10:3).
6. The proper attitude when taught the will of God (10:12).
7. Marriages not in keeping with the will of God must be ended, even if children are involved (10:44).

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NEHEMIAH – LESSONS FROM

1. Prayer will be answered in God's time frame (cf. 1:1 + 2:1).
2. Opposition should not stop us from serving God (2:19,20; 4:1-8; 6:1-14).
3. Much will be accomplished when the people "have a mind to work" (4:6).
4. Do not take advantage of another's hard times (5:1ff).
5. We should want to hear the word of God (8:1).
6. We must help others understand the word of God (8:8).
7. We must conform to God's law (8:14ff).
8. A history lesson on disobedience (9:4-38).
9. God's mercy makes him longsuffering (9:30,31).
10. God will punish the disobedient (9:30).
11. Do not mix with the people of the land (10:29,30; 13:23-31).

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ESTHER

INTRODUCTION:

1. The 10 chapters of the book of Esther take place during the reign of Ahasuerus (Xerxes I, see list of rulers of Persia at the end of this lesson).
2. In Esther, we find the story of Esther's rise to becoming Queen of Persia. As Queen, she is able to stop the slaughter of the Jewish nation. This book gives us a good look at the providence of God.

DISCUSSION:

General Outline

- I. Vashti banished (1:1-22)
- II. Esther chosen to be queen (2:1-23)
- III. Haman's plot (3:1-15)
- IV. Esther exposes Haman to the king (4:1-7:10)
- V. The Jews are saved (8:1-10:3)

Detailed Outline

- I. Vashti banished (1:1-22)
 1. Ahasuerus' banquet (1:1-9)
 2. Vashti refuses to appear before the king's guests (1:10-12)
 3. Vashti is banished (1:13-22)
- II. Esther chosen to be queen (2:1-23)
 1. The call for virgins to appear before the king (2:1-7)
 2. Esther chosen (2:8-20)
 3. Mordecai saves Ahasuerus' life (2:21-23)
- III. Haman's plot (3:1-15)
 1. Mordecai refuses to bow before Haman (3:1-7)
 2. Haman obtains permission to kill the Jews (3:8-15)
- IV. Esther exposes Haman to the king (4:1-7:10)
 1. Mordecai laments over Haman's plan (4:1-3)
 2. Mordecai convinces Esther to approach the king to save the Jews (4:4-17)
 3. Esther calls Haman and Ahasuerus to a banquet (5:1-5)
 4. Esther requests Haman and Ahasuerus to come to another banquet (5:6-13)
 5. Haman builds a gallows to hang Mordecai (5:14)
 6. Ahasuerus learns of Mordecai's deed (see Ch. 2:21-23) and rewards Mordecai (6:1-14)
 7. Esther pleads for the Jews (7:1-4)
 8. Esther exposes Haman (7:5,6)

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- 9. Haman is hanged (7:7-10)
- V. The Jews are saved (8:1-10:3)
 - 1. Mordecai promoted by the king (8:1,2)
 - 2. Esther gets the king to allow the Jews to defend themselves (8:3-17)
 - 3. The Jews defeat their enemies (9:1-13)
 - 4. Haman's sons hanged (9:14-19)
 - 5. The Feast of Purim (9:20-32)
 - 6. Mordecai, second to the king (10:1-3)

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RULERS OF PERSIA
(As they relate to the Bible)

Cyrus, the Great
Ruled 550-529 B.C.

1. Prophesied to free God's people (Isa. 44:28-45:4)
2. Freed Israel (2 Chr. 36:22,23; Ezra 1-4)
3. Daniel served into third year of Cyrus (Dan. 10:1)
4. Darius, the Mede, also ruled over a part of the kingdom at this time (Dan. 5:31; 6:1; 9:1; 11:1)

Cambyses
Ruled 529-522 B. C.

Ahasuerus of Ezra 4:6

Artaxerxes
Ruled 522 B.C.

1. A usurper called Smerdis
2. Stopped the building of the temple (Ezra 4:7ff)

Darius I
Ruled 522-486 B.C.

Ordered work on the temple to continue (Ezra 5,6)

Xerxes I
Ruled 486-465 B.C.

1. Ahasuerus of the book of Esther
2. Vashti banished in his third year (Esther 1:3)
3. Esther becomes queen in his seventh year (Esther 2:16)

Artaxerxes I
Ruled 465-424 B.C.

1. Ezra returns to Jerusalem (Ezra 7)
2. Nehemiah returns in his twentieth year (Neh. 1:1; 2:1)
3. Nehemiah was governor at least until the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes (Neh. 5:14)

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ESTHER – LESSONS FROM

1. Even the world knows that lust is wrong (1:11,12).
2. All things work together for good as long as we place God first in our lives (4:14).
3. You reap what you sow.
 - A. Mordecai for good (2:21-23 + 6:1ff + 8:1,2)
 - B. Haman for evil (5:14 + 7:7ff)
4. See attached sermon on “If the Lord Will”.

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IF THE LORD WILL
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INTRODUCTION:

1. The question has been asked concerning the Lord's will. That is, we pray, if the Lord will. We teach that we should do things understanding if the Lord will.
2. What does this statement mean?
3. In exploring this concept, we want to address several issues that relate to this idea and examine seven passages relating to this idea.

DISCUSSION:

I. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE WORD "WILL"?

1. The most common word translated "will" in relationship to our study means "desire, pleasure, will".
2. The understanding of this is that what will be done will be in accordance to God's desire and pleasure.

