

SERIES TITLE: New Testament Survey (Thessalonians-Revelation)
LESSON TITLE: First and Second Thessalonians

Week 1

Memory Work: "Ye should walk worthily of God, who calleth you into his own kingdom and glory." I Thessalonians 2:12

DAY 1 Introduction to First Thessalonians.

- A. This is the first letter written by Paul. It was written from Corinth a few months after they had established the church in Thessalonica.
- B. The two basic points of the letter are: encouragement to withstand their present persecution, 2:14-16; and the resurrection, 4:13.
- C. Paul's prayer and praise of the church at Thessalonica, 1:2-10.

DAY 2 The Gospel preached and persecuted at Thessalonica.

- A. Paul's ministry at Thessalonica, 2:1-13.
- B. Paul is thankful for their endurance under persecution, 2:13-20.
- C. Timothy was sent to strengthen and encourage them, 3:1-6.

DAY 3 Teachings on the resurrection at Christ's second coming.

- A. The resurrection, 4:13-18.
- B. When is the second coming? 5:1-11.

DAY 4 Introduction to Second Thessalonians.

- A. Paul wrote this shortly after the first letter, 1:1-2. He deals with the basic two subjects of the first letter. It appears some taught that Christ was shortly coming back and some disciples quit work as a result. Therefore the two areas of discussion in this letter are: When will Christ return for the resurrection; and instruction concerning those walking disorderly, in this case, not working.

DAY 5 Paul's instructions:

- A. The second coming is not at hand.
 - (1) Before Jesus returns, the "falling away" within the church must come, 2:1-12.
 - (2) Exhortation to hold fast to teachings of Paul, 2:13-17
- B. Withdraw from disorderly brethren.
 - (1) Exhortations, 3:1-5.
 - (2) Some were walking disorderly by not working and sponging from others. We are commanded to work to provide our own food, 3:6-15.

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LESSON TITLE: First Timothy

Week 2

Memory Work: "The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil: which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith and have pierced themselves thru with many sorrows," **I Timothy 6:10.**

DAY 1 Introduction to First Timothy.

- A. This epistle is most likely written to Timothy after Paul's release from his first imprisonment, 64 AD.
- B. It was written from Nicopolis to Timothy in Ephesus (see Titus 3:12). It contains instruction for the work of evangelists, elders, and all who work in the church, 1:1-2, 3:14-15.
- C. Timothy is warned against misuse of the law.
 - (1) False teachers misuse the Law of Moses, 1:3-7.
 - (2) Purpose of law, 1:8-11.
 - (3) Paul is an example of Christ's power to save, 1:12-17.
 - (4) Timothy instructed to be faithful, 1:18-20.

DAY 2 Behavior in the House of God.

- A. Prayer, 2:1-8.
- B. Dress, 2:9-15.
- C. Elders and Deacons, 3:1-13.

DAY 3 Remind the brethren of these things.

- A. The falling away, 4:1-5.
- B. Instructions for the work and teaching of a preacher, 4:6-16.

DAY 4 Instructions concerning care of widows.

- A. Instructions on the care of widows. Note the qualifications Paul gives widows if the church is to support those in need, 5:3-16.
- B. Further instructions to the preacher, Timothy, 5:17-22.

DAY 5 General instructions to teach the church.

- A. Servants, 6:1-2.
- B. Warning against false teachers. They seek riches, 6:3-10.
- C. Be faithful, 6:11-21.

SERIES TITLE: New Testament Survey (Thessalonians-Revelation)
LESSON TITLE: Second Timothy

Week 3

Memory Work: "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth," II Timothy 2:15.

DAY 1 Introduction to Second Timothy.

- A. Written by Paul during his last imprisonment shortly before his death, the last letter we have from him.
- B. Timothy was still in Ephesus preaching. Paul writes in this letter the various duties of a preacher, especially of opposing the dangerous heresies within the church, 1:1-2.
- C. Timothy encouraged to guard the gospel entrusted to him, 1:3-18.

DAY 2 Teach and instruct others to teach.

