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## Introduction

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit one God. Amen

The Bible is the most important book ever written.

It is an eyewitness account of historical events that shaped the world in which we live.

Without the Bible the world would be completely different.

It is so important to read and understand the Bible.

I thank God for the group of servants in the church of Virgin Mary and St. Athanasius in Mississauga, Ontario, who have worked tirelessly to make this booklet.

This is an excellent tool to make studying the Bible more interesting, enjoyable and easy for children.

Also, this series is so precious because it covers all the 66 books of the Bible and it promises to be both enjoyable and beneficial for children and adults alike.

I encourage each family to obtain these series of books and sit with their children to study the Bible every day.

May God bless all the families and church servants through the intercession of St. Mary and St. Athanasius and the prayers of HH Pope Tawadros the second.

May God bless you.

Bishop Mina  
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# THE 1<sup>ST</sup> EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS

## WHERE IN THE BIBLE?

- Preceded by the Epistle to the Colossians
- Followed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Epistle to the Thessalonians

## AUTHOR

St. Paul the Apostle.

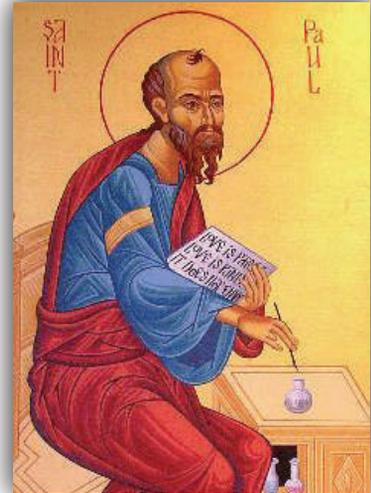
He wrote it from Corinth, and it is the first letter he wrote.

## THESSALONICA



- It is now called Thessaloniki. It was the capital of one of the Macedonian provinces in Greece.
- The city flourished due to its location on the major trade route to the east.
- Because of its privileged position, it attracted many wealthy Romans and Jewish merchants.

- It was known for its sexual immorality that is why St. Paul spoke about the pure life.
- St. Paul founded the church in Thessalonica during his 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary trip. Silvanus and Timothy accompanied him.
- The church consisted of few Jewish and a larger number of former pagans.
- In order not to be a burden on the church St. Paul worked at his own job as a tentmaker.
- St. Paul's stay in Thessalonica was cut short, when the Jews gathered some troublemakers and uproar broke out; St. Paul was escorted out of town.
- The Church suffered a lot of distress and persecution.
- St. Paul sent Timothy to Thessalonica to strengthen and encourage the believers.
- When Timothy returned to St. Paul, he brought news of the faith and love of the Thessalonians.



# THE 1<sup>ST</sup> EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS – CONT.

## KEYS

### KEY WORD

Coming

### KEY PHRASE

Holiness in Light of Christ's return

### KEY CHAPTER

Chapter 4

Include the central passage on the coming of the Lord when the dead in Christ shall rise first and those who remain are caught up together with them in the clouds

### KEY VERSES

“For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.” 1Thessalonians 1:9, 10

“And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.” 1Thessalonians 3:12, 13

“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.” 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

***In order to support them in the midst of their bitter sufferings, St. Paul spoke about the resurrection from the dead and the approaching of the final coming of the Lord. Encouraging them to strive spiritually to attain the heavenly crown.***

# THE 1<sup>ST</sup> EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS – CONT.

## OUTLINE



### St. Paul's Personal Reflection 1:1-3:13

- St. Paul's commendation for their church
- St. Paul's founding of the church
- Timothy's role in the church

### St. Paul's Instructions 4:1-5:28

- Directions for growth
- Concerning the dead in Christ
- Description of the day of the Lord
- Instruction for holy living
- Conclusion

- Chapter 1-** The model church work of faith
- Chapter 2-** The model servant work of love
- Chapter 3-** The model life without blame in holiness
- Chapter 4-** The model faith hope of Christ's return
- Chapter 5-** The model action walking in the light

Therefore *encourage* one another & build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.  
~ 1 Thessalonians 5:11

## PURPOSE

The believers expected that St. Paul would return to them to support them, so he sent them this letter

- To commend them for their steadfastness in the faith during the persecution
- To defend himself against criticism regarding his conduct during his stay
- To explain his absence to them
- To explain Timothy's visit to them
- To explain the events related to Christ second coming
- To turn their hearts to the inner spiritual joy in order to work the grace of God in them

*The word heard 1:1-10*  
*The word shared 2:1-3:13*  
*The word lived 4:1-5:28*



# THE 1<sup>ST</sup> EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS – CONT.



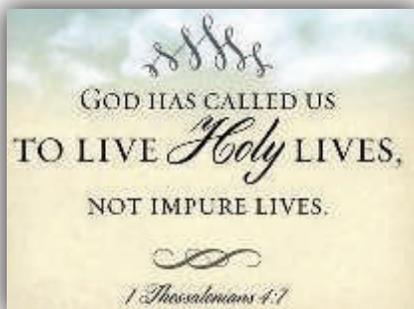
## SUMMARY

Rejoice always, pray continually,  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**



### Chapter 1- The Thessalonian's Faith

St. Paul opens with a prayer of thanksgiving for the Thessalonians faith. He recognizes their work, faith, love and endurance inspired by their hope in Christ Jesus. In spite of intense suffering this church became a model to believers everywhere as their faith in the Lord Jesus was well known.



### Chapter 2- St. Paul's Ministry

It is a reminder to the church that when St. Paul, Timothy and Silas came to them, they cared for them gently never being a burden. They encouraged, comforted and taught them how to live lives worthy of God. St. Paul tells them that they were delighted not only to share the gospel with them but their lives as well because they were very dear. The church accepted their word as it was from God not men.

### Chapter 3 - Timothy's Visit

St. Paul tells how Timothy was sent to strengthen and encourage the church. He wanted to find out about their faith and Timothy delivered a good report. The response was an overflow of joy and a longing to see one another again.

### Chapter 4 - Called to a Holy Life

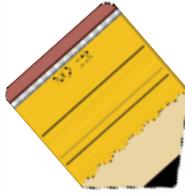
St. Paul reminds them that they are called to live holy lives and be sanctified. To avoid sexual immorality and learn to control their bodies in ways that are honourable, and to love one another deeply. They are encouraged that the Lord Jesus Christ is coming back, and they will forever be with Him.



### Chapter 5 - The Coming of the Lord

St. Paul gives instructions on the Lord's coming. The time and date will come like a thief in the night, but we are reminded that we are not in darkness so as to be surprised by this. We are instructed to be alert and self-controlled because God has appointed us to receive salvation. St. Paul ends this letter with final instructions on loving one another, living in peace, being joyful, praying always and giving thanks in everything.

# THE 1<sup>ST</sup> EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS – CONT.



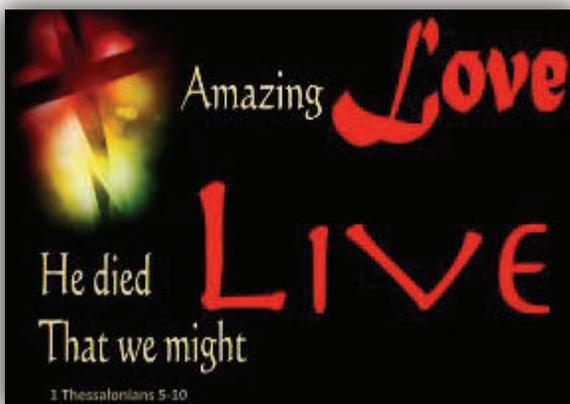
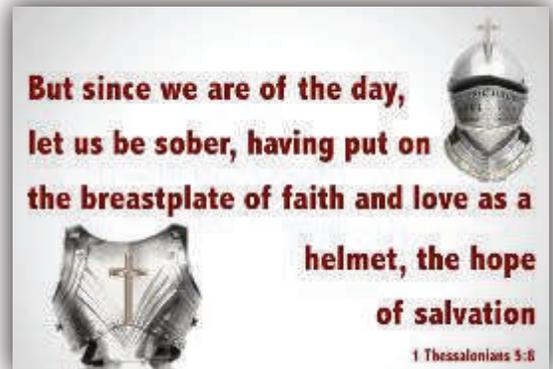
## NOTES



- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians contain instructions to the church at Thessalonica about the coming of the Lord
  - Both were written during St. Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary trip
  - Both offer words of encouragement to a faithful but struggling church
- 1<sup>st</sup> letter stresses on the imminence of the Lord's coming  
2<sup>nd</sup> letter stresses on certain events that will precede the end

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Both letters were St. Paul's first epistles and among the earliest New Testament documents being written only 20 years after Jesus' death
- The only book that speaks about Jesus' return in each chapter



*The Thessalonians had a question about their dead and their martyrs, and their fate when Christ comes, and whether the dead will have a share like the living with Christ at His coming.*

*St. Paul asked them to work as some may have relied on that Christ is coming, so there is no need for work.*

Chapters 1-3: St. Paul's personal reflection on the Thessalonians  
Chapters 4-5: St. Paul's instructions to the Thessalonians

## QUESTIONS 1<sup>ST</sup> EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS

- 1- In the bible the 1<sup>st</sup> epistle to the Thessalonians is preceded by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. The epistle to the Romans
  - b. The epistle to the Galatians
  - c. The epistle to the Colossians
  
- 2- St. Paul wrote the 1st epistle to the Thessalonians from \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Macedonia
  - b. Corinth
  - c. Rome
  
- 3- The 1<sup>st</sup> epistle to the Thessalonians was the first epistle written by St. Paul.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- 4- All is true about the Thessalonian church EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. It was founded by St. Paul during his 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary trip
  - b. It suffered lots of distress and persecution
  - c. It consisted of former pagans only
  - d. Both Silvanus and Timothy visited it
  
- 5- The city of Thessalonica was known for its sexual immorality.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- 6- What was St. Paul job?
  - a. Tent marker
  - b. Fisherman
  - c. None of the above
  
- 7- Why was St. Paul's stay in Thessalonica cut short?
  - a. St. Paul had to attend the council in Jerusalem
  - b. St. Paul was escorted out of the town due to an uproar
  - c. St. Paul receive bad news about the church in Corinth
  
- 8- The key phrase in the 1<sup>st</sup> epistle to Thessalonians is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Holiness in Light of Christ's return
  - b. Christ crucifixion and salvation
  - c. Righteousness and grace
  
- 9- Fill in the blank: "And may the Lord make you \_\_\_\_\_ in love to one another and to all."
  - a. Abound and grow
  - b. Increase and abound
  - c. Grow and increase
  
- 10- St. Paul spoke to the Thessalonian church about \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. The resurrection from the dead
  - b. The approaching of the final coming of the Lord
  - c. a and b

- 11- Fill in the blanks: “For the Lord Himself will \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an \_\_\_\_\_, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will \_\_\_\_\_”
- Descend, archangel, rise first
  - Come, angel, see Him
  - Appear, angel, rise with Him
- 12- St. Paul wrote the 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians to \_\_\_\_\_
- Commend them for their steadfastness in the faith during the persecution
  - Explain his absence to them
  - Explain the events related to Christ second coming
  - All of the above
- 13- In spite of intense suffering the Thessalonian church faith was a model to the believers.
- True
  - False
- 14- Who gave St. Paul a good report about the Thessalonian church?
- 15- St. Paul ends his 1<sup>st</sup> epistle to the Thessalonians by instructions on \_\_\_\_\_
- Loving one another
  - Living in peace
  - Giving thanks
  - All of the above
- 16- In 1 Thessalonians 5:17 St. Paul is asking us to \_\_\_\_\_
- Give to the poor
  - Always give thanks
  - Pray without ceasing
- 17- 1 Thessalonians is the only book that speaks about Jesus’ return in each chapter.
- True
  - False
- 18- People in Thessalonica did not want to work because \_\_\_\_\_
- They did not need money
  - They believed Christ was coming soon
  - They could not find the right job
- 19- Fill in the blanks: “But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the \_\_\_\_\_ of faith and love, and as a helmet \_\_\_\_\_.”
- Breastplate, the hope of salvation
  - Shield, righteousness
  - Sword, truth and salvation
- 20- The Thessalonians had question regarding \_\_\_\_\_.
- The following of the Jewish rituals
  - The fate of the dead when Christ comes
  - a and b

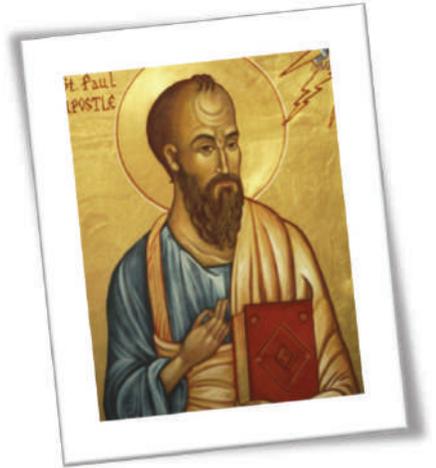
# THE 2<sup>ND</sup> EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS

## WHERE IN THE BIBLE?

- Preceded by the 1<sup>st</sup> Epistle to the Thessalonians
- Followed by the 1<sup>st</sup> Epistle to Timothy

## AUTHOR

St. Paul the Apostle



*“Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.”  
2 Thessalonians 2:3,4*

## PURPOSE

False teachers had been presenting fake letters as if from St. Paul and telling the Thessalonian believers that the day of the Lord had already come.