II. WHAT IS GOD'S ULTIMATE WILL?

1. Lk. 19:10
2. Acts 17:30
3. 2 Pet. 3:9
4. Jn. 3:16

III. HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. Isa. 55:8-11
2. Rom. 8:28
3. Dan. 4:17,25

IV. MAN HAS CONTROL OF WHICH DIRECTION THINGS GO FOR US

1. The difficulties man faces in life are because of sin (Jas. 1:12-15; 4:1)
2. God sends sunshine and rain on both the good and the bad (Matt. 5:45)
3. Eph. 6:1,2
4. Dan. 4:27

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5. Rom. 2:6
6. Purpose of bad things is for us to repent – Rev. 9:20,21; 16:9,11

V. A LOOK AT SOME PASSAGES DEALING WITH GOD’S WILL

1. Jn. 6:38 – Jesus came to do the Father’s will
2. Lk. 22:42 – Jesus subjected his desires to the desires of God
3. Acts 18:21 – Paul had a desire to return to them if it was God’s will
4. Acts 21:14 – The people resolved themselves to let God’s will be done. (Consider also Acts 16:6,7)
5. 1 Cor. 4:19 – Paul desired to come to Corinth if God willed.
6. 1 Cor. 16:7 – Paul wanted to tarry with them if God would permit it.
7. Jas. 4:15 – We should set up future plans with the understanding that things could change – including the end of the world.

VI. HOW DO WE EXPLAIN CERTAIN “MIRACULOUS” RECOVERIES AND SOME WHO DO NOT RECOVER?

1. Man tends to explain what he cannot explain by calling it a miracle.
2. We are fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps. 139:14).
3. Those that are sick need a physician (Matt. 9:12; Mk. 2:17; Lk. 5:31).
4. Luke was the beloved physician (Col. 4:14)
5. Man lives under the laws of nature, set up by God (cf. Lev. 11-15 and God’s rules for cleansing and eating of clean and unclean meats).
6. Why do some recover and some do not?
 - A. Better decisions made on their behalf
 - B. Better constitutions
 - C. Better attitudes
 - D. Better support
 - E. Not as overcome with the disease
7. Will there be those things that will defy our own understanding? Absolutely. Will these be miraculous? Nope! The miraculous superseded all natural laws. Medications, attitude, and physical makeup go a long way in recovery.

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8. Sometimes the recovery of a person is hinged on the knowledge available to us at this time. How many can remember when polio was a serious problem?
9. Why pray then? That wise decisions may be made; that discoveries may be made; that attitudes may be good; for strength; for a closer relationship with God.

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HEBREWS

INTRODUCTION:

1. Hebrews is a book of unknown authorship. Because of its style and logic, Paul and Luke are given as the most likely of authors. Many scholars lean towards Paul, because of the book's strong argumentation using Jewish items – the Mosaic law (Ch. 8-10), The Aaronic priesthood (Ch. 7), Mt. Sinai (Ch. 12:18), the wilderness wanderings (Ch. 3), the tabernacle (Ch. 9), etc.
2. Hebrews, in 13 chapters, helps us to better understand the law under which we live and shows us we have a better mediator and sacrifice, Jesus Christ. The book continues to teach that the death of Christ brought all men under a better covenant. The old law was taken out of the way (cf. Eph. 2; Col. 2).
3. The superiority of Jesus Christ and his law is the key element of this book.

DISCUSSION:

General Outline

- I. Christ is superior to the angels, to man, and to Moses (1:1-3:19)
- II. The powerful word of God (4:1-13)
- III. The superior priesthood of Christ (4:14-7:28)
- IV. Jesus, the mediator of a better covenant (8:1-9:17)
- V. Jesus, the better sacrifice (9:18-10:39)
- VI. Examples of faith (11:1-12:4)
- VII. Endure hardships (12:5-29)
- VIII. General exhortations (13:1-25)

Detailed Outline

- I. Christ is superior to the angels, to man, and to Moses (1:1-3:19)
 1. God speaks to us through his Son (1:1,2)
 2. Jesus is superior to the angels (1:3-14)
 3. Jesus is superior to man (2:1-18)
 - A. We must obey Christ (2:1-4)
 - B. All are subject to Christ (2:5-13)
 - C. Jesus makes reconciliation for our sins (2:14-18)
 4. Jesus is superior to Moses (3:1-19)
 - A. Christ is the "builder" of the house (3:1-6)
 - B. Take heed lest we fall (3:7-19)
- II. The powerful word of God (4:1-13)

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1. Obedience to the word saves (4:1-11)
2. The powerful word (4:12,13)
- III. The superior priesthood of Christ (4:14-7:28)
 1. A high priest without sin (4:14-16)
 2. Jesus is a priest ordained of God (5:1-10)
 3. We must be good students of the word (5:11-6:3)
 4. We must not fall away (6:4-12)
 5. God's word is sure (6:13-20)
 6. Aaronic priesthood is inferior to Christ's priesthood (7:1-28)
 - A. Levi paid tithes through Abraham to Melchizadek (7:1-10)
 - B. A change in priesthood makes necessary a change in the law (7:11-22)
 - C. Our high priest can save those who come unto God by him (7:23-28)
- IV. Jesus, the mediator of a better covenant (8:1-9:17)
 1. The mediator of a better covenant (8:1-6)
 2. The old law was to pass away (8:7-13)
 3. Christ entered into the "holy of holies" (9:1-14)
 4. The mediator of a better testament (9:15-17)
- V. Jesus, the better sacrifice (9:18-10:39)
 1. Sacrifices under the old law were inferior to Christ's (9:18-10:18)
 2. Our obligation to Christ (10:19-39)
 - A. Things we must do (10:19-25)
 - B. We must not willfully sin (10:26-31)
 - C. We must never draw back into sin (10:32-39)
- VI. Examples of faith (11:1-12:4)
 1. Faith assures us (11:1-3)
 2. Abel (11:4)
 3. Enoch (11:5,6)
 4. Noah (11:7,8)
 5. Abraham (11:9-19)
 6. Isaac (11:20)
 7. Jacob (11:21)
 8. Joseph (11:22)
 9. Moses' parents (11:23)
 10. Moses (11:24-28)
 11. Children of Israel (11:29,30)
 12. Rahab (11:31)
 13. Many others (11:32-40)
 14. Follow these examples (12:1-4)
- VII. Endure hardships (12:5-29)
 1. God chastens those he loves (12:5-11)
 2. Do not fall from God's grace (12:12-17)