- A. A preacher's work is to instruct others that they might also teach, 2:1-2.
- B. Fight as a faithful soldier would, 2:3-13.

DAY 3 Instructions in how to teach, 2:14-26.

DAY 4 Warning against false teachers.

- A. False teachers will be in the church. These are evil self-seeking men, 3:1-13.
- B. You abide in the scriptures which make a man completely equipped for every good work, 3:14-17.

DAY 5 Instructions in the work of an evangelist.

- A. Continually preach the word, 4:1-5.
- B. Paul did the work of a preacher to the end, 4:6-8.
- C. Personal instruction and information, 4:9-22.

LESSON TITLE: Titus and Philemon

Memory Work: "Let our people also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful," Titus 3:14.

DAY 1 Introduction to Titus.

- A. Paul wrote to Titus, a Gentile preacher, who had traveled with him, and whom he had left on Crete to strengthen the church there, 1:1-4.
- B. The appointing of elders in every city, 1:5-9.

DAY 2 False teachers and deceivers must be reprov'd, 1:10-16.

DAY 3 Teach duties of Christians.

- A. Proper conduct of men and women, 2:1-6.
- B. As a preacher, he should be an example, 2:7-8.
- C. The authority to exhort and reprove, 2:9-15.

DAY 4 Teach proper attitudes.

- A. Meekness toward rulers, 3:1-2.
- B. The reason for our meek attitude 3:3-7.
- C. Instruction concerning factious men, 3:9-11.
- D. Good works maintained, 3:14 (8).

DAY 5 Paul to Philemon.

- A. Paul had converted Philemon. One of four prison epistles, 1-7.
- B. Paul had converted Onesimus, Philemon's slave who had run away to Rome, and was sending him back with this personal letter to Philemon, 8-14.
- C. Paul destroys the institution of slavery by changing the heart of the slave-holder. Note carefully how Philemon was to accept Onesimus, 15:21.
- D. Paul hoped to return, 22.

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Week 5

LESSON TITLE: Hebrews (First part)

Memory Work: "God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers by the prophets... hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in His Son.." Hebrews **1:1-2**.

DAY 1 The superiority of Christ.

- A.** Principle theme of the book: Encourage Christians living in Israel to remain faithful. This is done by showing the superiority of Christ's new covenant over the old covenant given through Moses.
- B.** God has spoken to us through Christ, 1:1-3.
- C.** Christ is greater than prophets, angels, or men, 1:4-14.

DAY 2 The humanity of Jesus.

- A.** Encouragement to remain faithful to what we have heard, 2:1-4.
- B.** Definition of man, 2:5-8.
- C.** Jesus became man to provide salvation from our sins, 2:6-18.
- D.** Jesus is sympathetic toward us in our trials, 2:18.

DAY 3 Christ is greater than Moses.

- A.** Christ greater than Moses in the house of God, 3:1-6.
- B.** Warnings against unbelief as seen in Israel of old, 3:7-19.

DAY 4 Greatness of the rest awaiting us.

- A.** Only for the faithful, 4:1-2.
- B.** Many of the Hebrews did not receive rest. Note: this rest is not the old sabbath day or the land of Canaan, 4:3-7.
- C.** The rest awaiting is heaven, 4:9-11.
- D.** God judges by His word, let us remain faithful, 4:12-16.

DAY 5 Warnings against indifference to God's word.

- A.** Their dullness of hearing, 5:11-14.
- B.** Press on in knowledge and study, 6:1-3.
- C.** If we do not study, we can lose faith and interest in repentance that would cause us to fall away forever, 6:4-6.
- D.** God will keep His promises, 6:13-20.

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LESSON TITLE: Hebrews (Part two)

Week 6

Memory Work: "Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen," Hebrews **11:1**.

DAY 1 The greatness of Christ's Priesthood.

- A. We know God understands our trials and temptations because God came in human form and lived as we do, 4:14-16.
- B. Contrasted with the old testament priests, 5:1-10.

DAY 2 More on His Priesthood.