So St. Paul wrote

- To explain to them that this future time of tribulation had not yet come
- To warn against false teaching about Christ's coming
- To instruct them on church discipline



# THE 2<sup>ND</sup> EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS – CONT.

## KEY WORD

Waiting

## KEY PHRASE

Understanding the Day of the Lord

## KEY CHAPTER

### Chapter 2

Written to correct the fallacious teaching that the day of the Lord has already come upon the Thessalonian church

## KEYS



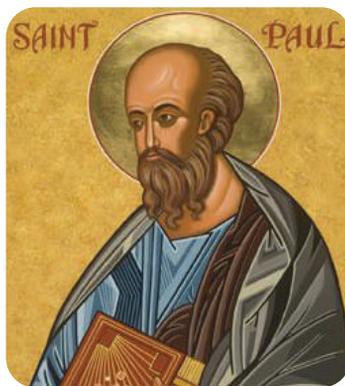
## KEY VERSES

“But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”  
2 Thessalonians 2:13,14

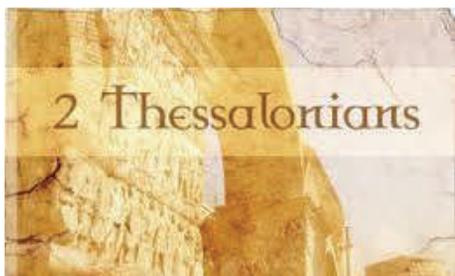
“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.”  
2 Thessalonians 2:16, 17

## THEME

Understanding of the day of the Lord and the resulting lifestyle change



## THE 2<sup>ND</sup> EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS – CONT.



# OUTLINE

*It is the most detailed epistle about the antichrist*

### **Chapter 1- St. Paul's Encouragement in Persecution**

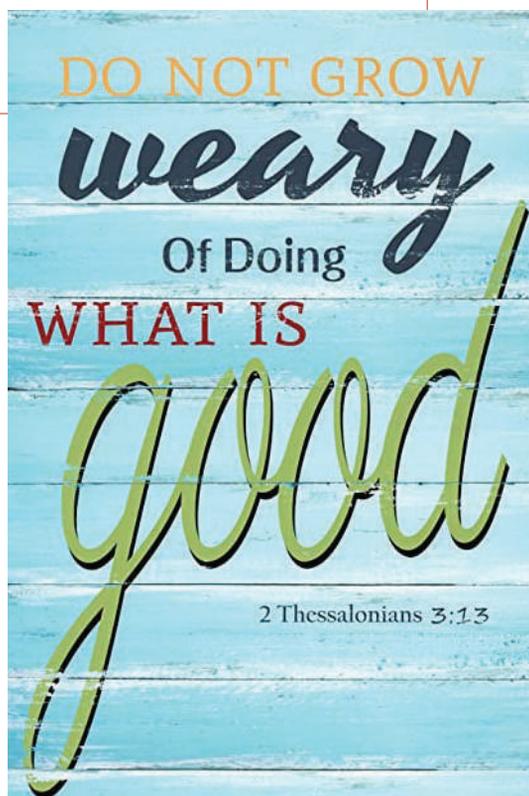
- Thanksgiving for their growth
- Encouragement in their persecution
- Prayer for God's blessing

### **Chapter 2- St. Paul's Explanation for the Day of the Lord**

- Preceding events
- Comfort of the believer

### **Chapter 3- St. Paul Exhortation to the Church**

- Wait patiently for Christ
- Withdraw from the disorderly
- Conclusion



*Chapter 1*

*The Eucharist side- Thanksgiving*

*Chapter 2*

*The visions side – The man of sin*

*Chapter 3*

*The practical side*

# THE 2<sup>ND</sup> EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS – CONT.



## SUMMARY

### Chapter 1- St. Paul's Encouragement in Persecution

After his salutation, St. Paul gives thanks for the growing faith and love of the Thessalonians and assures them of their ultimate deliverance from those who are persecuting them. They are encouraged to patiently endure their afflictions, knowing that the Lord Jesus will judge their persecutors. He concludes this section with prayer for spiritual welfare of his readers



### Chapter 2- St. Paul's Explanation of the Day of the Lord

Because of the severity of their afflictions the Thessalonians have become susceptible to false teaching claiming that they are already in the day of the Lord. St. Paul therefore assures them that the day of the Lord is yet in the future and will not arrive unannounced. He concludes this section with a word of encouragement and a benedictory prayer of comfort.

### Chapter 3- St. Paul's Exhortation in the Church

St. Paul requests the Thessalonian church to pray on his behalf and to wait patiently for the Lord. Having thus commanded, corrected and comforted his readers, St. Paul closes his letter with a command to those who have been using the truth of Christ's return as an excuse for disorderly conduct.

The doctrine of the Lord's return requires a balance between waiting and working. The final section is the benedictory note.



## QUESTIONS 2<sup>ND</sup> EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS

- 1- In the bible the 2<sup>nd</sup> epistle to the Thessalonians is followed by \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. The epistle to the Philippians
  - b. The 1<sup>st</sup> epistle to Timothy
  - c. The 1<sup>st</sup> epistle to the Corinthians
  
- 2- False teachers presented fake letters as if from St. Paul telling the Thessalonians \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. That the day of the Lord had already come
  - b. That they should follow Jewish rites
  - c. None of the above
  
- 3- St. Paul wrote the 2<sup>nd</sup> epistle to the Thessalonians \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. To warn against false teaching about Christ's coming
  - b. To instruct them on church discipline
  - c. a and b
  
- 4- The key phrase in the 2<sup>nd</sup> epistle to the Thessalonians is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Be Holy as the Lord is Holy
  - b. Understanding the Day of the Lord
  - c. Return to God
  
- 5- Fill in the blanks: "Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us \_\_\_\_\_ and good \_\_\_\_\_." 2 Thessalonians 2:16
  - a. Everlasting consolation, hope by grace
  - b. Salvation and hope, faith in eternal life
  - c. Justification and salvation, hope in eternal life
  
- 6- Fill in the blank: "God from the beginning chose you for salvation through \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit and belief in \_\_\_\_\_." 2 Thessalonians 2:13
  - a. Purification, Him
  - b. Consecration, Jesus Christ
  - c. Sanctification, the truth
  
- 7- The 2<sup>nd</sup> epistle to the Thessalonians contains many details about the antichrist.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- 8- In the 2<sup>nd</sup> epistle to the Thessalonians St. Paul exhorts to the church to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Wait patiently for Christ
  - b. Withdraw from the disorderly
  - c. a and b
  
- 9- St. Paul tells the Thessalonians that God will judge their persecutors.
  - a. True
  - b. False

10- St. Paul explains to the Thessalonians that the day of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Has already arrived
- b. Will not arrive unannounced
- c. None of the above

11- Why was the Thessalonian church susceptible to false teachings?

- a. Because of their afflictions and persecutions
- b. Because they did not understand the Christian faith
- c. Because they did not believe St. Paul

12- Fill in the blank: “Do not grow weary in \_\_\_\_\_” 2 Thessalonians 3:13

- a. Helping others
- b. Praying
- c. Doing good

13- St. Paul asked the Thessalonians to pray on his behalf.

- a. True
- b. False

14- Fill in the blank: “But the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_, who will \_\_\_\_\_ you and guard *you* from the evil one” 2 Thessalonians 3:3

- a. Merciful, keep
- b. Faithful, establish
- c. Great, support

15- St. Paul explains that the Lord’s return requires \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Balance between waiting and working
- b. Prayer all the time and fasting
- c. Giving to the poor helping others

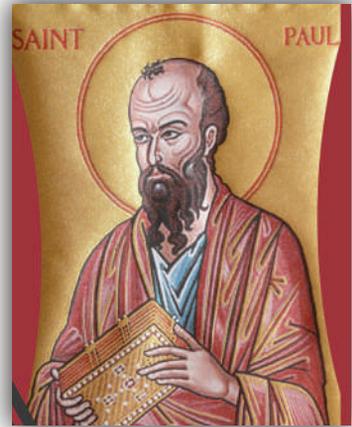
# THE 1<sup>ST</sup> EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY

## WHERE IN THE BIBLE?

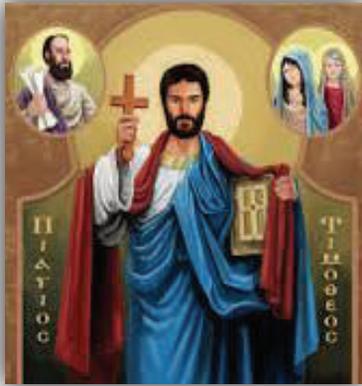
- Preceded by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Epistle to the Thessalonians
- Followed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Epistle to Timothy

## AUTHOR

St. Paul the Apostle, he wrote it from Macedonia after his first imprisonment in Rome



## WHO IS TIMOTHY?



- He was from Lystra in Asia Minor
- His father was a Greek Gentile, thus Timothy was not circumcised
- His mother Eunice, and his grandmother Lois who were Jews raised him in the fear of God and thought him the scriptures. They were both converted to Christianity.
- St. Paul met him during his second missionary journey and he became Paul's companion and co-worker along with Silas.
- He traveled with St. Paul who was also his mentor.
- St. Paul entrusted him with important assignments.
- St. Paul made him circumcised to ensure his acceptability to the Jews whom they would be evangelizing.
- He had health issue that is why St. Paul advised him "No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments."
- He continued to travel with St. Paul on his 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journey.
- His name appears on the salutations of six of St. Paul's letters and the end peace of the letter to the Romans.
- St. Paul wrote to the Philippians about Timothy, "I have no one like him".
- St. Paul calls Timothy not only his dearly beloved son, but also his brother and the companion of his labors.
- When St. Paul was in prison and awaiting martyrdom, he wrote to him for a last farewell.
- He was jailed at least once as the letter to the Hebrews mentioned his prison and release.
- St. Paul ordained him bishop of Ephesus- first Christian bishop in Ephesus.
- He was martyred in Ephesus in year 97 AD.
- His name means "honouring God" or "honoured by God".
- His name is mentioned 24 times in the New Testament.