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- 3. We must obey lest we be rejected (12:18-29)
- VIII. General exhortations (13:1-25)
 - 1. Let brotherly love continue (13:1-3)
 - 2. Purity in marriage enjoined (13:4)
 - 3. God will never leave us (13:5,6)
 - 4. Obey those who are over you (13:7,17)
 - 5. The unchangeable Christ (13:8)
 - 6. Follow Christ (13:9-16)
 - 7. Personal exhortation from the writer (13:18-25)

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HEBREWS – LESSONS FROM

1. We must follow the teachings of Christ (1:1-3; 2:1).
2. Christ is superior to the angels (1:4ff).
3. We will not escape if we neglect the salvation of God (2:3).
4. All are subject to Christ (2:8).
5. Christ is the captain of our salvation (2:10).
6. Christ understands man (2:18).
7. God built all things (3:4).
8. Take heed lest we fall (3:12).
9. Exhort one another daily (3:13).
10. Do not fall short in our obedience to God (4:1).
11. The word of God will profit us nothing if we are not willing to accept it (4:2).
12. God's word will discern the thoughts and intents of the heart (4:12).
13. All will be revealed before God (4:13).
14. Jesus was tempted like us, but did not sin (4:15).
15. Jesus is the author of eternal salvation (5:8,9).
16. We must grow in our knowledge of God's word (5:12ff).
17. We can fall from grace (6:4-6; 12:15).
18. Endure to the end (6:12).
19. God cannot lie (6:18).
20. Christ has the superior priesthood (Ch. 7).
21. Jesus is the surety of a better testament (7:22).

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22. Christ will not reign on earth because he could not be a priest (8:4).
23. Christ is the mediator of a better covenant (8:6).
24. The new covenant made the first old (8:13).
25. Christ is the mediator of the new testament (9:15).
26. The new law took effect at Christ's death (9:16,17).
27. After death, we are judged (9:27).
28. Christ will appear again (9:28).
29. The old law could not make man perfect (10:1ff).
30. Christ died once for all (10:10).
31. We must have a true heart of faith (10:22).
32. We must not waver in our service to God (10:23).
33. God is faithful (10:23).
34. We must provoke one another to love and good works (10:24).
35. We must attend all services (10:25).
36. If we sin willfully, there is no sacrifice for our sins (10:26).
37. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God (10:31).
38. We must not go back into sin (10:39).
39. Faith is a working faith (Ch. 11).
40. The pleasures of sin are short-lived (11:25).
41. Run with patience the race of a Christian (12:1).
42. Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith (12:2).
43. God chastens those he loves (12:5ff).

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- 44. Obey God (12:25).
- 45. Practice brotherly love (13:1ff).
- 46. Keep the marriage pure (13:4).
- 47. God will not fail us or forsake us (13:5).
- 48. Obey those over us (13:7,17).
- 49. Jesus does not change (13:8).
- 50. We are only passing through on earth (13:14).

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JAMES

INTRODUCTION:

1. James, with its five chapters, has been called the book of practical Christianity. This name comes from the book's application of the principles set forth by God.
2. James teaches us to put into practice what we have been taught – “be ye doers of the word” (Jas. 1:22).
3. Four times in Chapter 2, James will teach us that faith without works is dead (vss. 17, 20, 24, 26).
4. James exhorts us to be patient to the coming of the Lord (Jas. 5:7) and to fulfill our duty to one another (Jas. 2:9; 3:9,10; 5:16-20).

General Outline

- I. The trying of our faith (1:1-4)
- II. Prayer, humility, and endurance (1:5-18)
- III. Be doers of the word (1:19-27)
- IV. Be not a respecter of persons (2:1-13)
- V. Faith (2:14-26)
- VI. The tongue (3:1-12)
- VII. Wisdom from above (3:13-18)
- VIII. On friendship with the world (4:1-12)
- IX. The uncertainty of life (4:13-17)
- X. The evil of the love of money (5:1-6)
- XI. Be patient unto the coming of the Lord (5:7-12)
- XII. Our obligations to one another (5:13-20)

Detailed Outline

- I. The trying of our faith (1:1-4)
 1. Greeting (1:1)
 2. Trials bring patience. Patience brings perfection (1:2-4)
- II. Prayer, humility, and endurance (1:5-18)
 1. Pray for wisdom (1:5-8)
 2. We are equals in Christ (1:9-11)
 3. Endure temptations (1:12-18)
 - A. God tempts no man (1:12,13)
 - B. We sin when we yield to temptation (1:14-16)
 - C. We were begotten of God by the word (1:17,18)
- III. Be doers of the word (1:19-27)
 1. Turn from the ways of man (1:19,20)
 2. Be doers, not hearers only (1:21-25)
 3. Pure religion (1:26,27)