- A. He is both priest and king continually, as compared to Melchizedek, 7:1-3.
- B. Melchizedek's priesthood was greater than Levi, 7:4-7.
- C. No perfection under the Levitical Priesthood, so a change was necessary, 7:11-13,18-19.
- D. He continues by the power of an endless life to save us and give us endless life, 7:16,13-18; 8:1-2.

DAY 3 The greatness of the New Covenant.

- A. The new one to be better, 8:6-7.
- B. The new law described by Jeremiah (31:31-34), 8:8-12.
 - (1) Laws written on the mind, heart, 10.
 - (2) Sins fully forgiven, 12.
- C. The old covenant was disappearing, to be replaced by the new covenant, 8:13.

DAY 4 The Tabernacle and its services compared.

- A. The first tabernacle is a figure for the true tabernacle of the present time, 9:1-11.
- B. Animal sacrifice couldn't take away sins, but Christ has, 9:14-17, 23-28.
- C. Christ's sacrifice superior to Levitical priesthood, 10:1-4, 9-14.

DAY 5 Obligations of Christians.

- A. An acting faith is necessary, 11:1-6; 12:1-2.
- B. Sometimes God chastens us for our sins to help strengthen our faith, 12:5-11.
- C. The greatness of the kingdom, the church, 12:28-29.
- D. Christians are to show hospitality, 13:1-3.
- E. Do not love money, but trust in the Lord, 13:5-6.
- F Responsibilities of elders and members, 13:7,17.

Memory Work: "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves," James 1:22.

DAY 1 Introduction to James

- A. The book of James could be called "The Gospel of Common Sense." It was most probably written by James, the brother of the Lord. It is written primarily to encourage patience in temptation and trials, and to eliminate from their lives any serious defects which rendered them unChrist-like.
- B. The design of trial (temptation) is to make mature character as a Christian, 1:1-4. In this we need to pray for wisdom, 1:5-8.
- C. Our faith must be stable and not coupled to our status in life, 1:9-11.
- D. Overcoming temptation leads to eternal life, 1:12-17.
- E. God is the source of all good through the power of His word, 1:18-21. To be blessed by it we must hear and do it, 1:22-27.

DAY 2 The Christian's attitude toward others, and good works.

- A. It is sinful to show respect of persons, 2:1-13.
- B. Works must accompany faith, or one's faith is useless, 2:14-26.

DAY 3 The use of our tongue and wisdom toward others.

- A. Control our tongues, for they can do great evil, 3:1-12.
- B. There is a heavenly wisdom that exhibits itself in a life filled with good works toward others, 3:13-18.

DAY 4 Much of what befalls us is our own fault in sinful living.

- A. Conflicts among Christians arise because of improper desires and the seeking of friendship with the world, 4:1-10.
- B. Speak not against each other improperly, 4:11-12.
- C. God must be taken into our plans, because we have no assurance tomorrow will come, 4:13-17.

DAY 5 More general admonitions for daily living.

- A. Let the rich take heed, 5:1-6.
- B. The faithful are to bear their sufferings patiently, assured that the day of the Lord is coming, 5:7-11.
- C. Avoid unnecessary oaths. Find solace for life's trials in prayer and song, 5:12-13.
- D. If any are spiritually sick, 5:14-20.

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LESSON TITLE: First Peter

Week 8

Memory Work: "Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour," I Peter 5:8.

DAY 1 Chapter 1.

- A. I Peter was written during Nero's persecution of Christians about 65-66 AD. This is a general letter addressed to Jewish Christians scattered through other nations exhorting them to remain faithful during fiery trials and persecution.
- B. Faith is proved through fiery trials and leads to salvation, 1:1-12.
- C. Leave your old manner of life and be "children of obedience," 1:13-25.

DAY 2 Chapter 2.

- A. Put away all sin, for you are the elect of God, and a holy priesthood, 2:1-12.
- B. Be subject to the laws of man and to the rulers, 2:13-17.
- C. Servants be subject to your masters, using Christ as your example, 2:18-25.

DAY 3 Chapter 3.

- A. The proper conduct of a wife and a husband, 3:1-7.
- B. A Christian is compassionate, 3:8-12.
- C. If you suffer, let it be as a Christian for well-doing, 3:13-22.