# THE 1<sup>ST</sup> EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY– CONT.

# KEYS

## KEY WORDS

Charge – Command- Urge- Doctrine

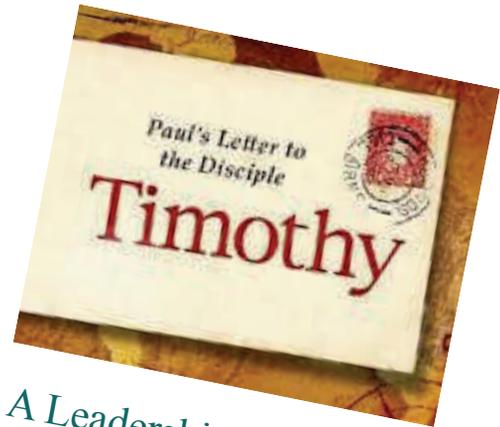
## KEY CHAPTER

### Chapter 1

Legalism and false teaching rebuked

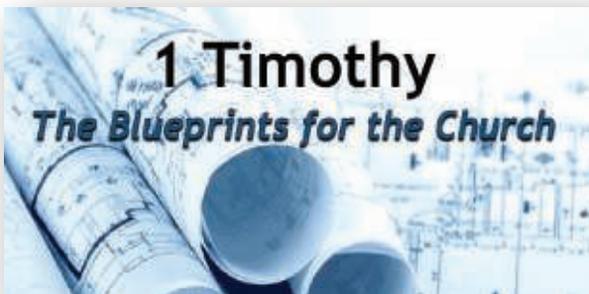
## KEY VERSES

“I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.”  
1 Timothy 3:15,16



*A Leadership Manual*

“But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”  
1 Timothy 6:11,12



*The best medicine for false teaching and apostasy is a sound doctrine*

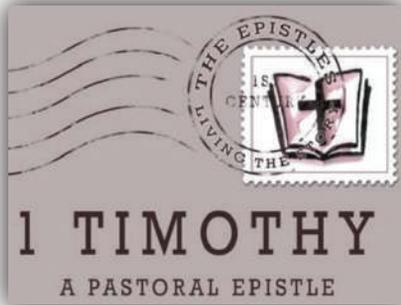
## PURPOSE

St. Paul writes to Timothy who has been left in Ephesus to oversee the congregation. He gives him effective guidelines for his work during His absence.

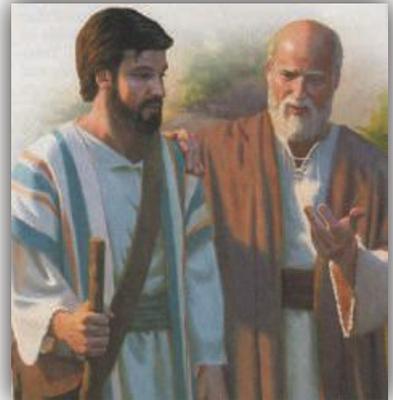
- To encourage him to grow in his faith (1)
- To instruct him concerning church organization (2-3)
- To instruct him concerning personal conduct (4-6)



# THE 1<sup>ST</sup> EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY– CONT.



## OUTLINE



### 1- St. Paul's Charge Concerning Doctrine

#### Chapter 1

- St. Paul's past charge to Timothy
- Christ's past charge to St. Paul
- *“Fight the Good Fight”*

### 2- St. Paul's Charge Concerning Public Worship

#### Chapters 2-3

- Prayer in public worship
- Women in public worship
- Qualifications of bishops
- Qualifications of deacons
- *“Conduct Yourself in the House of God”*

### 3- St. Paul's Charge Concerning False Teachings

#### Chapter 4

- Description of false teachings
- Instruction for the true teacher
- *“Do not Neglect the Gift”*

### 4- St. Paul's Charge Concerning Church Discipline

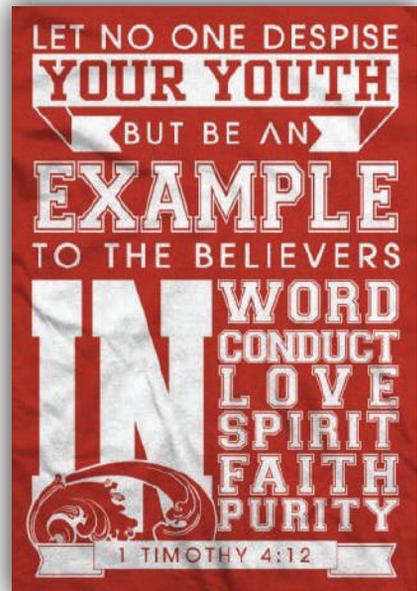
#### Chapter 5

- How to treat all people
- How to treat widows
- How to treat elders
- *“Observe All Things”*

### 5- St. Paul's Charge Concerning Pastoral Motives

#### Chapter 6

- Exhortation of servants
- Exhortation of godliness
- Exhortation of the rich
- *“Guard What Was Committed”*



#### *Chapter 1*

*Fighting the good fight*

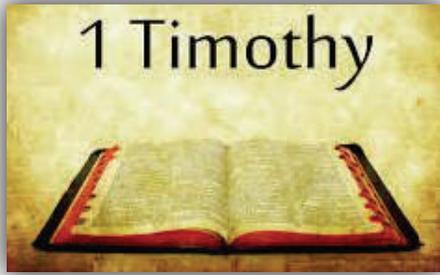
#### *Chapters 2-3*

*Preparing the church to fight the good fight*

#### *Chapters 4-6*

*Preparing pastors to fight the good fight*

# THE 1<sup>ST</sup> EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY– CONT.



## SUMMARY



### Chapter 1 - A Warning Against False Teachers

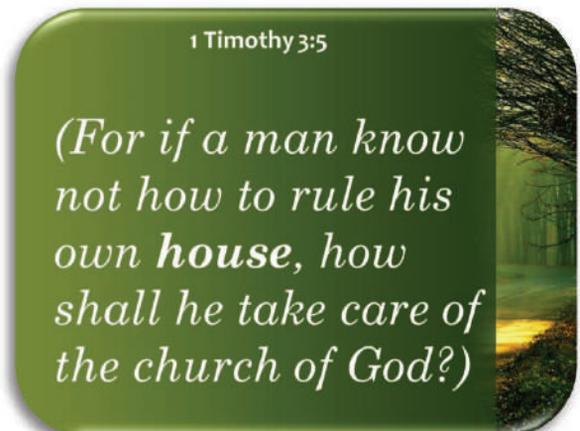
St. Paul opens with a personal greeting. He reminds Timothy that the law is good if one uses it lawfully. He then reminds him of the grace of God using himself as an example. St. Paul, the worst of sinners was shown mercy so Christ's unlimited grace would be displayed. He ends this chapter encouraging Timothy to fight the good fight and to keep his conscience clear.

### Chapter 2 - Instructions on Worship

St. Paul reminds us that we are to pray for those in authority so we can live peaceful and quiet lives. We learn an important truth that God desires everyone to be saved and to come into a knowledge of Him. He finishes with specific instructions to the women of the church to dress modestly and to learn about the faith.

### Chapter 3 - Choosing Overseers and Deacons Wisely

St. Paul lists the characteristics that both the overseers and deacons in the church must have. They are to manage their households well in order to likewise manage the house of God well. St. Paul gives these instructions so they will know how to conduct themselves in God's household.



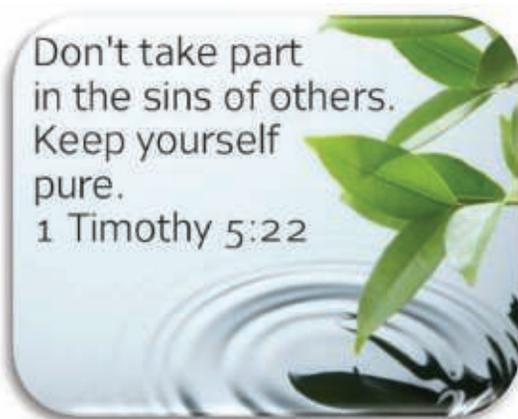
## THE 1<sup>ST</sup> EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY– CONT.

**Our fixed hope is  
on the living God**  
1 Timothy 4:10

## SUMMARY

### Chapter 4 - Advice for Timothy

This chapter is a warning to observe the times. Mentioning that some will abandon the faith and follow things taught by demons such as forbidding marriage and abstaining from certain foods. However St. Paul reminds that everything is created by God and should be received with thanksgiving. He then encourages Timothy to train to be godly, to devote himself to reading the scripture and preaching and teaching. He encourages him to watch his life and his doctrine closely.

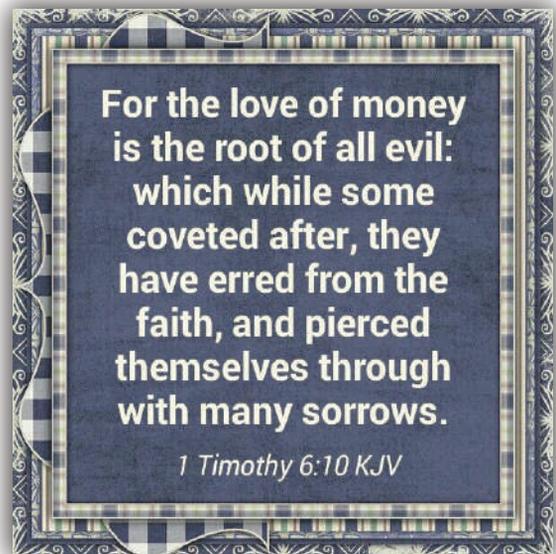


### Chapter 5 - Honor and Care for Widows

St. Paul gives instructions about caring for widows in their needs. He advises that their families should first and foremost take care of them. However, if a widow is without family she is trusting in God for provision and the church ought to take care of her. He also gives instructions about elders, and then finishes with practical advice for Timothy.

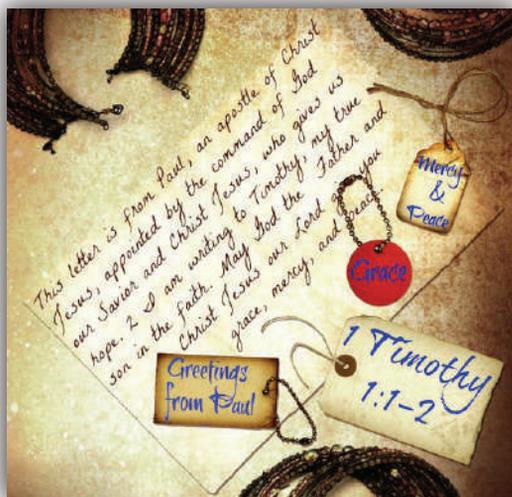
### Chapter 6 - Paul's Final Charge to Timothy

This chapter is a reminder to be content and to pursue godliness. St. Paul instructs Timothy to flee from the desire to acquire wealth and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Once again he tells Timothy to fight the good fight and to take hold of the eternal life given him. This letter ends with St. Paul reminding Timothy to guard carefully what has been entrusted to him.



