**Bible Overview – Session 13 – Epistles Continued**

**Pastoral Epistles** – Written to Individuals

* 1st & 2nd Timothy
* Titus
* Philemon

**Hebrew Epistles** – Primarily to Jewish Audience

* Hebrews
* James
* 1st & 2nd Peter.
* 1st, 2nd & 3rd John
* Jude

**1st Timothy** – Protégé of Peter – Second generation – Pastor of local church in Ephesus; Main admonition – guard to protect the “charge” given to you by me in Christ (10 time in 2 epistles).

**Key Verses**

* 1:15 – This is a trustworthy statement, which deserves full acceptance, that Christ came in the world to save sinner.
* 2: 5 – For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ.
* 3:1-7 – qualification for clergy (14 mentioned)
* 4:8 – if we have food and covering (roof and clothes), with these we shall be content.
* 4:10 – the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil…

**2nd Timothy**

* Chapter 1 Keep the charge given to you.
* Chapter 2 Stay strong, endure suffering as a soldier, present yourself approved.
* Chapter 3 Difficult times will come – description of the last days.
* Chapter 4 Preach the Word. Paul’s testimony – fought the good fight...

**Key Verse: Chapter 3:16** – All scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, reproof, for correction and training in righteousness.

**Titus – Putting Things in Order**

* Chapter 1 Putting Elders in order – qualification for elders like 1 Timothy.
* Chapter 2 Putting the people in order, older men and women, younger men, etc.
* Chapter 3 Putting spiritual practices into order.

**Philemon** – to the owner of a runaway slave (25 verses).

**Hebrews**

* Jesus: The New and Better Deliverer – Chapters 1-7
	+ The Godman, better than the Angels
	+ An Apostle better than Moses
	+ A Leader better than Joshua
	+ A Priest better than Aaron
* Calvary: A New and Better Covenant (Chapter 8-9:18)
	+ Offers better Promises.
	+ Opens a better Sanctuary.
	+ Sealed by a better Sacrifice.
	+ Achieves as better Result.
* Faith: The True and Better Way (Chapters 9:19- 13)

**Key Passages**

* Hebrews 3:12-19 Unbelief
* Hebrews 4:12 Power of the Word of God
* Hebrews 6:1-4 Repentance from Good Works
* Hebrews 6:4-6 Highly controversial – can you lose your salvation?
* Hebrews 7 Melchizedek
* Hebrews 8-9 Contrast of two covenants
	+ - * Levitical New Covenant
			* Many Priests One Priest (Jesus)
			* Daily Sacrifices One Sacrifice
			* Repeated Once and for all.
			* Temporary Permanent
			* Covered Sin Removed Sin
* Hebrews 10 Sufficiency of Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross.
* Hebrews 11 Faith defined, examples from the OT. Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham…
* Hebrews 12 Jesus the author and perfector of our faith. Unshakable Kingdom.
* Hebrews 13 Benediction and final, parting comments.

**James (Brother of Jesus) – Faith Without Works is Dead.**

**Key Passages**

* Chapter 1:2; 12 Trials produce joy.
* Chapter 1:27 Pure and undefiled before God.
* Chapter 2:1-4 Sin of partiality.
* Chapter 2: 14 – 26 Faith and Works.
* Chapter 3: 1-12 The tongue.
* Chapter 4:7 Submit to God and resist the devil and he will flee.
* Chapter 4:17 If you know the right thing to do and do not do it, it is sin.
* Chapter 5:1-6 Misuse of riches.
* Chapter 5: 14 -15 If you are sick, call the elders, pray, anoint with oil, healing…
* Chapter 5: 16 Confess your sins to one another so that you may be healed.

**1st Peter - Key Passages**

* Chapter 1: 6-7 Trials and tested by fire produces is more precious than gold.
* Chapter 1:23 Born again with imperishable seed – eternal.
* Chapter 2: 1-8 Living stones
* Chapter 2:9-10 Chosen race, royal priesthood, holy nation, processed by God.
* Chapter 2: 13- 20 Submission to authority – government, servants to masters, etc.
* Chapter 3: 7-8 Husbands and wives and hindered prayer.
* Chapter 3: 16-22 Suffering for Christ
* Chapter 4: 12-18 Suffering for Christ.

**2nd Peter**

* Chapter 1: Moral Excellence
	+ Verse 21 – prophecy not written of human will, but by men moved by HS.
* Chapter 2: False teachers condemned.
	+ Angels who sinned were judged,
	+ The ancient world was judged (Noah and flood).
	+ Sodom and Gomorrah were judged.
	+ God know how to rescue the righteous and judge the wicked.
* Chapter 3: The Day of the Lord
	+ Mocking God – nothing has changed.
	+ Current earth reserved for destruction by fire, and judgment on the ungodly.
	+ We are to live with holy conduct anticipating His return.

**1 John – Seven Contrasts between Truth and Error**

1. Light vs Darkness
2. The Father vs The World
3. Christ vs The Antichrist
4. Good Works vs Evil Works
5. Holy Spirit vs Error and Lies
6. Love vs Pious pretense
7. God Born vs Spiritual Death

**Key Verses**

* 1:8-9 Christian bar of soap
* 2:15 Do not love the world, lust of the eyes, flesh, and pride of life.
* 3:8 Son of God manifest to destroy the works of the devil.
* 4:1-4 Test the spirits
* 4:8 God is love.
* 5:4 Our victory over the world through faith.
* 5:12 He who has the Son has life, without the Son you do not have life.
* 5:19 The who world lies in the power of the evil one.

**2 John – To the Elect Lady**

* Perhaps a reference to Mary, the mother of Jesus?
* Walk in Love – divine insistence on love.
* Watch against error.
* Warning against false charity (love).

**3 John**

* Vs 2 That you prosper and be in good health as your soul prospers.
* Vs 11 Do not imitate what is evil, but what is good.

**Jude – Warning to Guard Against Apostasy**

* Egypt – they fell away in the wilderness and were judged by God.
* Fallen Angels – they left their appointed place and interacted with woman – Judged by God.
* Sodom and Gomorrah – wickedness was judged by God.
* Cain, Balaam and Korah examples of rebellion and God’s judgment.
* Enoch prophecy about the return of Christ.