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- IV. Be not a respecter of persons (2:1-13)
 - 1. Respect of persons is sin (2:1-9)
 - 2. If we break one law, we are guilty of all (2:10-13)
- V. Faith (2:14-26)
 - 1. Faith without action is a dead faith (2:14-17)
 - 2. "Faith only" makes us equals to the demons (2:18-20)
 - 3. Examples of true faith (2:21-26)
- VI. The tongue (3:1-12)
 - 1. The tongue, though little, controls our lives (3:1-4)
 - 2. Hypocritical use of the tongue (3:5-12)
- VII. Wisdom from above (3:13-18)
- VIII. On friendship with the world (4:1-12)
 - 1. Disunity results when we love the world (4:1,2)
 - 2. Prayers are hindered when we love the world (4:3)
 - 3. Friend of the world = enemy of God (4:4,5)
 - 4. Submit to God. Resist the devil (4:6-8)
 - 5. We should not rejoice because we love the world knowing we will be judged by God (4:9-12).
- IX. The uncertainty of life (4:13-17)
- X. The evil of the love of money (5:1-6)
- XI. Be patient unto the coming of the Lord (5:7-12)
- XII. Our obligations to one another (5:13-20)
 - 1. Help and prayer in time of need (5:13-18)
 - 2. Restore the erring (5:19,20)

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ON JUDGING

Judge – “to discern, to decide, to distinguish”

I. WRONG JUDGING

1. Matt. 7:1-5 – Hypocritical judgments
2. Lk. 6:37 – Harsh and condemning. Contrasted to forgiveness and giving.
3. Jn. 7:24 – According to appearance
4. Jn. 8:15 – According to worldly “standards”
5. Rom. 14:3ff – According to our opinions. We must remember that something is not wrong just because we think it is wrong!
6. 1 Cor. 10:29 – By what someone else thinks
7. Jas. 4:11 – Speaking evil one of another

II. RIGHT JUDGING

1. Jn. 5:30 – By the evidence (“as I hear”)
2. Jn. 7:24 – by God’s word (“righteous judgment”)
3. Jn. 7:51 – By allowing others to tell their story. Get all the facts.
4. Jn. 12:48 – By the words of Christ
5. Rom. 2:12 – By the law
6. Rom. 2:16 – By the gospel
7. 1 Pet. 4:6 – By the gospel that was preached to all

III. WE ARE TO JUDGE

1. Lk. 12:57 – We are to judge what is right
2. Jn. 7:24 – Judge righteous judgment
3. Acts 4:19 – We are to decide who we will serve
4. 1 Cor. 5:12 – Judge those in the church
5. 1 Cor. 6:2 – We are to judge the world
6. 1 Cor. 6:5 – We are to judge between brethren
7. 1 Cor. 10:15 – Judge what is taught
8. 1 Cor. 11:13 – Judge in yourselves
9. Heb. 11:11 – Sarah judged God to be faithful
10. Acts 13:46 – Whether we are worthy of eternal life
11. Acts 16:15 – Whether others are faithful
12. Acts 25:10 – Paul recognized the right of others to judge him
13. 1 Cor. 5:3 – We must judge those who stray from God

IV. WE WILL BE JUDGED

1. By the law – Jas. 2:12; Jn. 12:48

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2. By our deeds – 2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 2:6; Lk. 6:43-45; Matt. 7:20; Rom. 3:4
3. By God and Jesus – Acts 7:7; 10:42; 17:31; Rom. 2:16; 3:6; 11:33; 1 Cor. 4:5; 2 Tim. 4:1,8; Heb. 10:30; 12:23; 13:4; Jas. 5:9; 1 Pet. 4:5; Rev. 6:10; 15:4; 16:7; 19:2

V. PASSAGES WE CANNOT FULFILL IF WE CANNOT JUDGE

If we cannot judge, we cannot decide –

1. 2 Cor. 13:5 – whether we are in the faith
2. Acts 17:11 – whether the things taught are in keeping with God's word
3. 1 Jn. 4:1 – whether one is a false teacher
4. Gal. 6:1 – whether one needs to be restored
5. Jas. 5:19,20 – whether one has erred
6. Lk. 24:47 – whether one is not a Christian

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JAMES – LESSONS FROM

1. Trials bring patience (1:2-4).
2. Ask for wisdom (1:5).
3. Do not doubt God (1:6-8).
4. We are equals as Christians (1:9,10).
5. The rich die also (1:11).
6. Endurance brings the crown of life (1:12).
7. We sin when we yield to our lusts (1:13-16).
8. Do not blame God for our failures (1:13-16).
9. God cannot change (1:17).
10. We were begotten by the word of truth (1:18).
11. Listen more than you speak (1:19).
12. We must put off the world and seek the word (1:21).
13. The word is able to save our souls (1:21).
14. We must not forget to examine ourselves by the word (1:22-26).
15. Be doers of the word (1:22).
16. Do not deceive yourself (1:26).
17. Pure religion involves placing others before self and living godly lives (1:27).
18. Faith in Christ and respect of persons do not go together (2:1).
19. Respect of persons is sin (2:9).
20. Offend in one law and one is guilty of all (2:10).
21. We will be judged by God's word (2:12; 1:25).
22. Faith without works is dead (2:14-26).
23. Doing God's will = faith (2:21 +23).
24. Be aware of the responsibility we have when we teach (3:1).
25. Do not praise God and curse men (3:2-10).
26. The tongue can destroy us (3:2-10).
27. Man is made in the image of God (3:9).
28. The wise man is a humble man (3:13).
29. Worldliness causes confusion and every evil work (3:14-16).
30. We are to have the wisdom that comes from God (3:17,18).
31. We are our own worst enemies – we destroy ourselves (4:1,2).
32. We will not receive what we want when we pray selfishly (4:3).
33. Friendship with the world is enmity with God (4:4).
34. God resists the proud (4:6).
35. God rewards the humble (4:6).
36. Submit to and draw nigh to God (4:7,8).
37. Resist the devil if we want him to leave us alone (4:7).
38. We should be ashamed of our worldliness (4:9).
39. We must "go down" to "go up" (4:10).
40. Do not speak evil one of another (4:11,12).
41. Life is but a vapor (4:14).
42. We must place our confidence in God (4:15).