## THE 1<sup>ST</sup> EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY– CONT.

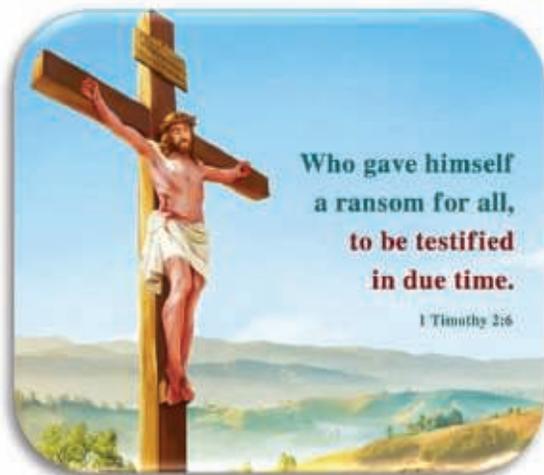
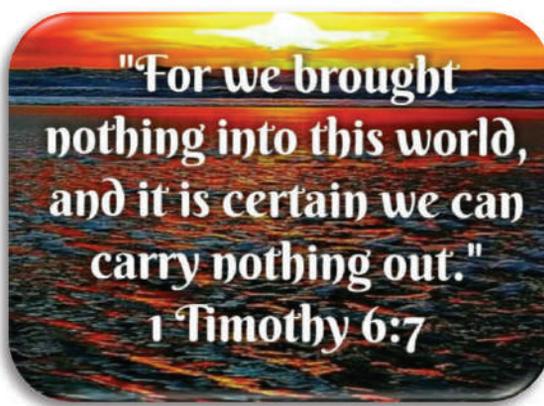
# NOTES



*One of St. Paul "Pastoral Letters" along with 2 Timothy, Titus*

The best bible resources on church organization and right leading.  
*(practical rather than doctrinal)*

- When St. Paul left Berea to go to Athens he left Timothy and Silas behind, but later sent word for them to join him. Timothy was sent to Thessalonica to strengthen the faith of believers there.
- Timothy was a trustworthy friend who carried money collected by the Philippian church to care for St. Paul's needs in Corinth.
- When St. Paul was imprisoned in Rome for two years, Timothy was beside him much of the time taking care of his needs.



- St. Paul wrote to guide Timothy combatting false teaching with sound doctrines, developing qualified leadership, teaching God's word encouraging Christian conduct.
- St. Paul prepared Timothy in part to become a leader to behave in the house of God by taking heed to his doctrine and conversation and gives rules relating to the qualifications of bishops and deacons and care of widows and all sorts of persons in every office, age, sex, rank and order.

## QUESTIONS 1<sup>ST</sup> EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY

- 1- St. Paul wrote the 1<sup>st</sup> epistle to Timothy from \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Rome
  - b. Macedonia
  - c. Corinth
  
- 2- All is true about Timothy EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. He was from Lystra
  - b. His father was Greek
  - c. His mother and his grandmother were Jews
  - d. St. Paul met him during his first missionary trip
  
- 3- Timothy's mother name was \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Eunice
  - b. Lois
  - c. Lydia
  
- 4- St. Paul said about Timothy \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. I have no one like him
  - b. That he was his dearly beloved son
  - c. a and b
  
- 5- Why did St. Paul made Timothy circumcise?
  - a. To ensure his acceptability to the Jews whom he will be serving
  - b. Because this was a condition for all convert Gentiles
  - c. a and b
  
- 6- Timothy's name means \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Honoured by God
  - b. God is merciful
  - c. God saves
  
- 7- Timothy was ordained bishop of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Jerusalem
  - b. Ephesus
  - c. Rome
  
- 8- Timothy was put in prison and released at least once.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- 9- St. Paul wrote to Timothy \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. To encourage him to grow in his faith
  - b. To instruct him concerning church organization
  - c. To instruct him concerning personal conduct
  - d. All of the above

10- Fill in the blanks: “And without controversy great is the mystery of \_\_\_\_\_. God was manifested in the \_\_\_\_\_.” 1Timothy 3:16

- a. Divinity, the incarnation
- b. Godliness, the flesh
- c. Holiness, His Son

11- Fill in the blanks: “Fight the good fight of \_\_\_\_\_, lay hold on \_\_\_\_\_.” 1Timothy 6:12

- a. Faith, eternal life
- b. Truth, salvation
- c. Faith, the gospel

12- St. Paul ends 1Timothy chapter 1 by advising Timothy to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Fight the good fight
- b. Keep his conscious clear
- c. a and b

13- St. Paul gives instructions regarding choosing overseers and deacons in 1Timothy \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Chapter 1
- b. Chapter 3
- c. Chapter 4

14- Fill in the blanks: Let no one despise \_\_\_\_\_, but be an example to \_\_\_\_\_” 1Timothy 4:12

- a. Your age, everyone
- b. You, the Christians
- c. Your youth, the believers

15- St. Paul instructs the women of the church to dress modestly.

- a. True
- b. False

16- Who should care first for the widows in need?

- a. The church
- b. The rich people
- c. Their families

17- St. Paul instructs us that the love of \_\_\_\_\_ is the root of all evil.

- a. Fame
- b. Money
- c. None of the above

18- The 1<sup>st</sup> epistle to Timothy is considered the best bible resources on church organization and right leading.

- a. True
- b. False

19- How many pastoral letters did St. Paul write?

- a. 2
- b. 1
- c. 3

20- When St. Paul was imprisoned in Rome for two years, Timothy was beside him much of the time taking care of his needs.

- a. True
- b. False

# THE 2<sup>ND</sup> EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY

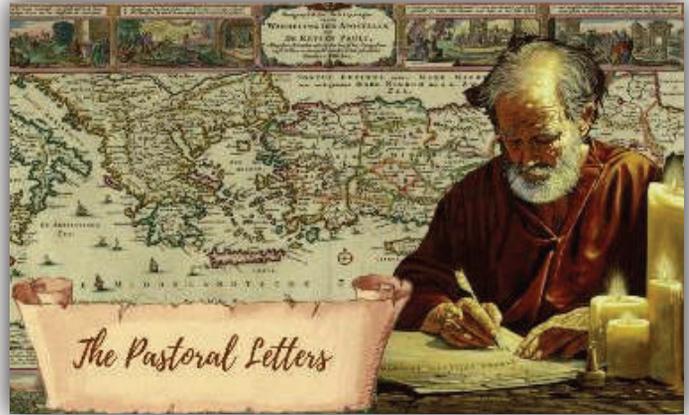
## WHERE IN THE BIBLE?

- Preceded by the 1<sup>st</sup> Epistle Timothy
- Followed by the Epistle to Titus

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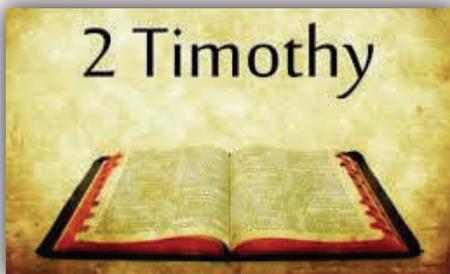
St. Paul the Apostle during his second imprisonment in Rome

*The most tender and moving of St. Paul's letters. He was a prisoner in a Roman dungeon when he wrote it. He knew he had a short time to live, so the letter is his spiritual last will and testament – his “dying wish”.*



When the Book of Acts closed, St. Paul had been a prisoner in Rome for two years. St. Paul was released from prison but later imprisoned again. When Nero started to persecute the Christian, St. Paul was one of those caught up in this persecution and was beheaded by Roman officials soon after writing this letter.

St. Paul asked Timothy to come with Mark, to meet them in prison before his martyrdom. But he was afraid that he would be martyred before their arrival. He wrote this “farewell” letter to Timothy, who was at Ephesus, urging him to stand firm and resist heresies and asking him to come for a final visit.



This letter is the last St. Paul wrote from his imprisonment in Rome before his martyrdom.

## THE 2<sup>ND</sup> EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY– CONT.

# KEYS

## KEY WORDS

Doctrine – Scripture

## KEY CHAPTER

### Chapter 2

St. Paul lists the keys to an enduring, successful, and holy ministry.



## KEY THEME

Endurance in Pastoral Ministry

## KEY VERSES

*“You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” 2 Timothy 2:1-2*

**Why scripture was given to man?**

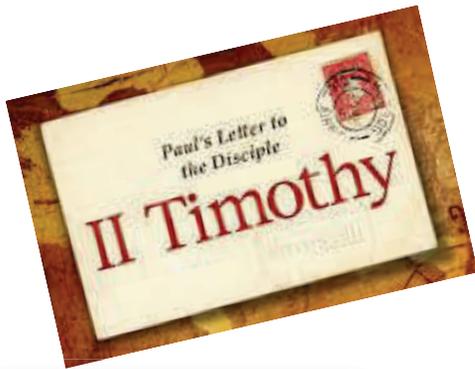
*“From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:14-17*



*“You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.” 2 Timothy 2:3-4*



## THE 2<sup>ND</sup> EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY– CONT.



# OUTLINE

*St. Paul gives Timothy a bold, clear call to continue in the gospel despite suffering. As a good soldier for Jesus Christ, he is to be pure, noble, and ready to take his share of suffering.*



### **1- Persevere in Present Testing- Chapters 1-2**

- Thanksgiving for Timothy's faith
- Timothy's responsibilities
- The faithful minister

### **2- Endure in Future Testing- Chapters 3-4**

- Approaching day of apostasy
- Charge to preach the word
- Approaching death of St. Paul

*"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15*

**Chapter 1-** Faithfulness

**Chapter 2-** Devotion and Conflict

**Chapter 3-** Apostasy and the Word of God

**Chapter 4-** God Will be Faithful

The Epistle advocates endurance as the main quality for a preacher of the gospel.



## THE 2<sup>ND</sup> EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY– CONT.

# SUMMARY



### Chapter 1 - Guarding What Was Entrusted

St. Paul is encouraging Timothy to stir up the gift of God which he received through the laying on of hands. He reminded Timothy not be ashamed of testifying about the Lord Jesus Christ, or ashamed of St. Paul even though he was in chains. He then charges Timothy to keep the pattern of teaching and of sound doctrine that he has learned from St. Paul guarding diligently what had been entrusted to him.



### Chapter 2 - Be Strong in Grace

St. Paul tells Timothy to be strong in the grace of Christ Jesus and endure hardship. He is to remain focused on Jesus, His resurrection and persevering for the sake of the elect. St. Paul instructs Timothy not to quarrel over words rather to handle the word of God with skill and accuracy. Being able to gently instruct and explain the word so through it, God can lead people into knowledge of the truth.

### Chapter 3 - Godlessness In the Last Days

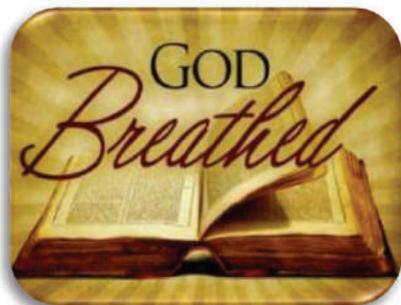
This chapter serves as a warning that a time of apostasy is coming. In the last days people will be lovers of themselves, having a form of godliness but denying its power. They will continually be seeking knowledge but never able to accept the truth. And St. Paul instructs that we should have nothing to do with these people. Instead, we are to combat this by knowing the Holy Scriptures which can make us wise and equip us for every good work.

### Chapter 4 - Preach the Word In Season and Out

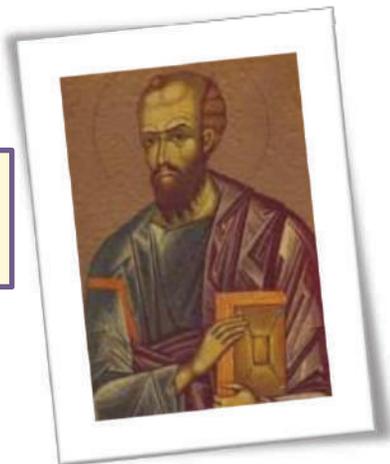
This chapter is a charge to be prepared to preach the word in season and out, always being ready to correct, train and encourage others. St. Paul encourages Timothy to keep calm and steady, endure hardship, and to fully perform all the duties of his ministry. St. Paul closes with final instruction for Timothy to gather a few of his things and a few people and come quickly.

## THE 2<sup>ND</sup> EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY– CONT.

# NOTES



*The first to mention the scripture as inspired by God*



St. Paul writes to Timothy this 2<sup>nd</sup> letter because he promised him in his 1<sup>st</sup> letter that he would come to him “hoping that I would come to you soon”. But he could not because of his imprisonment in Rome. He sent him this letter to comfort him.

