

ROMANS

THE GOSPEL

Concerning Israel

Divine sovereignty and human will

Past, present, and future
of the nation

CHAPTERS
9–11

Concerning Christian Conduct

Social

Civil

Personal

CHAPTERS
12:1–15:13

Introduction—Personal (1:1–17)

Saving the Sinner

Depravity of humanity

Grace of God

Justification by faith

Sanctification through the Spirit

Security of the saint

CHAPTERS
1:18–8:39

Conclusion—Relational (15:14–16:27)

Emphasis

Doctrinal

National

Practical

Response

Faith

Hope

Love

Doctrine of God

Wrath

Righteousness

Glory

Grace

Doctrine of Humanity

Fallen

Dead

Saved

Struggling

Freed

Doctrine of Sin

Exposed

Conquered

Explained

Forgiven

Scope

Dead in sin

Dead to sin

Peace with God

Love for others

Theme

God's righteousness is given to those who put their faith in Jesus Christ.

Key Verses

1:16–17

Christ in Romans

Jesus is the focus of the gospel and the means of salvation by God's grace apart from works (1:1–4, 16–17).

FIRST CORINTHIANS

	Rebuke for Sinful Conditions		Reply to Specific Questions	
Introduction (1:1-9)	Divisions in the Church	Disorders in the Church	Difficulties in the Church	
	Exposition (1:10-17)	Moral disorder (5:1-13)	Domestic difficulty—marriage and divorce (7:1-40)	
	Explanation (1:18-4:5)	Legal disorder (6:1-11)	Social difficulty—liberty and license (8:1-11:1)	
	Exhortation (4:6-21)	Carnal disorder (6:12-20)	Ecclesiastical difficulty—women and worship (11:2-34)	
			Practical difficulty—gifts and body (12:1-14:40)	
			Doctrinal difficulty—death and resurrection (15:1-58)	
			Financial difficulty—gifts and body (16:1-9)	
	<i>CHAPTERS</i> 1:10-4:21	<i>CHAPTERS</i> 5-6	<i>CHAPTERS</i> 7:1-16:9	
Key	“I exhort you.” (1:10)		“Now concerning the thing about which you wrote.” (7:1)	
Need	Unity among the Corinthian Christians		Clarity regarding six areas of concern	
Theme	Christian conduct in the local church			
Key Verses	6:9-11; 13:1-38			
Christ in 1 Corinthians	Jesus is the source of unity among believers who are baptized into the body of Christ and the basis of their ultimate resurrection and glorification (12:12-13; 15:1-58).			
			Conclusion (16:10-24)	

SECOND CORINTHIANS

Introduction — Greeting (1:1–2)

Crucial Concerns

Suffering and God's comfort

New covenant ministry

Persevering in godliness

CHAPTERS
1:3–7:16

Grace Giving

Example of Macedonians

Command to Corinthians

CHAPTERS
8–9

Apostolic Authority

Reply to critics

Justification of ministry

False teachers

Visions, revelations,
credentials, warnings

God's power perfected
in weakness

CHAPTERS
10:1–13:10

Conclusion — Farewell (13:11–14)

Scope

Past

Present

Future

Issue

Misunderstandings, concerns, explanations

Financial project

Vindication of Paul's ministry

Tone

Forgiving, grateful, bold

Confident

Defensive and strong

Theme

Paul's defense of his apostleship and message

Key Verses

4:5

9:7

10:8

**Christ in
2 Corinthians**

Jesus is the One who comforts us in our suffering, reconciles us to God, and gives strength in our weaknesses (1:5; 5:17–21; 12:9).

GALATIANS

Personal Words from Paul

Defense of the True Gospel

For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. (1:11–12)

CHAPTERS
1–2

Doctrinal Teaching

Freedom from Legalism

Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. (3:24–25)

CHAPTERS
3–4

Practical Exhortations

Freedom to Love and to Serve

For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. (5:13)

CHAPTERS
5–6

Style

Vigorous, blunt, direct, and brief

Theme

Justification comes by faith in Christ Jesus, not by works of the Law.

Key Verse

2:16

Christ in Galatians

Jesus is the source and power of the believer's new life and the heir of the promises to Abraham's seed (2:20; 3:1–16).

EPHESIANS

Introduction (1:1-2)	Our Position in Christ		Our Practice on Earth		Conclusion (6:21-24)
	Section 1: What God has done for us (1) Emphasis: sovereignty		Section 1: Our new unity (4:1-16)		
	Section 2: What Christ has done in us (2:1-10) Emphasis: grace		Section 2: Our new walk (4:17-6:9)		
	Section 3: What Christ has done between us (2:11-3:21) Emphasis: reconciliation		Section 3: Our new strength (6:10-20)		
	<i>CHAPTERS</i> 1-3		<i>CHAPTERS</i> 4-6		
Emphasis	Doctrinal: vertical relationship with God		Practical: horizontal relationship with others		
Core Phrase	"He chose us in Him." (1:4)		"Walk in a manner worthy of the calling." (4:1)		
Subjects	Declarations of heavenly truths (God's accomplishments)		Exhortations for earthly living (Christians' assignments)		
Prayers	Paul's prayer for Ephesians (1:15-23)	Paul's prayer for the whole church (3:14-21)	Christians' prayers for one another (6:18-20)		
Theme	The holy community God is creating and how it is to live out its calling				
Key Verses	1:9-10; 4:1-3				
Christ in Ephesians	Jesus is the source of spiritual blessing, the Cornerstone of the church, and the goal of spiritual maturity (1:3; 2:20; 4:11-16).				