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- 43. Do not be boastful (4:16).
- 44. If we fail to obey God, we sin (4:17).
- 45. Dishonest gain will bring eternal misery upon us (5:1-6).
- 46. Endure afflictions and stand fast until the coming of the Lord (5:7,8).
- 47. Do not fight one another lest we be condemned (5:9).
- 48. Remember that the judge (God) knows all (5:9).
- 49. Be truthful in your word (5:12).
- 50. We should seek to help others (5:13-15).
- 51. We must confess our faults (5:16).
- 52. We must pray for one another (5:16).
- 53. We must seek to restore the erring (5:19,20).
- 54. We can know when one errs from the truth (5:19,20). If not, we could never fulfill this command.

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1 PETER

INTRODUCTION:

1. 1 Peter is a book of encouragement written to help its recipients remain faithful through persecution (cf. 1:6,7; 4:12-19; 5:10).
2. The book is written to Christians in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. These were Roman provinces in Asia Minor.
3. Five chapters are used to encourage us to faithfulness and steadfastness.

General Outline

- I. Greetings (1:1,2)
- II. To an inheritance incorruptible (1:3-12)
- III. As obedient children (1:13-25)
- IV. The duty of Christians (2:1-25)
- V. General exhortations (3:1-4:11)
- VI. Trials and temptations (4:12-19)
- VII. To the elders (5:1-4)
- VIII. Humility and steadfastness needed to defeat the devil (5:5-11)
- IX. Closing remarks (5:12-14)

Detailed Outline

- I. Greetings (1:1,2)
- II. To an inheritance incorruptible (1:3-12)
 1. Begotten unto a lively hope (1:3-5)
 2. The trying of your faith helps you to receive your salvation (1:6-9)
 3. Salvation through Christ was prophesied (1:10-12)
- III. As obedient children (1:13-25)
 1. Do not return to worldliness (1:13,14)
 2. Be holy, as God is holy (1:15,16)
 3. We were redeemed by Christ's blood (1:17-21)
 4. Born again by the word of God (1:22-25)
- IV. The duty of Christians (2:1-25)
 1. Grow in Christ (2:1,2)
 2. Offer spiritual sacrifices (2:3-10)
 3. Abstain from fleshly lusts (2:11,12)
 4. Obey the government (2:13-17)
 5. Servants (2:18-20)
 6. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus (2:21-25)
- V. General Exhortations (3:1-4:11)
 1. Husband/wife relationship (3:1-7)
 2. Eschew evil and do good (3:8-13)

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- 3. Suffer for righteousness sake (3:14-17)
- 4. Baptism saves (3:18-22)
- 5. Obey the will of God (4:1-5)
- 6. Serve one another (4:6-11)
- VI. Trials and temptations (4:12-19)
 - 1. Trials will come (4:12)
 - 2. Rejoice that you suffer as Christians (4:13-16)
 - 3. Commit our souls to God (4:17-19)
- VII. To the elders (5:1-4)
- VIII. Humility and steadfastness needed to defeat the devil (5:5-11)
- IX. Closing remarks (5:12-14)

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1 PETER – LESSONS FROM

1. The resurrection of Christ assures us of our hope (1:3).
2. Our hope is based on an inheritance that fades not away (1:4).
3. Salvation is the end of a faithful life (1:9).
4. Do not return to worldliness (1:14).
5. Be holy as God is holy (1:15,16).
6. God judges without respect of persons (1:17).
7. God will judge us by our own individual works (1:17).
8. We were redeemed by the blood of Christ (1:19).
9. Christ was the perfect sacrifice (1:19).
10. Christ's sacrifice was known before the foundation of the world (1:20).
11. Our souls are purified in our obeying the truth (1:22).
12. We are born again by the word of God (1:23).
13. God's word endures forever (1:23-25).
14. Put aside worldliness and yearn for God's word (2:1,2).
15. The church is God's special house (2:5,9).
16. We are to offer ourselves as spiritual sacrifices (2:5).
17. Those who reject God's word reject his Son (2:4-8).
18. Abstain from fleshly lusts that war against the soul (2:11).
19. We are to live in such a way that our actions will not give people a reason to speak evil against us (2:12; 3:16).
20. Obey the government (2:13-17).
21. Handle suffering wrongfully correctly (2:18-20).

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22. Walk in the footsteps of Christ, our perfect redeemer (2:21-25).
23. Wives are to be in subjection to their husbands (3:1-6).
24. Husbands who mistreat their wives will have their prayers hindered (3:7).
25. Be of one mind (3:8).
26. Love one another (3:8).
27. Do not render evil for evil (3:9).
28. Keep control of our tongues (3:10).
29. Do good and seek peace (3:11).
30. God hears the prayers of the righteous (3:12).
31. Be ready to give an answer for the hope that is in us (3:15).
32. Baptism saves (3:21).
33. Christ now reigns in heaven (3:22).
34. Do not obey men. Obey God (4:2).
35. We will give an account at judgment (4:5).
36. Be prepared for judgment (4:7).
37. Serve one another (4:8-10).
38. Speak as the oracle of God (4:11).
39. Use our abilities for God (4:11).
40. Glorify God in all things (4:11).
41. We will suffer because we are Christians (4:12).
42. Rejoice when we suffer as Christians (4:13-16).
43. The ungodly and the sinner will not be saved (4:17,18).

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- 44. Put our souls in God's hands (4:19).
- 45. The duties of elders (5:1-4).
- 46. God resists the proud (5:5).
- 47. Humble ourselves before God (5:6).
- 48. The devil is not our friend (5:8).
- 49. Resist the devil (5:9).
- 50. We are not the only ones who are suffering because we are Christians (5:9).
- 51. Our suffering will make us strong (5:10).