Because the church was entering an era of martyrdom, St. Paul encouraged the church to endure suffering without complaining or doubt. He also repeats a phrase, “Do not be ashamed” because distress does not restrict the word of the Bible.

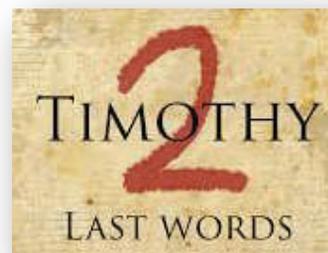
*Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.*

*2 TIMOTHY 2:23*

In 1 Timothy St. Paul exhorted Timothy to “fight the good fight”. But in this letter, St. Paul turned that phrase on himself, writing that he had “fought the good fight . . . finished the course . . . and kept the faith”. Giving himself as an example.

St. Paul mentioned how Demas formerly considered a “fellow worker” had deserted him for Thessalonica, “having loved this present world”. In contrast to his dispute with Barnabas over Mark (Acts 15:37-40), which resulted in the two parting ways, St. Paul now considered Mark to be “profitable to the ministry”.

- *Suffering is part of the Christian experience.*
- *The Christian response to suffering is steady faith by God's power.*
- *The gospel is the basis for the Christian's endurance.*
- *The Scriptures have power to save and to preserve.*
- *True believers will continue in the faith.*
- *False teaching is deadly and must be dealt with firmly.*



## QUESTIONS 2<sup>ND</sup> EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY

- 1- In the bible the 2<sup>nd</sup> epistle to Timothy is followed by \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. The epistle to the Hebrews
  - b. The epistle to Titus
  - c. The epistle to Philemon
  
- 2- When did St. Paul write the 2<sup>nd</sup> epistle to Timothy?
  - a. During his 2<sup>nd</sup> imprisonment in Rome
  - b. During his 3<sup>rd</sup> imprisonment in Rome
  - c. None of the above
  
- 3- St. Paul asked Timothy to visit him in prison with \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. St. Luke
  - b. St. Peter
  - c. St. Mark
  
- 4- St. Paul was martyred soon after writing the 2<sup>nd</sup> epistle to Timothy.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- 5- Fill in the blanks: “And the things that you have heard from me among many \_\_\_\_\_, commit these to \_\_\_\_\_ men who will be able to \_\_\_\_\_ others also.” 2Timothy 2:2
  - a. Believers, strong, guide
  - b. Christians, loyal, preach to
  - c. Witnesses, faithful, teach
  
- 6- Fill in the blank: “You therefore must endure \_\_\_\_\_ as a good \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ” 2Timothy 2:3
  - a. Persecution, follower
  - b. Hardship, soldier
  - c. Problems, believer
  
- 7- Fill in the blank: “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable \_\_\_\_\_”
  - a. For doctrine
  - b. For reproof
  - c. For correction
  - d. For instruction in righteousness
  - e. All of the above
  
- 8- The 2<sup>nd</sup> epistle to Timothy advocates endurance as the main quality for a preacher of the gospel.
  - a. True
  - b. False

- 9- St. Paul is asking Timothy not to be ashamed of \_\_\_\_\_
- Testifying about the Lord Jesus
  - St. Paul's chains
  - a and b
- 10- St. Paul instructs Timothy not to quarrel over words but rather \_\_\_\_\_
- To handle the word of God with skill and accuracy
  - To instruct and explain the word of God to people
  - a and b
- 11- St. Paul is warning that a time of apostasy is coming.
- True
  - False
- 12- St. Paul encourages Timothy \_\_\_\_\_
- To preach the word in season and out
  - To be ready to correct and train others
  - To be calm and steady to endure hardship
  - All of the above
- 13- Fill in the blanks: "For God has not given us a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_, but of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and a sound mind." 2Timothy 1:7
- Pride, humility, compassion
  - Fear, power, love
  - Doubt, love, faith
- 14- Who left St. Paul at Thessalonica because he loved the present world?
- Demas
  - Barnabas
  - Tychicus
- 15- St. Paul confirms that \_\_\_\_\_
- The gospel is the basis for the Christian's endurance
  - False teaching is deadly and must be dealt with firmly
  - The scriptures have power to save and to preserve
  - All of the above

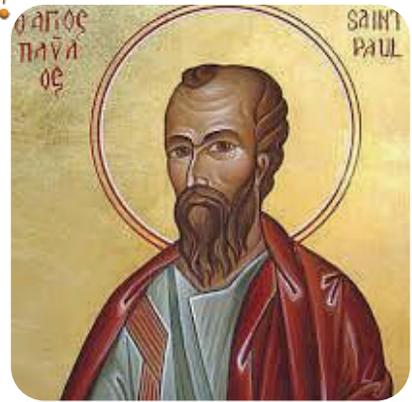
# THE EPISTLE TO TITUS

## WHERE IN THE BIBLE?

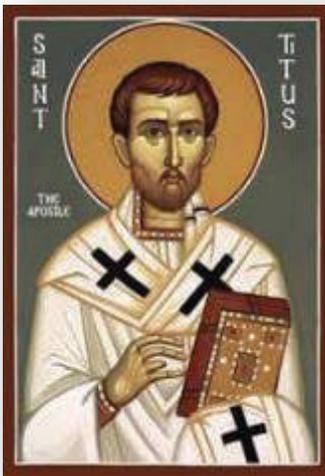
- Preceded by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Epistle Timothy
- Followed by the Epistle to Philemon

## AUTHOR

St. Paul the Apostle, after his first imprisonment



## WHO IS TITUS?



- A Greek-speaking Gentile, converted by St. Paul
- The first Gentile to become one of St. Paul coworkers
- St. Paul described him as “my partner and fellow worker”
- He went with St. Paul to attend the council of Jerusalem
- The leaders of the council of Jerusalem agreed with St. Paul and did not insist that Titus should be circumcised
- Titus helped St. Paul at Ephesus during his 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary trip
- He was sent from Ephesus to Corinth with St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians
- After assisting the believers in Corinth, Titus took news of the Corinthian church back to St. Paul
- Titus then took St. Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians to Corinth
- After St. Paul’s release from house arrest in Rome, Titus travelled with him to Crete where St. Paul left him in charge of the new church
- He was the bishop of Crete
- He was with St. Paul in his second imprisonment, but St. Paul sent him on a mission to Dalmatia
- The meaning of Titus is “honored”

## THE EPISTLE TO TITUS – CONT.

### KEY WORD

Conduct manual for church living

### KEY CHAPTER

#### Chapter 2

Direction for doctrine and conduct

### KEY VERSES

“For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you” Titus 1:5

“This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.” Titus 3:8

## KEYS



*A Pastor's manual for leading a local church*

“In all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.” Titus 2:7-8

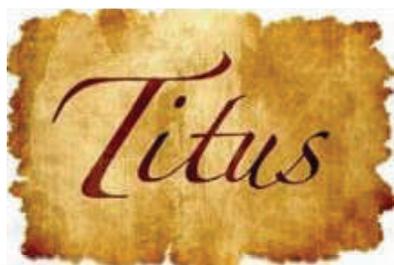
## PURPOSE

The people of Crete were characterized by corruption. Some false teachers were calling for a return to Judaism. St. Paul sent this letter

- To encourage Titus to complete the task of organizing the church in Crete
- To discuss the teaching of doctrine and the conduct of ministry
- To urge him to follow the correct teachings and maintain good conduct
- To advise Titus of St. Paul's future plan and wishes



## THE EPISTLE TO TITUS – CONT.



# OUTLINE

### 1- Appoint Elders - Chapter 1

- Introduction
- Ordain qualified elders
- Rebuke false teachers

### 2- Set Things in Order- Chapters 2-3

- Speak sound doctrine
- Maintain good works
- Conclusion

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good

Titus 3:1

**Chapter 1** - The Church Organization

**Chapter 2-** The Correct Teachings

**Chapter 3-** The Practical Behavior

It is a Combination of:  
Theology (right belief) and  
Ethics (right behavior)

### 3 Great Revelations from God

He has revealed His word 1:3

He has revealed His grace 2:11

He has revealed His goodness and love 3:4-5

## THE LETTER TO TITUS

How to Revitalize a Local Church

*It shows that grace does not neglect the necessity of good works.*

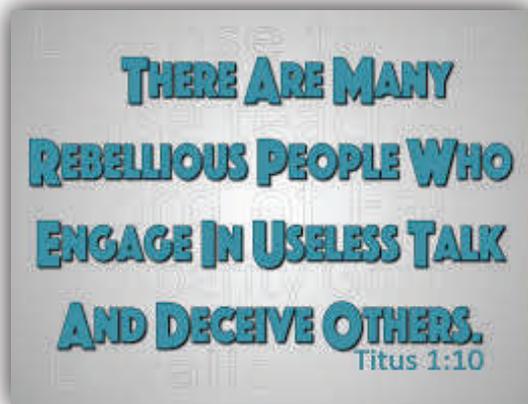
*It emphasize good works as much as St. James does.*



## THE EPISTLE TO TITUS – CONT.

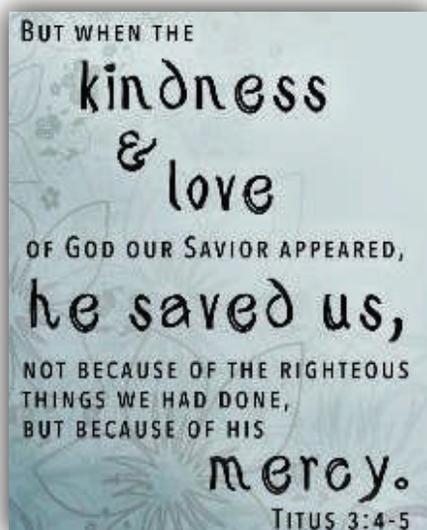
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*The Third Pastoral Letter*



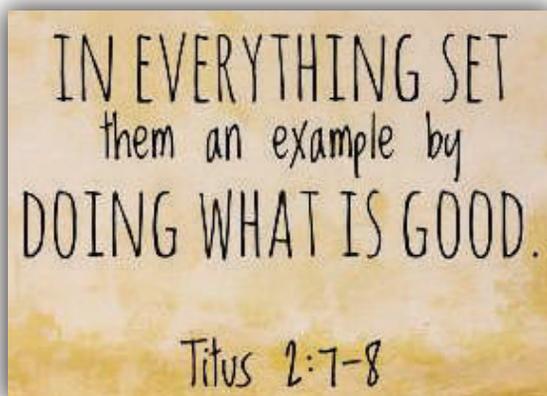
### Chapter 2 - Sound Doctrine and Sound Behavior

St. Paul starts with a charge to teach in accordance with sound doctrine. He then gives instructions for different groups of people on how they should act and behave. So that in every way the teachings about God will be attractive to those witnessing because Christ gave Himself to redeem us from all wickedness.



### Chapter 1 - Instructions About Elders

St. Paul's instructions to Titus concerning his mission in Crete. Titus was to appoint elders in each town to serve the churches. He gives instructions about elders and the qualifications for their appointment. He reminds them that their behaviour and households must be above reproach and above all they must hold firmly to the trustworthy message they've been taught. St. Paul then expresses concern at the reports that some were teaching things that ought not to be taught, causing confusion and trouble. St. Paul gives Titus instructions to rebuke them sharply and to pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the people who reject the truth.



### Chapter 3 - Instructions for Godly Living

St. Paul closes with a reminder that it is by God's mercy that we are justified through grace. We are now heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is what St. Paul reminds Titus to teach, warning him to avoid foolish controversies and arguments, because they are not profitable. Instead, the truth of God's mercy is profitable for everyone and will encourage us to do what is good. St. Paul closes with instructions for Titus to help those coming to him and to live a productive life.