DAY 4 Chapter 4.

- A. Christ is our example in suffering, 4:1-6.
- B. Continue in prayer and love, without murmuring, 4:7-11.
- C. Persecution is not a "strange thing," therefore suffer without violating God's laws, 4:12-19.

DAY 5 Chapter 5.

- A. Instructions to the elders, 5:1-4.
- B. Be humble and watchful, 5:5-13.

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Week 9

LESSON TITLE: Second Peter and Jude

Memory Work: "Contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints," Jude 3.

DAY 1 Second Peter, chapter 1.

- A. Peter's second letter was written to the same ones as the first letter, a year or so later, 1:1-2.
- B. The seven characteristics of spiritual growth, 1:3-11.
- C. Peter was always ready to remind the saints of the truth, 1:12-22.

DAY 2 Second Peter, chapter 2.

- A. Many false prophets have arisen, 2:1-3.
- B. A graphic description of false teachers and the surety of their destruction, 2:4-22.

DAY 3 Second Peter, chapter 3.

- A. Many will say Christ is not coming back, but God keeps his promises, 3:1-13.
- B. Give diligence to remain steadfast, 3:14-18.

DAY 4 Jude, introduction.

- A. Jude appears to be the brother to James and our Lord. He wrote to exhort Christians to contend earnestly for the faith, 1-4.
- B. Remember that God destroys those of his people that believe not, 5-11.

DAY 5 Jude, continued.

- A. A description of unbelieving Christians, 12-16.
- B. Guard yourselves, 17-24.

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Week 10

LESSON TITLE: First, Second and Third John

Memory Work: "Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teachings of Christ, hath not God," II John 9.

DAY 1 First John.

- A. The purpose is that we might "know" that we have eternal life, 1:1-4.
- B. Christ is faithful to forgive us our sins, 1:5-10.
- C. We know that we know God, if we keep his commandments, 2:1-6.
- D. Love the brethren, not the world, 2:7-17.
- E. Warning against false teachers, 2:26-29.

DAY 2 First John, continued.

- A. A Christian does not continually sin, 3:1-12.
- B. We know we are unto eternal life, if we love the brethren, 3:13-24; 4:8, 20-21.
- C. The test to know a true prophet or teacher is given, 4:1-6.

DAY 3 First John, continued.

- A. We know that we love the brethren, when we keep the commandments of God, 5:1-3.
- B. A Christian overcomes the world by faith, 5:4-5.
- C. Jesus' baptism, death, and the Spirit witness the divinity of Jesus, 5:6-13.
- D. We know he hears our prayers, 5:14-17.
- E. We know we are of God, 5:18-21.

DAY 4 Second John.

- A. A private correspondence of John to an unknown woman Christian.
- B. Its theme is "love" and "truth." These are inseparable, 1-6.
- C. Warnings against deceivers, 7-11.
- D. Conclusion, 12-13.

DAY 5 Third John.

- A. This is a personal letter by John to a faithful Christian, Gaius, 1.
- B. Praise for good works, 2-8.
- C. Accusation against a prideful Christian, 9-12.
- D. Conclusion, 13-14.

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Week 11

LESSON TITLE: Revelation M1

Memory Work: "These shall war against the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for he is Lord of Lords, and King of Kings; and they also shall overcome that are with him," Revelation 17:14.

- DAY 1** Introduction and seven churches of Asia, chapters 1-3.
- A. John wrote this letter, as instructed by Christ, while on Patmos just previous to the Jewish war with Rome, late 60's.
 - B. Christ dictated seven letters to the seven churches of Asia, 1:4-19.
- DAY 2** Seven Churches.
- A. Ephesus, 2:1-7.
 - B. Smyrna, 2:8-11.
 - C. Pergamum, 2:12-17.
 - D. Thyatira, 2:18-28.
- DAY 3** Seven Churches, continued.
- A. Sardis, 3:1-6.
 - B. Philadelphia, 3:7-13.
 - C. Laodicea, 3:14-22.
- DAY 4** Seven Seals, chapters 4-7.
- A. John was shown a vision of God's throne in heaven, 4:1-8.
 - B. Saw a book closed with seven seals, which only Christ was worthy to open, 5:1-3, 9-12.
 - C. Each seal gives a picture of part of the spiritual warfare, 6:1-17.
 - D. Encouragement to endure tribulation, 7:13-17.
- DAY 5** Seven Trumpets.
- A. Seven trumpets that affect the world, 8:2-6.
 - B. First four trumpets smote the earth as natural disasters, 8:7-13.
 - C. Next two are woes directed toward sinful men, 9:1-6, 12-16.
 - D. These are to bring sinners to repentance, 9:20-21.
 - E. Seventh and last angel will sound at the time of reward, 11:15-18.