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2 PETER, JUDE

INTRODUCTION:

1. The last letter we have from Peter spans three chapters in the Bible. Short and powerful are two adjectives that describe this book. Peter emphasizes working for God, to beware of false teachers, and to be ready for Christ's coming. The exhortation to grow ends the book.
2. Jude is one of the five one-chapter books in the Bible. Its purpose is given to us in the third verse, to contend for the faith. Jude strongly warns about the dangers of false teachers.

2 PETER

General Outline

- I. Greetings (1:1-4)
- II. Make your calling and election sure (1:5-11)
- III. Peter's personal remarks (1:12-21)
- IV. False Teachers (2:1-22)
- V. Christ's coming (3:1-18)

Detailed Outline

- I. Greetings (1:1-4)
- II. Make your calling and election sure (1:5-11)
 1. Things we must have in our lives (1:5-9)
 2. Make your calling and election sure (1:10,11)
- III. Peter's personal remarks (1:12-21)
 1. He reminds them of what they must do (1:12,13)
 2. He is about to die (1:14,15)
 3. He was an eyewitness of Christ's majesty (1:16-18)
 4. Our sure word of prophecy (1:19-21)
- IV. False Teachers (2:1-22)
 1. There will be false teachers among you (2:1)
 2. Many will follow the false teachers (2:2)
 3. False teachers will be condemned by God (2:3-9)
 4. What false teachers really are (2:10-17)
 - A. Walk after the flesh (2:10)
 - B. Despise authority (2:10)
 - C. Presumptuous (2:10)
 - D. Self-willed (2:10)
 - E. Speak evil of dignities (2:10,11)

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- F. Brute beasts fit to be destroyed (2:12)
- G. Speak evil out of their ignorance (2:12)
- H. Doomed (2:12,13)
- I. Spots and blemishes (2:13)
- J. Full of adultery (2:14)
- K. Cannot cease from sin (2:14)
- L. Unstable souls (2:14)
- M. Hearts of covetousness (2:14)
- N. Cursed children (2:14)
- O. Have forsaken the right way (2:15,16)
- P. Useless (2:17)
- Q. Reserved to hell (2:17)
- 5. How false teachers work (2:18-22)
 - A. Smooth talkers who lure through the lusts of the flesh (2:18)
 - B. Work hard on new converts (2:18)
 - C. Promise liberty (2:19)
 - D. Fail to reveal that they are the servants of corruption (2:19-22)
- V. Christ's coming (3:1-18)
 - 1. False teachers will scoff at the second coming (3:1-4)
 - 2. The heavens and earth are to be destroyed (3:5-7)
 - 3. God wants all men to be saved (3:8,9)
 - 4. The universe will be destroyed (3:10)
 - 5. Be prepared for Christ's coming (3:11-14)
 - 6. Do not fall away (3:15-17)
 - 7. Grow in Christ (3:18)

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JUDE

General Outline

- I. Greeting (1,2)
- II. Contend earnestly for the faith (3)
- III. False teachers (4-16)
- IV. Exhortations (17-25)

Detailed Outline

- I. Greeting (1,2)
- II. Contend earnestly for the faith (3)
- III. False teachers (4-16)
 - 1. They are among you (4)
 - 2. False teachers have turned against God (4)
 - 3. False teachers deny Jesus Christ (4)
 - 4. God will punish false teachers (5-15)
 - A. God punished the wicked of old, including angels (5-7)
 - B. False teachers are corrupt beasts (8-10)
 - C. False teachers follow other false people (11)
 - D. False teachers are useless destroyers (12,13)
 - E. God will punish them (14,15)
 - 5. False teachers take advantage of people and use them for their own gain (16)
- IV. Exhortations (17-25)
 - 1. Remember you were warned that false teachers would come (17-19)
 - 2. Christians are to remain faithful (20)
 - 3. Christians are to help save others (21-23)
 - 4. God will help us (24,25)

(NOTE: For further study see the outline of 2 Peter.)

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2 PETER – LESSONS FROM

1. God has given us all that we need for life and godliness (1:3).
2. We can be saved (1:4).
3. The attributes of a Christian – Faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, charity (1:5-7).
4. When we forget that we are saved, we will fail to grow in Christ (1:9).
5. Work to make your calling and election sure (1:10).
6. Continue to remind Christians of their obligation to God (1:12,13).
7. We follow the inspired word of God, not some fancy words of man (1:16-21).
8. False teachers are sneaky (2:1).
9. Christians who follow false doctrine bring reproach upon the way of truth (2:2).
10. False teachers are not interested in saving souls, but only in destroying souls (2:3,19).
11. God can save or punish (2:9).
12. We can fall from grace (2:20-22).
13. Many will scoff at the idea of judgment (3:3,4).
14. Some people choose to be ignorant of God's word (3:5).
15. God wants all to be saved (3:9).
16. The universe will be totally destroyed (3:10ff).
17. We must be prepared for judgment (3:11ff).
18. Patience in Christ brings salvation (3:15).
19. People will twist the scriptures to their own destruction (3:16).
20. Keep on keeping on (3:17).
21. Grow in Christ (3:18).

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JUDE – LESSONS FROM

1. Earnestly contend for the faith (3).
2. False teachers will sneak in among you (4).
3. Remember – God punished the wicked of old (5-7).
4. False teachers are condemned (10,15).
5. False teachers appear to be friendly, but are ravening wolves (12,13).
6. False teachers will use us to accomplish their goals (16).
7. Remain faithful to God (21).
8. Look toward eternal life (21).
9. God can and will help us (24).
10. To God be the glory (25).