PHILIPPIANS

	<p>Joy in Living for Christ Even when we don't get what we want <u>In spite of circumstances</u> Even with conflicts <i>CHAPTER 1</i></p>	<p>Joy in Serving Christ in Unity Starts with right attitude <u>Maintained through right theology</u> Encouraged by right models <i>CHAPTER 2</i></p>	<p>Joy in Knowing Christ <u>A warning</u> <u>A testimony</u> <u>A goal</u> <u>A command</u> <i>CHAPTER 3</i></p>	<p>Joy in Resting in Christ <u>Unity</u> <u>Peace</u> <u>Final predictions</u> <i>CHAPTER 4</i></p>
Christ	... my Life	... my Model	... my Goal	... my Contentment
Spirit	His provision (1:19)	His fellowship (2:1)	His worship (3:3)	His peace (4:7)
Positive Reaction	To difficulty: "Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel." (1:12)	To others: "Do all things without grumbling or disputing." (2:14)	To the past: "Forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize." (3:13-14)	To the "unchangeables": "Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am." (4:11)
Tone	Warm, encouraging, affirming			
Key Words	"Rejoice," "Christ," "Mind," "Act"			
Uniqueness	No major problem passages. "Joy" is found in each chapter. Not one quotation from the Old Testament. Christ mentioned over forty times. Most positive of all Paul's letters, yet written while he was chained to a Roman guard.			
Theme	By centering our lives around Christ, we can experience true joy.			
Key Verse	1:21			
Christ in Philippians	Jesus is the Son of God from heaven, who humbled Himself by becoming human, who suffered for us, and who was exalted to heaven (2:5-11).			

COLOSSIANS

	Christ Is Our Lord		... Our Life	... Our Love
	<p>Lord of creation</p> <hr/> <p>Lord of the church</p> <hr/> <p>Lord of ministry</p> <hr/>	<p>Lord of our walk</p> <hr/> <p>Lord of our salvation</p> <hr/> <p>Lord of our growth</p> <hr/>	<p>Our mind</p> <hr/> <p>Our body</p> <hr/> <p>Our attitude</p> <hr/> <p>Our actions</p> <hr/>	<p>Love for “outsiders”</p> <hr/> <p>Love for believers</p> <hr/>
	<i>CHAPTER 1</i>	<i>CHAPTER 2</i>	<i>CHAPTER 3</i>	<i>CHAPTER 4</i>
Subject	Instruction	Warnings	Exhortations	Reminders
Christ	His person and work		His peace and presence	
Emphasis	Doctrinal and corrective		Practical and reassuring	
Theme	Christ is our supreme Lord and sufficient Savior.			
Key Verses	2:9–10			
Christ in Colossians	Jesus is the supreme Lord of the church and the world, the all-sufficient Savior in whom the fullness of Deity dwells (1:13–20; 2:9).			

FIRST THESSALONIANS

The Pastor's Heart

The Pastor's Burden

Thanksgiving
Remembering
Affirming
Reporting

The pastor among the flock
The flock's response to the pastor

Personal concern
Comfort and relief

Sexual purity
Prophetic urgency

Stay alert!
Encourage one another!
Live in peace!

CHAPTER
1

CHAPTER
2

CHAPTER
3

CHAPTER
4

CHAPTER
5

Perspective

Looking back

Looking ahead

Subject

The church itself

The apostle himself

The report

The concern

The balance

Especially Appropriate for . . .

new converts

young pastors

suffering Christians

tempted and uninformed Christians

“sleepy” Christians

Theme

The hope of Christ's return comforts us and motivates us to godly living.

Key Verses

1:8–10; 4:1, 13–18

Christ in 1 Thessalonians

Jesus is our source of hope and comfort, the One who rescues believers from the coming wrath (1:10; 4:13–5:11).

SECOND THESSALONIANS

	Affirmation amidst Affliction	Explanation of Prophecy	Clarification regarding Response
	<p>“We ought always to give thanks to God for you.” (1:3)</p> <p>“We . . . speak proudly of you . . . for your perseverance and faith.” (1:4)</p> <p>“We pray for you always.” (1:11)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER 1</i></p>	<p>“Let no one in any way deceive you.” (2:3)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Secret power of lawlessness</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Restraint removed</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Man of lawlessness</u></p> <p>“So then . . . stand firm.” (2:15)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER 2</i></p>	<p>“We command you.” (3:6)</p> <p>“If anyone does not obey” (3:14)</p> <p>“May the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace.” (3:16)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER 3</i></p>
Question	Why are we suffering?	What will occur?	How do I respond?
Contrasts	Peace amidst pain	Lawlessness versus restraint	Work while waiting
Statement	The Lord knows!	The “day of the Lord” has not yet come!	“Do not grow weary of doing good.” (3:13)
Emphasis	Commendation	Correction	Clarification
Theme	The hope of Christ’s return encourages us in our suffering and motivates us to live responsibly for Him.		
Key Verses	1:11–12; 2:13–15		
Christ in 2 Thessalonians	Jesus is the coming Judge who will reward the righteous and destroy the wicked, including the coming man of lawlessness in the end times (1:6–2:12).		