LESSON TITLE: Revelation 12-22

Memory Work: "He that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely," Revelation 22:17.

DAY 1 Persecution of the church, 12-14.

- A.** The saints persecuted, 12:1-5, 7-12,17.
- B.** The Dragon employs agents to war against the saints. Operates through nations and their unrighteous governments, 13:1-8.
- C.** The "false prophet," 13:11-15.
- D.** Babylon, 14:8-11.
- E.** Saints to be final victors, 14:12-13.

DAY 2 Bowls of Wrath, chapters 15-16.

- A.** Seven plagues pour out on mankind, 15:1-8.
- B.** Seven plagues are terrible, are to cause men to repent (16:11) but instead they only blaspheme God, 16:1-21.

DAY 3 The fall of Babylon and the two beasts, chapters 17-19.

- A.** The fall of Babylon is described, 17:1-6; 18:1-5, 9-20.
- B.** The first beast wars against the Lamb, but Christ will overcome, 17:13-15.
- C.** Christ will destroy both beasts, 19:11-21.

DAY 4 The Judgment of Satan and reward of the Saints, chapters 20-22.

- A.** Satan restrained (bound), 20:1-3.
- B.** Satan loosed for a short time, 20:7-9.
- C.** Judgment of Satan and his followers, 20:10-15.

DAY 5 Judgment of Satan and reward of the Saints, continued.

- A.** God's beautiful picture of faithful reward, 21:1-8; 21:22; 22:5.
- B.** Christ's invitation to the sinner, 22:12-19.

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Week 13

LESSON TITLE: Review

Memory Work: "For we must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad," **II Corinthians 5:10.**

- DAY 1**
1. What are the two basic points of the Thessalonian letters, Wk 1 - D 1
 2. How does Paul describe the second coming of Christ, Wk 1 - D 3, 5
 3. Who wrote Timothy instructions on preaching? What were those instructions, Wk 2 - D 1, 3, 4.
 4. What instructions for preaching are given in II Timothy, Wk 3, D 1-3, 5.
- DAY 2**
1. What does man equip himself with, that he can preach, Wk 3 - D 4.
 2. For what reason did Paul leave Titus on Crete, Wk 4 - D 1.
 3. What instructions were given for false teachers, Wk 4 - D 2.
 4. What was Paul's purpose in writing Philemon, Wk 4 - D 5.
- DAY 3**
1. What is the purpose of the letter to the Hebrews, Wk 5 - D 1.
 2. In what ways is the New Covenant greater than the old, Wk 5 - D 1, 3, 4; Wk 6 - D 1, 3, 4.
 3. Why is Christ's priesthood greater than the Levitical, Wk 6 - D 1, 2.
 4. What does James teach about "works," Wk 7 - D 2.
- DAY 4**
1. What was Peter's objective in writing I Peter, Wk 8 - D 1.
 2. What promise does Peter say God has made in I Peter, and how does he show God keep's his promises, Wk 9 - D 3.
 3. What is the theme of Jude, Wk 9 - D 4.
 4. What is the main message of I John, Wk 10 - D 1.
- DAY 5**
1. How do we know that we love God, Wk 10 - D 1.
 2. Who wrote the letters to the seven churches of Asia? What were they about, Wk 11 - D 1-3.
 3. Describe God's throne and the holy city as found in Revelation, Wk 11 - D 4, Wk 12 - D 5.