## QUESTIONS EPISTLE TO TITUS

1- In the bible the epistle to Titus is preceded by \_\_\_\_\_

- a. The epistle to Philemon
- b. The 1<sup>st</sup> epistle to the Thessalonians
- c. The 2<sup>nd</sup> epistle to Timothy

2- St. Paul wrote the epistle to Titus before his first imprisonment.

- a. True
- b. False

3- All is true about Titus EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_

- a. He was a Gentile converted by St. Paul
- b. He went with St. Paul to the council in Jerusalem
- c. He was sent to Corinth with St. Paul 1<sup>st</sup> letter
- d. St. Paul insisted that Titus should be circumcised

4- Titus name means \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Humbled
- b. Honored
- c. Servant

5- Titus was the bishop of \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Ephesus
- b. Rome
- c. Crete

6- During his 2<sup>nd</sup> imprisonment St. Paul sent Titus in a mission to \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Dalmatia
- b. Damascus
- c. None of the above

7- St. Paul described Titus as partner and fellow worker.

- a. True
- b. False

8- Fill in the blanks: "Those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain \_\_\_\_\_. These things are \_\_\_\_\_ to men." Titus 3:8

- a. The teachings, profitable and useful
- b. Good works, good and profitable

Good deeds, useful and good

9- St. Paul wrote the epistle to Titus \_\_\_\_\_

- a. To discuss the teaching of doctrine and the conduct of ministry
- b. To urge him to follow the correct teachings and maintain good conduct
- c. To let Titus know of St. Paul's future plan and wishes
- d. All of the above

10- In the epistle to Titus St. Paul mentions that God has revealed \_\_\_\_\_

- a. His word
- b. His grace
- c. His goodness
- d. His love
- e. All of the above

11- Fill in the blanks: “Remind them to be subject to rulers and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, to be ready for every good work” Titus 3:1

- a. Leaders, to submit
- b. Authorities, to obey
- c. Governments, to surrender

12- The epistle to Titus is considered a Pastoral manual for conducting a local church.

- a. True
- b. False

13- The elders appointed to serve in the churches should \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Be above reproach
- b. Hold firmly to what they have been taught
- c. a and b

14- St. Paul is asking Titus \_\_\_\_\_

- a. To rebuke the false teachers
- b. To pay no attention to the Jewish myths
- c. To pay no attention to the people who reject the truth
- d. All of the above

15- St. Paul teaches us that the truth of God’s mercy will encourage us to do what is good.

- a. True
- b. False

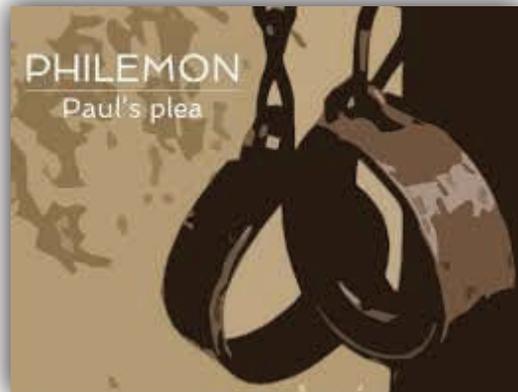
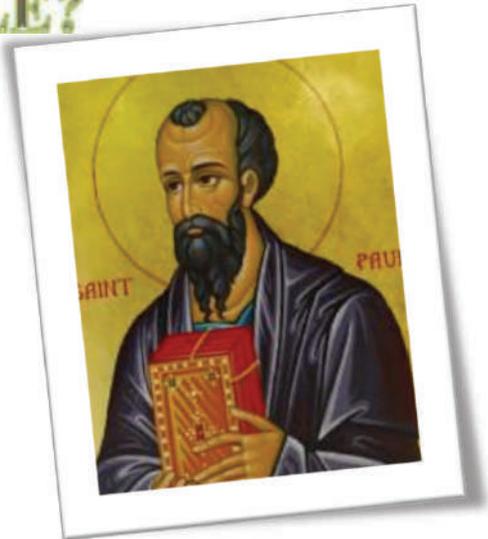
# THE EPISTLE TO PHILEMON

## WHERE IN THE BIBLE?

- Preceded by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Epistle Timothy
- Followed by the Epistle to Philemon

## AUTHOR

St. Paul the Apostle  
Probably during his house arrest in Rome



*It is the shortest of St. Paul's extant letters, consisting of only 335 words in the Greek text. It deals with the themes of forgiveness and reconciliation*

## WHO IS PHILEMON?

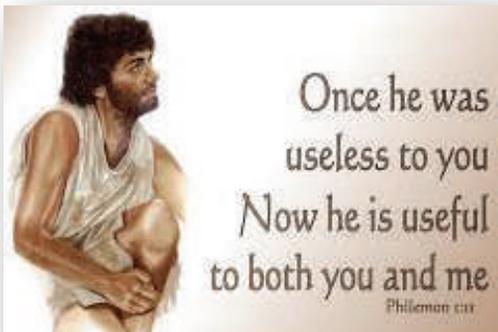
- He was a Roman and pagan merchant
- He was born in Laodicea and lived in Colossae
- He was a wealthy man and slave owner
- He met St. Paul during his third missionary journey and was converted
- He was a pious man and hosted a church in his house
- He hosted St. Paul in his house
- His name means “affectionate”
- He lived with a faithful wife and his son Archippus.
- He was the bishop of Colossae
- St. Paul calls him “a dear friend and fellow worker”
- The only mention of Philemon in the Bible is in the book by that name

## THE EPISTLE TO PHILEMON – CONT.

### WHO IS ONESIMUS?

- He was a runaway slave from Philemon’s household
- He robbed his master and fled to Rome
- He met St. Paul in Rome and became a believer
- He became St. Paul’s valuable helper and companion
- He was the faithful and beloved brother who accompanied Tychicus to deliver the letter to the Colossians
- St. Paul sent him back to Philemon with a letter in the hope that he would bless him with freedom
- St. Paul called him “my son” and “beloved brother”
- His name means “useful” or “profitable”
- He became an ardent preacher of the gospel
- Tradition states that he became the bishop of Ephesus after Timothy and died as a martyr

*The slave on whose behalf  
St. Paul wrote the letter*



### SUMMARY

- Writing this letter as a “prisoner of Jesus Christ” St. Paul addresses it personally to Philemon, his family and the church that meets in his house with prayer of thanksgiving for Philemon’s faith and love.
- Basing his appeal on Philemon’s character, St. Paul refuses to command him to pardon and receive Onesimus. St. Paul seeks to persuade his friend of his Christian responsibility to forgive even as he was forgiven by Christ.
- St. Paul urges Philemon to receive Onesimus, no longer as a slave but as “a beloved brother” explaining how he is now useful to both of them and that he had served him while he was in chains.
- St. Paul places Onesimus’s debt on his account, he then reminds Philemon of a greater spiritual debt which Philemon himself owes as a convert to Christ.
- St. Paul closes his letter with a hopeful request, greeting from his companions, and a benediction.
- Confident in Philemon’s response, St. Paul asked him to prepare a guest room for him because he hoped to visit.

# THE EPISTLE TO PHILEMON – CONT.

## KEY WORDS

Forgive - Receive

## KEY VERSE

*“No longer as a slave but more than a slave—a beloved brother, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. If then you count me as a partner, receive him as you would me” Philemon 16,17*

## KEYS



*Our Lord Jesus Christ set us free.*



Just as Philemon was shown mercy through the grace of Christ, so he must graciously forgive his repentant runaway who has returned as a brother in Christ.

## KEY PHRASE

In Christ

St. Paul does not identify himself as an apostle with authority, but as "a prisoner of Jesus Christ", calling Timothy "our brother", and addressing Philemon as "fellow laborer" and "brother."

Dear Philemon

Date: 1 : 7

Your love has given  
me great joy and  
encouragement,  
because you,  
brother, have  
refreshed the  
hearts of the saints.

*Be kind to all for Christ's sake*

## THE EPISTLE TO PHILEMON – CONT.



## OUTLINE

- Verses 1-7:** Commanding Philemon
- Verses 8-21:** Interceding for Onesimus
- Verse 22:** Plan to visit
- Verses 23-25:** Greetings

- Verses 1-3:** The Apostolic salutation
- Verses 4-7:** St. Paul's love for his friend
- Verses 8-21:** St. Paul's plea for Onesimus
- Verses 22-28:** Conclusion



- Verses 1-7:** The Prayer of thanksgiving for Philemon
- Verses 8-16:** Petition of St. Paul for Onesimus
- Verses 17-25:** Promise of St. Paul to Philemon

## DID YOU KNOW?

- It is the only private letter in the Scripture
- It is one of the 4 Prison Epistles
- It is one of 5 one-chapter books in the bible (Obadiah, 2,3 John and Jude)
- It revealed the true apostolic life, and the spiritual fatherhood, and wisdom.
- Showing individual interest in each one served
- It shows the true love that St. Paul had for his friend

## NOTES

It shows the Characteristics of the Christian love

- Grateful for the best in others - verse 4
- Seeks the welfare of others - verse 10
- Deals honestly with others - verse 12
- Bears the burden of others - verse 18
- Believes the best in others - verse 21



## QUESTIONS EPISTLE TO PHILEMON

- 1- In the bible the epistle to Philemon is followed by \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. The epistle to the Philippians
  - b. The epistle to the Galatians
  - c. The epistle to the Hebrews
  
- 2- St. Paul wrote the epistle to Philemon when he was in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Ephesus
  - b. Rome
  - c. Colossae
  
- 3- All is true about Philemon EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. He was a Roman and pagan merchant
  - b. He was born in Laodicea and lived in Colossae
  - c. He hosted St. Paul in his house
  - d. He was the Bishop of Crete
  
- 4- Philemon's name means \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Affectionate
  - b. Honored
  - c. Great
  
- 5- All is true about Onesimus EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. He was a runaway slave from Philemon's household
  - b. His name means beloved
  - c. He robbed his master and fled to Rome
  - d. He became St. Paul's valuable helper and companion
  
- 6- Whom did St. Paul call "my son" and "beloved brother"?
  - a. Philemon
  - b. Tychicus
  - c. Onesimus
  
- 7- St. Paul urges Philemon to receive Onesimus as a slave.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- 8- In the epistle to Philemon St. Paul \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Asked Philemon to prepare a guest room for him because he hoped to visit
  - b. Placed Onesimus's debt on his account
  - c. a and b
  
- 9- In the epistle to Philemon, St. Paul does not identify himself as "a prisoner of Jesus Christ".
  - a. True
  - b. False

- 10- Fill in the blank: “Because the hearts of the \_\_\_\_\_ have been \_\_\_\_\_ by you, brother”  
Philemon 1:7
- Believers, gladdened
  - Saints, refreshed
  - Faithful, pleased
- 11- St. Paul reminds Philemon that he was shown mercy through the grace of Christ.
- True
  - False
- 12- The epistle to Philemon is \_\_\_\_\_
- The only private letter in the Scripture
  - The shortest epistle written by St. Paul
  - One of the 5 one-chapter books in the bible
  - All of the above
- 13- St. Paul pleads for Onesimus in \_\_\_\_\_
- Verses 4-7
  - Verses 8-21
  - Verses 22-28
- 14- The true Christian love \_\_\_\_\_
- Seeks the welfare of others
  - Deals honestly with others
  - Bears the burden of others
  - a and b
  - All of the above
- 15- Fill in the blank: “Who once was \_\_\_\_\_ to you, but now \_\_\_\_\_ to you and to me.”  
Philemon 1:11
- Unprofitable, is profitable
  - Unbeliever, believes
  - A thief, is honest

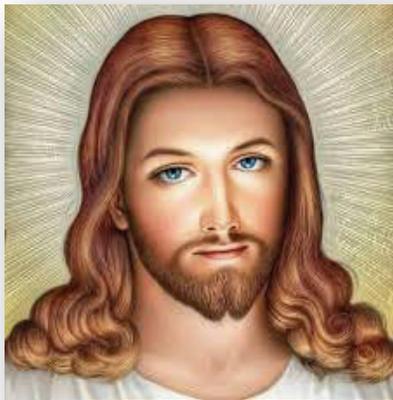
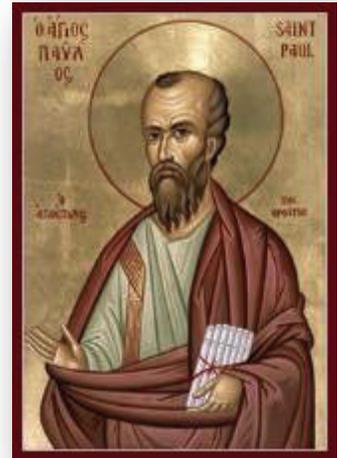
# THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

## WHERE IN THE BIBLE?

- Preceded by the Epistle to Philemon
- Followed by the Epistle of St. James

## AUTHOR

The text does not mention the name of its author but was traditionally attributed to St. Paul the Apostle.