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1 JOHN

INTRODUCTION:

1. The book of 1 John is normally considered a book of love. While love is mentioned considerably in this book, the book also teaches us a great deal about fellowship and obedience to God.
2. The fact that we can know what God desires is also mentioned several times in the book's five chapters. John teaches we can know, that is, it is not just a matter of interpretation.
3. 1 John also introduces us to the term "antichrist". This idea is also expressed by John in 2 John. In this lesson, we will review the antichrists, as John tells us that there are many at work at this time.

DISCUSSION:

General Outline

- I. The authority of the message – Jesus Christ (1:1-4)
- II. Fellowship with God and one another (1:5-10)
- III. We must obey God (2:1-7)
- IV. We must love our brother (2:8-11)
- V. Love not the world (2:12-17)
- VI. Do not be led astray by false teachers (2:18-29)
- VII. Christians are the sons of God (3:1-10)
- VIII. Christians love one another (3:11-24)
- IX. Put everyone to the test (4:1-6)
- X. On love (4:7-21)
- XI. To love God is to keep his commandments (5:1-3)
- XII. God is the surety of our faith (5:4-9)
- XIII. Christians can know they are saved (5:10-13)
- XIV. Prayer (5:14-17)
- XV. Christians are not of the world (5:18-21)

Detailed Outline

- I. The authority of the message – Jesus Christ (1:1-4)
- II. Fellowship with God and one another (1:5-10)
 1. God is light (1:5)
 2. We must walk in the light (1:6,7)
 3. We must recognize and confess our sins (1:8-10)

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- III. We must obey God (2:1-7)
 - 1. Christ is our advocate (2:1)
 - 2. Christ is the propitiation for our sins (2:2)
 - 3. Keep his commandments (2:3-7)
- IV. We must love our brother (2:8-11)
- V. Love not the world (2:12-17)
 - 1. We are saved people (2:12-14)
 - 2. Do not love the world or the things thereof (2:15-17)
- VI. Do not be led astray by false teachers (2:18-29)
 - 1. Those opposed to Christ have manifested themselves (2:18,19)
 - 2. Christians know the truth (2:20,21)
 - 3. Antichrists deny Jesus (2:22,23)
 - 4. Abide in Christ (2:24-29)
- VII. Christians are the sons of God (3:1-10)
 - 1. The world does not know us because it does not know God (3:1)
 - 2. Christians live for the hope of the coming of Christ (3:2,3)
 - 3. Christians do not commit sin, but rather follow righteousness (3:4-10)
- VIII. Christians love one another (3:11-24)
 - 1. Christians love one another (3:11-13)
 - 2. Christians love their brethren and express it by helping others (3:14-17)
 - 3. Love in action assures us of our salvation (3:18-21)
 - 4. Keep God's commandments (3:22-24)
- IX. Put everyone to the test (4:1-6)
 - 1. See whether they are of God (4:1-3)
 - 2. Those of the world hear the world and not the things of God (4:4-6)
- X. On love (4:7-21)
 - 1. Love is of God (4:7)
 - 2. God is love (4:8)
 - 3. God gave his Son for us (4:9-14)
 - 4. Perfect love casts out fear (4:15-18)
 - 5. We love because God first loved us (4:19)
 - 6. Love and hate are mutually exclusive (4:20,21)
- XI. To love God is to keep his commandments (5:1-3)
- XII. God is the surety of our faith (5:4-9)
- XIII. Christians can know they are saved (5:10-13)
- XIV. Prayer (5:14-17)
 - 1. Ask according to his will in order to receive (5:14,15)
 - 2. That for which we are not to pray (5:16,17)
- XV. Christians are not of the world (5:18-21)
 - 1. Christians avoid the devil (5:18)
 - 2. The world lies in wickedness (5:19)
 - 3. Keep ourselves from idols (5:20,21)

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FELLOWSHIP IN 1 JOHN

1. Our fellowship is dependent upon our unity in Christ (1:1-3).
2. We cannot have fellowship with God if we walk in darkness (1:6).
3. We have fellowship one with another if we walk in the light (1:7).
4. We are in fellowship with God when we keep his commandments (3:24).
5. Those who practice love are in fellowship with God (4:16).

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ANTICHRISTS IN 1 AND 2 JOHN

1. There are many antichrists now (2:18).
2. They once were faithful members of the church (2:19).
3. Antichrists deny that Jesus is the Christ (2:22).
4. Antichrists deny the Father and the Son (2:22).
5. Antichrists deny that Jesus came in the flesh (4:3; 2 Jn. 7).
6. Antichrists are already in the world (4:3).
7. Antichrists are deceivers (2 Jn. 7).

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LOVE IN 1 JOHN

1. The love of God is perfected in us when we keep God's word (2:5).
2. When we love our brother, we are in the light (2:10).
3. Do not love the world nor the things of the world (2:15-17).
4. We should love one another (3:11,23; 4:7).
5. If we do not love our brother, we are in spiritual death (3:14).
6. God's love was expressed in Jesus' death (3:16; 4:9,10).
7. A failure to help those in need is a failure to love (3:17).
8. Love is not "lip service", but is action (3:18).
9. Love is of God (4:7).
10. True love shown means we are born of God and know God (4:7).
11. If we do not love, we do not know God (4:8).
12. God is love (4:8,16).
13. We ought to love one another because God loved us (4:11).
14. If we love one another, God's love is perfected in us (4:12,16).
15. Perfect love brings no fear at judgment (4:17,18).
16. We love because God first loved us (4:19).
17. A failure to love our brother is a failure to love God (4:20,21).
18. If we love God, we will love the children of God (5:1).
19. We love God when we keep his commandments (5:2,3).

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1 JOHN – LESSONS FROM

(Note: For more lessons, refer to the notes in the previous lesson on 1 John).