FIRST TIMOTHY

Greeting (1:1-2)	Personal Encouragement and Exhortation	The Ministry	The Minister	Conclusion (6:21)
	<u>Timothy's task</u> <u>Paul's testimony</u> <u>Gospel's trustworthiness</u>	Men and women (2) (Prayer and submission)	Seeing the importance of (4): <u>Faithful teaching</u> <u>True godliness</u> <u>Sound doctrine</u> <u>Perseverance</u>	
		Elders and deacons (3) (Qualifications for leadership)	Paying attention to (5): <u>Various age groups</u> <u>Elders</u> <u>Widows</u> <u>Wisdom</u>	
	CHAPTER 1	CHAPTERS 2-3	CHAPTERS 4-6	
Emphasis	The work of ministry		The one who ministers	
Command	Be true!	Be wise!	Be strong and faithful!	
Theme	Leadership of the church, the household of God			
Key Verses	3:14-15			
Christ in 1 Timothy	Jesus is the Mediator between God and people, the ransom for all, who came in the flesh and was taken up in glory (2:5-6; 3:16).			

SECOND TIMOTHY

	Guard the Treasure!	Suffer Hardship!	Continue!	Preach the Word!
	<u>Paul's greeting</u> <u>Timothy's life</u> <u>God's treasure</u> <u>Our responsibility</u>	<u>Passing on the truth</u> Illustrations of the truth (soldier, athlete, farmer, workman, vessel, servant) <u>Suffering for the truth</u>	<u>Last days</u> <u>Evil people</u> <u>Standing firm</u> <u>Biblical basis</u> <u>Spiritual examples</u>	<u>A solemn charge</u> <u>Reason for the charge</u> <u>Personal conclusion</u>
	<i>CHAPTER 1</i>	<i>CHAPTER 2</i>	<i>CHAPTER 3</i>	<i>CHAPTER 4</i>
Perspective	The past	The present	The future	
Tone	Gratitude	Compassion	Warning	Command
Theme	Paul's passing of the ministry torch to Timothy and encouraging him to stay faithful in the midst of hardship			
Key Verses	1:14	2:3	3:14	4:2
Christ in 2 Timothy	Jesus is the Judge of the living and the dead, who strengthens us in times of weakness and rescues us in times of danger (3:11; 4:1, 17).			

TITUS

Introduction (1:1–4)	Taking Charge		Giving Advice		Doing Right		Conclusion (3:12–15)
	<u>Elders</u> <u>Rebellious people</u>		<u>Older men and women</u> <u>Young women and men</u> <u>Titus and all leaders</u> <u>Slaves and masters</u>		<u>What to do</u> <u>What not to do</u>		
	<i>CHAPTER 1</i>		<i>CHAPTER 2</i>		<i>CHAPTER 3</i>		
People	Elders	Enemies	Specific groups		Christians in general		
Issue	Setting up the right leadership		Instruction for particular people		Attitude and conduct toward good and bad		
A Church	... in good order (1:5)		... with good doctrine (2:1)		... of good deeds (3:1)		
Theme	Titus's role in encouraging right living through sound doctrine						
Key Verses	1:5; 2:10; 3:8						
Christ in Titus	Jesus is our great God and Savior, who redeems and purifies His people (2:13–14).						

PHILEMON

Greeting (1:1-3)	Paul's Commendation	Paul's Request	Paul's Promise	Conclusion (1:21-25)
	<p>On the basis of the slave's conversion (1:8-11)</p> <p>On the basis of the slave owner's friendship (1:12-17)</p>	<p>On the basis of the slave's conversion (1:8-11)</p> <p>On the basis of the slave owner's friendship (1:12-17)</p>	<p>On the basis of the slave's conversion (1:8-11)</p> <p>On the basis of the slave owner's friendship (1:12-17)</p>	
	<i>VERSES</i> 4-7	<i>VERSES</i> 8-17	<i>VERSES</i> 18-21	
Tone	Praise	Plea	Promise	
Direction	Looking back	Looking within	Looking beyond	
Central Statement	"I thank my God always." (1:4)	"I appeal to you." (1:10)	"I will repay it." (1:19)	
Theme	Forgiving and accepting one another as brothers and sisters in Christ			
Key Verses	1:10-11, 15-18			
Christ in Philemon	Jesus is the Master, in whom believers are brothers and sisters in Christ (1:9, 15-16).			