The epistle to the Hebrews shows that Christianity is superior to Judaism because of the person of

### **Jesus Christ :**

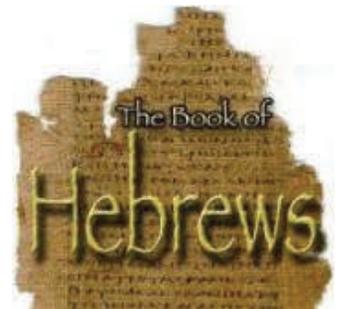
- The Son of God
- The Great High Priest
- The Author and Finisher of Salvation
- The Reflection of God's own Glory
- The Very Character and Essence of God
- He Stands at the Peak of Revelation
- He is Superior to Angels and to Moses

*Whatever revelations appeared before Jesus were but shadows or outlines of what was to appear in Him*

*The backbone of this epistle is the finality of Christ for salvation*

### **Why the Apostle did not mention his name?**

St. Paul was known to be the apostle to the Gentiles. He was alienated by the Christians of Jewish origin because he did not preach the Jewish rituals. If his name would be mentioned, they would have rejected the letter and questioned it.



## THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS – CONT.

### KEY WORDS

Superior – Better

### KEY CHAPTERS

**Chapter 9-** Christ is our intercessor at God's throne

**Chapter 11-** Hall of Fame of in the Scripture

### KEY THEME

The Superiority of Christ

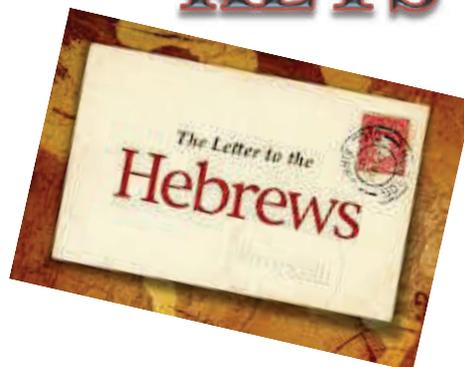
### KEY VERSES

“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1-2

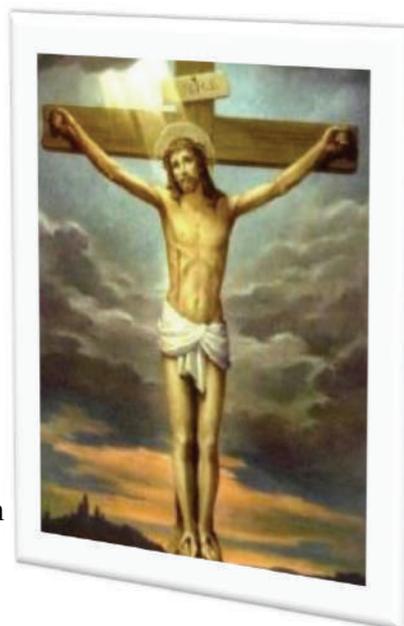
### PURPOSE

It was written mainly to the Hebrew believers. Its purpose was to present the Lord Jesus Christ as perfect and superior in comparison to anything Judaism and the old covenant had to offer. It was written to a group of Christians who were under intense persecution and some were contemplating a return to Judaism. He warned them not to turn away from their only hope of salvation.

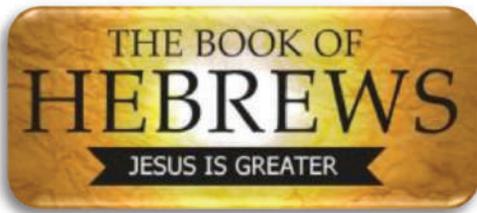
## KEYS



“Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:14-16



# THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS – CONT.



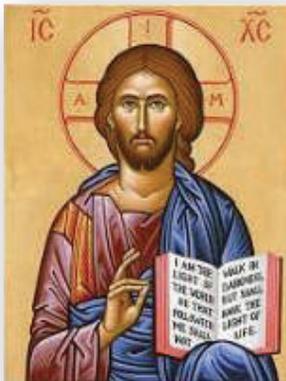
## OUTLINE

HAS 5 WARNING PASSAGES

### Part one: The Superiority of Christ's Person

#### Chapters 1:1 – 4:13

- 1- The Superiority of Christ over the Prophets
- 2- The Superiority of Christ over the Angels
  - Because of His deity
  - **First warning: Danger of Neglect 2:1-4**
  - Because of His humanity
- 3- Superiority of Christ over Moses
  - Christ is superior to Moses in His work
  - Christ is superior to Moses in His person
  - **Second warning: Danger to unbelief 3:7-4:13**



### Part two: The Superiority of Christ's Work

#### Chapters 4:14 – 10:18

- 1- The Superiority of Christ's Priesthood
  - Christ is superior in His position
  - Christ is superior in His qualifications
  - **Third warning: Not maturing 5:11-6:20**
  - Christ is superior in His priestly order
- 2- The Superiority of Christ's Covenant
  - A better covenant - A new covenant
- 3- The Superiority of Christ's Sanctuary and Sacrifice
  - Old covenant - New covenant

### Part three: The Superiority of the Christian's Walk of Faith

#### Chapters 10:19- 13:25

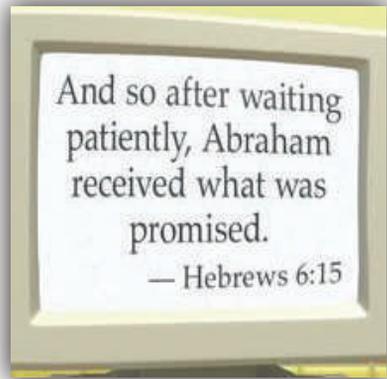
- 1- Full Assurance of Faith
  - Hold fast the confession of faith
  - **Fourth warning: Drawing back 10:26-39**
  - Definition of faith - Examples of faith
- 2- Endurance of Faith
  - Example of Christ's endurance
  - Endure God's chastening
  - **Fifth warning: Refusing God 12:25-29**
- 3- Exhortation to Love
  - Love in the social realm - Love in the religious realm
- 4- Conclusion



# THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS – CONT.



*A doctrinal Epistle*



# CONTENT

**Divided into 2 main sections:**

**1- Educational Section – chapters 1 -11**

A- Comparing Jesus in His person and work with the Jewish glories- chapters 1 – 7

The Prophets - The Angels – Moses – Joshua – Aaron - Melchizedek

B- The Heavenly Priesthood- chapters 8-10

He is Great High Priest in Heaven - His Heavenly service - His Entry into the Holy Place

C- Practical Applications – chapter 11

What is faith? - Men of Faith - Belief in the heavenly homeland

**2- Encouraging Persistence Despite Experiences- chapters 12-13**

Spiritual struggle - Final Commandments

1- Jesus is fully God and fully man.

2- Jesus, the Son of God, reveals God the Father. He is the creator, and He sustains all creation.

3- Jesus is the eternal High Priest. As a man, He sympathizes with human weaknesses, and He offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for sin.

4- Jesus is superior to angels, to Moses, to the Mosaic covenant, to the earthly tabernacle, and to the Aaronic priesthood.

5- All humanity faces eternal judgment for sin

6- Faith is necessary to please God and to participate in His eternal salvation. Faith requires confidence about the unseen realities of God and His promises.

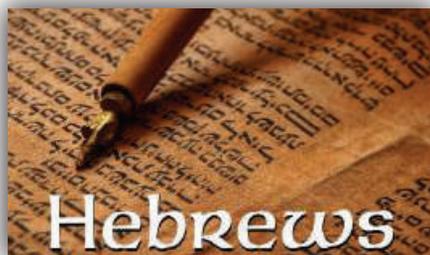
7- Such faith produces perseverance which is necessary in the Christian life.

8- God's promises are trustworthy, including His promise of eternal salvation

9- With the coming of Jesus Christ, the last days have begun. They will be completed when He returns



## THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS – CONT.



### Chapter 2- The Role of Christ in Salvation

Jesus was humbled and took on human form so He could taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that Jesus, through whom everything exists, was the author of salvation. He shared in humanity so that through His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death. We must pay close attention to this so we do not ignore such a great salvation.

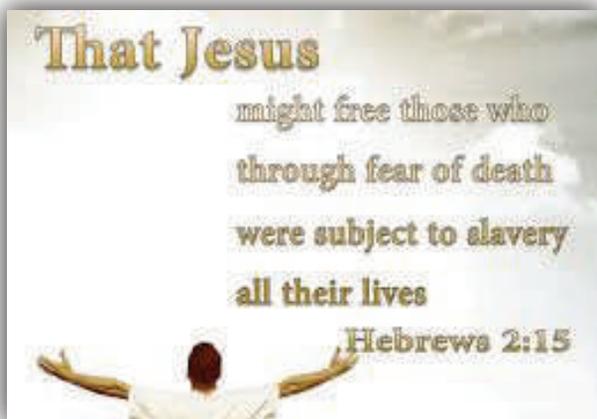
### Chapter 3- Jesus is Greater than Moses

Christ is superior to Moses and the covenant of the Law. He is the Son over God's house. Thus if we do not believe in Him, we shall be deserving more punishment than Israel.

There is also a warning against hardness of heart and being lured away by sin and unbelief.

### Chapter 4- The Believer's Rest

The true Sabbath rest for the people of God is through faith in Christ. Jesus will provide an eternal Sabbath rest.

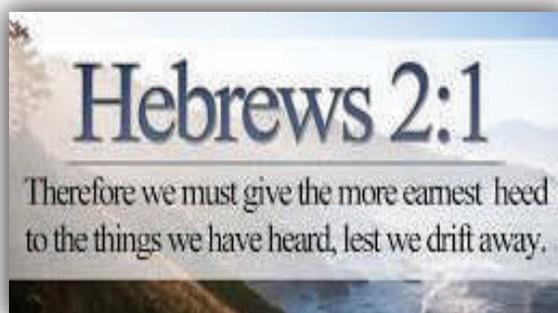


## SUMMARY

### Chapter 1- The Superiority of Christ

Christ is superior to the angels because of His redemptive work on the cross. He is the exact representation of the Father. By understanding who Jesus is? and what He said, we can know the fullness of God's nature and character.

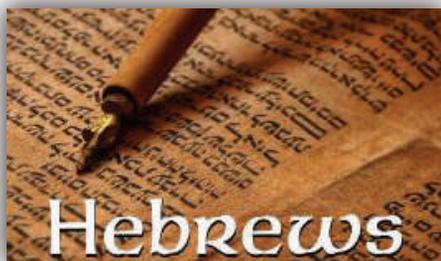
God speaks by means of His Son.