1. Jesus is eternal (1:1,2).
2. Those who fail to recognize their sins deceive themselves and are liars (1:8,10).
3. Sin can be removed if we confess our faults (1:9).
4. Jesus is our advocate (2:1).
5. Jesus is the propitiation (“purchase price”) for our sins (2:2).
6. Keep God’s commandments (2:3-5).
7. Christians have overcome great obstacles (2:12-14).
8. Sin is not of God (2:16).
9. The world and its lusts will pass away (2:17).
10. The faithful will live forever (2:17).
11. Not everyone will remain faithful (2:19).
12. We can know what God’s word teaches (2:21).
13. Remain faithful (2:24).
14. The faithful will have eternal life (2:25).
15. We want to abide in Christ so we will not be ashamed at his coming (2:28).
16. Christians are the sons of God (3:1).
17. The world will not like Christians because it did not love Christ (3:1).
18. We shall be changed at Christ’s coming (3:2).
19. Sin is a transgression of the law (3:4).
20. Christ came to take away our sins (3:5).

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21. Sinners belong to the devil (3:8).
22. Those who are Christians do not practice sin (3:9).
23. The children of God and the children of the devil are not the same people (3:10).
24. Prayer works when we are obedient to God (3:22).
25. Put everyone to the test, whether they are of God (4:1).
26. We serve a greater being than the world does (4:4).
27. The world will listen to itself and reject God's word (4:5,6).
28. With proper faith, we will overcome the world (5:4).
29. We call God a liar when we fail to obey him (5:10).
30. Salvation is in Christ (5:11).
31. We can know we are saved (5:13).
32. God will hear our prayers when we ask according to his will (5:14,15).
33. We are not to pray for God to forgive one who will not repent (5:16).
34. All unrighteousness is sin (5:17).
35. Christians keep themselves from sin (5:18).
36. The world lies in wickedness (5:19).
37. Christians are not of the world (5:19).
38. Christians keep themselves from idolatry (5:21).

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2 JOHN, 3 JOHN

INTRODUCTION:

1. 2 and 3 John are two of the one chapter books of the Bible.
2. 2 John is addressed to a lady and her children who walk in truth (vs. 4). The exhortation of 2 John is to walk after the commandments of God and beware of those who would deceive you.
3. 3 John is addressed to Gaius, a Christian who lived uprightly before God (vs. 2). This book has as its theme to follow good and not evil (vs. 11), and contrasts Gaius and Demetrius (good) with Diotrophes (evil).

2 JOHN

General Outline

- I. Introduction (1-3)
- II. Walk in truth (4-6)
- III. Do not be deceived (7-11)
- IV. Conclusion (12,13)

Detailed Outline

- I. Introduction (1-3)
- II. Walk in truth (4-6)
 1. Her children did so (4)
 2. Love is obeying God's commandments (5,6)
- III. Do not be deceived (7-11)
 1. Deceivers are presently at work (7)
 2. Do not lose what you have gained (8)
 3. Those who transgress God's law do not have God (9)
 4. Do not aid or encourage those who transgress God's law (10,11)
- IV. Conclusion (12,13)

3 JOHN

General Outline

- I. Gaius (1-8)
- II. Diotrophes (9-11)
- III. Demetrius (12)

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IV. Conclusion (13,14)

Detailed Outline

- I. Gaius (1-8)
 - 1. He walked in truth (1-4)
 - 2. He helped others (5,6)
 - 3. He helped those who dedicated their lives to serving God (7,8)
- II. Diotrophes (9-11)
 - 1. He loved to have the preeminence (9)
 - 2. He did not help others (10)
 - 3. He rejected those who helped the brethren (10)
 - 4. Follow good, not evil (11)
- III. Demetrius (12)
 - 1. Has a good report of all men (12)
 - 2. Has a good report of the truth (12)
 - 3. Has a good report of John (12)
- IV. Conclusion (13,14)

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2 JOHN 9-11

I. Transgresseth – “to lead forward”

This word is used to indicate one who takes the lead in an action. In 2 Jn. 9, this person takes the lead in going beyond the doctrine of Christ.

II. Abideth not – “abide, dwell, continue, endure, remain, stand, tarry”

The idea of abiding is staying there or continuing. In 2 Jn. 9, this person does not abide in the doctrine of Christ. That is, they do not stay in, continue in, or dwell in the teachings of Christ.

III. Godspeed – “to rejoice”

2 Jn. 10,11 teach us to not rejoice in the evil that this person is doing. We are not to aid them in any way. The injunction here is the same as Matt. 18:17 (“let him be to thee as an heathen man and a publican”) and 1 Cor. 5:11 (“with such an one not to eat”). The righteous man will never consent to the deeds of the evil person (cf. Rom. 1:32).

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2 JOHN – LESSONS FROM

1. Those who know the truth love those who walk in truth (1).
2. We are to love one another (5).
3. To love God is to keep his commandments (6).
4. Deceivers are working to pull us from Christ (7).
5. Do not allow yourselves to be pulled away from Christ (8).
6. One cannot be in God unless one walks with God (9).
7. Do not help, aid, or encourage false teachers (10).
8. Those who help, aid, or encourage false teachers are guilty of their evil, being partakers with them (11).

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3 JOHN – LESSONS FROM

1. We should live in such a way spiritually that others could wish that our physical health be like our spiritual health, and it not be a death wish (2).
2. We should live in such a way that others are encouraged by our spirituality (3).
3. We should help others, especially those who proclaim the truth (5-7).
4. To help those who work for God is to be in fellowship with the truth (8).
5. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled (9,10).
6. Those who do evil are not content until others are following them (10).
7. Those who do evil will exclude those who want to follow the truth (10).
8. Do not follow evil (11).
9. Follow good (11).
10. To be with God, one must do good (11).
11. We should live so we have a good report of all (12).
12. We can measure right and wrong by the truth (12).