### Chapter 5- Jesus is the Perfect High Priest

Jesus is our High priest who became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who believes. He was subjected to the weakness of the flesh yet without sin. He learned obedience through what He suffered so in the same way He is able to help those who will inherit salvation. Jesus is our High Priest forever in the order of Melchizedek responsible for everlasting salvation.

## THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS – CONT.



### Chapter 7- Melchizedek's Priesthood Like Christ's

The Law did not do anything to stop sin. St. Paul points out that there would be another high priest coming. One who was just like Melchizedek and was not part of the Levi's tribe at all. One who would fix everything. Jesus is not of the tribe of Levi. The Jewish law is imperfect. But Jesus is perfect, and He came to bring to the world a new and better covenant. He won't be like the old priests who were always dying off and changing. Jesus gets to hold onto His position FOREVER. Jesus also never sinned, so He doesn't have to offer sacrifices for Himself like human high priests. Jesus Christ is the accomplishment of all Old Testament prophecies and symbols. With Christ as the fulfillment, there is no longer a need to offer the animal and other sacrifices required under the Mosaic Law. Jesus is the High Priest and intercessor of all believers in all ages.



## SUMMARY

### Chapter 6- Warning Against Falling Away

It is a warning against walking away from the truth. There are better things associated with salvation for us who continue on with Christ. We can proceed toward that firm hope entering through the veil that Christ has opened to us.



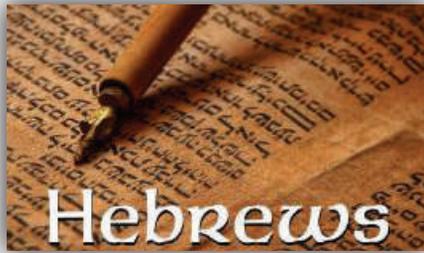
### Chapter 8- Superiority of the New Covenant

Jesus is the mediator of a New and Better Covenant. He is ministering in the heavenly tabernacle at the right hand of God not in an earthly one. The New Covenant is written on our hearts and enables us to know the Lord in an intimate way. Jesus has promised to forgive our sins and remember them no more. The New Covenant has made the Old one obsolete.

### Chapter 9- The Old and the New

Old Testament worship could not perfect the worshipper. However, when Christ appeared He entered into the heavenly tabernacle and poured out His own blood on the mercy seat. The blood of Christ is able to save completely as it cleansed us thoroughly.

## THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS – CONT.

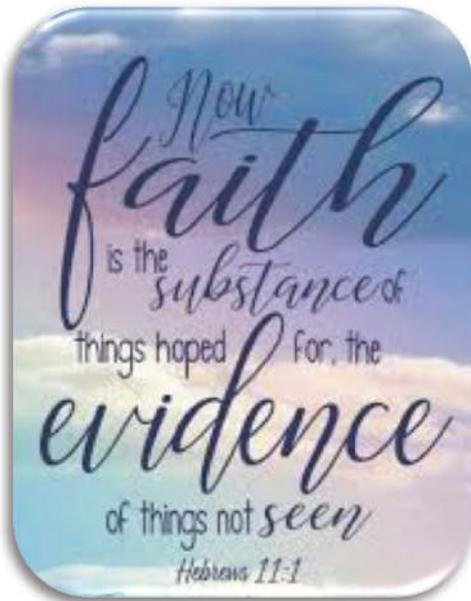


### Chapter 11- The Faith Hall of Fame

Example of the men and women who triumphed by faith; people who believed God and pursued His promises even though many did not see them come to pass in their lifetime. This chapter defines faith and shows that it pleases God.

### Chapter 12- Jesus is our Example

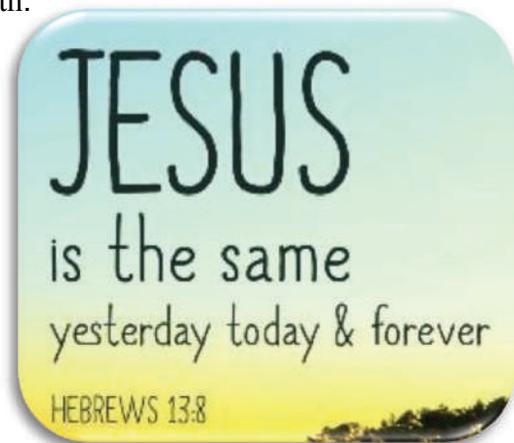
It is a call to persevere looking to Christ as our example. He endured the shame of the cross to bring us into fellowship with God, in the same way we should keep our eyes on Him as we run the race of life. It is a warning against refusing God.



## SUMMARY

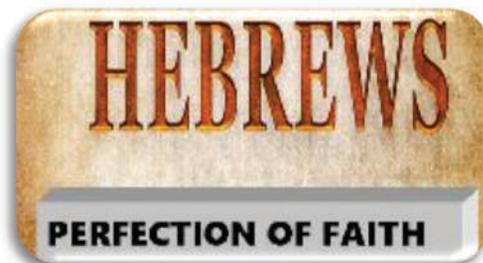
### Chapter 10- Christ's Sacrifice Once for All

The Law was never able to make perfect those who draw near because it was a shadow of the good things to come and not a reality in itself. The sacrifices served as an annual reminder of sin. But when Jesus came, He offered one sacrifice for sin for all time and then sat down at the right hand of the Father. Now we can draw near to God through the veil of Christ's body, having our hearts sprinkled clean and our conscience clear. It is a warning against sinning willingly after receiving the knowledge of the truth.



### Chapter 13- The Changeless Christ

It is a mixture of warnings, requests and final exhortations. It is a reminder to the fellowship of Christ, to let love remain, show hospitality and honor each other. As well as remembering to pray for leaders in the church. It ends by reminding us that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.



# THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS – CONT.

## NOTES

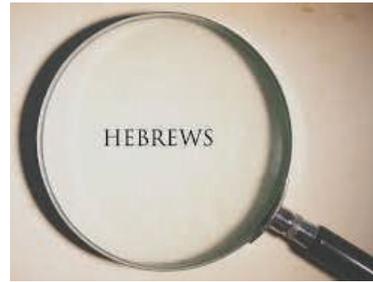
### *THE BOOK OF FAITH*

## 8 BETTER THINGS

- ✓ Better Hope 7:19
- ✓ Better Covenant 7:22-8:6
- ✓ Better Promise 8:6
- ✓ Better Sacrifice 9:23
- ✓ Better Possession 10:34
- ✓ Better Place 11:16
- ✓ Better Life 11:35
- ✓ Better Work 12:24

The work of faith that we must keep

- Is defined in 11:1-3
- Is illustrated in 11:4-40
- Triumphs 12:2



## DID YOU KNOW?

Hebrews quotes 100 times from the Old Testament, suggesting that the people who received it had a Jewish background.

### Faith Hall of Fame

• Abel	• Jacob	• Barak
• Enoch	• Joseph	• Samson
• Noah	• Moses	• Jephthah
• Abraham	• Israelites	• David
• Sarah	• Rahab	• Samuel
• Isaac	• Gideon	• Prophets

For God has said,  
"I will never fail you.  
I will never  
abandon you."  
Hebrews 13:5

*God's Amazing Story of  
Redemption and Atonement  
The book of Hebrews is the  
bridge that connects the Old  
Testament and the New.*

## QUESTIONS EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

- 1- In the bible the epistle to the Hebrews is preceded by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. The epistle to the Ephesians
  - b. The epistle to Titus
  - c. The epistle to Philemon
  
- 2- The epistle to the Hebrews is traditionally attributed to St. Paul.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- 3- According to the epistle to the Hebrews our Lord Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. The Son of God
  - b. The Great High Priest
  - c. The author and finisher of our salvation
  - d. All of the above
  
- 4- The epistle to the Hebrews shows that our Lord Jesus Christ is superior to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. The angels
  - b. Moses
  - c. a and b
  
- 5- The key theme of the epistle to the Hebrews is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. The justification by faith
  - b. The superiority of Christ
  - c. The truth of the gospel
  
- 6- Fill in the blanks: "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great \_\_\_\_\_, let us lay aside every \_\_\_\_\_, and the sin which so easily \_\_\_\_\_" Hebrews 12:1
  - a. A cloud of witnesses, weight, ensnares us
  - b. Saints, bad deeds, captures us
  - c. A cloud of saints, burden, catches us
  
- 7- Fill in the blanks: "Who for the \_\_\_\_\_ that was set before Him endured the \_\_\_\_\_." Hebrews 12:2
  - a. Salvation, suffering
  - b. Redemption, pain
  - c. Joy, cross
  
- 8- Fill in the blanks: "Let us therefore come boldly to \_\_\_\_\_, that we may obtain mercy and find \_\_\_\_\_ in time of need." Hebrews 4:16
  - a. The seat of God, hope to support
  - b. The throne of grace, grace to help
  - c. The throne of God, forgiveness to help
  
- 9- The purpose of the epistle to the Hebrews is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. To present the Lord Jesus Christ superior to anything in Judaism
  - b. To warn them not to turn away from the only hope of salvation
  - c. a and b

10- Fill in the blanks: Our Lord Jesus shared in \_\_\_\_\_ so that through His death He might destroy Him who holds the \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Humanity, the power of death
- b. Suffering, the authority over sin
- c. Human nature, power over sin

11- The true Sabbath rest for the people of God is through faith in Christ.

- a. True
- b. False

12- The Law was never able to make perfect those who draw near because \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. It was given in the Old Testament
- b. It was a shadow of the good things to come
- c. It was not perfect

13- When our Lord Jesus came, \_\_\_\_\_

- a. He offered sacrifice for sin for all time
- b. He sat down at the right hand of the Father
- c. a and b

14- Fill in the blanks: “Now faith is the substance of \_\_\_\_\_, the evidence of things \_\_\_\_\_.”

- a. Things hoped for, not seen
- b. Objects we hope, unseen
- c. Beliefs, hoped for

15- Our Lord Jesus is the High Priest in the order of \_\_\_\_\_.

16- The epistle to the Hebrews is considered the “book of faith”.

- a. True
- b. False

17- The epistle to the Hebrews offers better \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Covenant
- b. Hope
- c. Sacrifice
- d. All of the above

18- The epistle to the Hebrews does not include any quote from the Old Testament.

- a. True
- b. False

19- Which of the following is mentioned in the Faith Hall of Fame?

- a. Abel, Enoch, Noah
- b. Abraham, Sarah, Isaac
- c. Rahab, Samson, David
- d. b and c
- e. All of the above

20- The epistle of Hebrews confirms, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.”

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWERS KEY

1 Thessalonians	2 Thessalonians	1 Timothy	2 Timothy	Titus	Philemon	Hebrews
1- c	1- b	1- b	1- b	1- c	1- c	1- c
2- b	2- a	2- d	2- a	2- b	2- b	2- a
3- a	3- c	3- a	3- c	3- d	3- d	3- d
4- c	4- b	4- c	4- a	4- b	4- a	4- c
5- a	5- a	5- a	5- c	5- c	5- b	5- b
6- a	6- c	6- a	6- b	6- a	6- c	6- a
7- b	7- a	7- b	7- e	7- a	7- b	7- c
8- a	8- c	8- a	8- a	8- b	8- c	8- b
9- b	9- a	9- d	9- c	9- d	9- a	9- c
10- c	10- b	10- b	10- c	10- e	10- b	10- a
11- a	11- a	11- a	11- a	11- b	11- a	11- a
12- d	12- c	12- c	12- d	12- a	12- d	12- b
13- a	13- a	13- b	13- b	13- c	13- b	13- c
14- Timothy	14- b	14- c	14- a	14- d	14- e	14- a
15- d	15- a	15- a	15- d	15- a	15- a	15- Melchizedek
16- c		16- c				16- a
17- a		17- b				17- d
18- b		18- a				18- b
19- a		19- c				19- e
20- b		20- a				20- a

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