

Keeping On Course

**A “Present Word”
from the
Pastoral Epistles**

Sundays, 9:00 A.M.
in Beaulac Hall

First Timothy • Titus • Second Timothy



Session I
February 23, 2014

Paul's Pastoral Epistles



The Apostolic Epistles

C A T H O L I C	GENERAL <i>to Church at Large</i>	P A U L I N E		PARTICULAR <i>to Churches & Persons</i>
	JEWISH <i>by Apostles to Jews</i>			GENTILE <i>by Apostle to Gentiles</i>
	Four Apostles Seven Letters			One Apostle Fourteen Letters
	<i>James</i> <i>I Peter</i> <i>II Peter</i> <i>Jude</i> <i>I John</i> <i>II John</i> <i>III John</i>			<i>Romans</i> <i>I Corinthians</i> <i>II Corinthians</i> <i>Galatians</i> <i>Ephesians</i> <i>Philippians</i> <i>Colossians</i>

Paul's Travels & Letters

EVENT & PLACE	First Mission <i>Cyprus, Pamphylia & Galatia</i>	<i>Apostolic Council in Jerusalem</i>	Second Mission <i>Galatia, Asia, Macedonia, Achaia & Greece</i>	Third Mission <i>Galatia, Asia, Macedonia, Achaia & Greece</i>	<i>Arrest in Jerusalem, Prison in Caesarea</i>	Roman Prison <i>To Rome in Chains, Two Years House Arrest</i>	Fourth Mission <i>Ephesus, Troas, Miletus, Crete, Corinth, Nicopolis & maybe Spain</i>	Roman Prison <i>Paul beheaded and Peter crucified</i>
TIME	A.D. 48-49	A.D. 50	A.D. 51-53	A.D. 54-57	A.D. 58-60	A.D. 60-63	A.D. 63-67	A.D. 67-68
ACTS	Ch. 13-14	Ch. 15	Ch. 16-18	Ch. 18-21	Ch. 21-26	Ch. 27-28	<i>(after end of Book of Acts)</i>	
WRITINGS			I Thessal. <i>Corinth</i>	I Corinth. <i>Ephesus</i>			I Timothy <i>Macedonia</i>	II Timothy <i>Rome</i>
			II Thessal. <i>Corinth</i>	II Corinth. <i>Macedonia</i>			Titus <i>Macedonia</i>	
			Galatians <i>Ephesus</i>				Philemon <i>Rome</i>	(Hebrews) <i>Rome?</i>
			Romans <i>Corinth</i>				Philippians <i>Rome</i>	

Paul's Letters Grouped

PROPHETIC EPISTLES	POLEMIC EPISTLES	PRISON EPISTLES	PASTORAL EPISTLES
A.D. 52-53	A.D. 56-57	A.D. 62-63	A.D. 65-67
I Thessalonians II Thessalonians	I Corinthians II Corinthians Galatians Romans	Ephesians Colossians Philemon Philippians	I Timothy Titus <i>(Hebrews)</i> II Timothy
Christ & His COMING: <i>THE JUDGE</i>	Christ & His CROSS: <i>THE REDEEMER</i>	Christ & His CHURCH: <i>THE LORD</i>	Christ & His CONGREGATION: <i>THE SHEPHERD</i>
<i>CHRISTIAN HOPE</i>	<i>CHRISTIAN FAITH</i>	<i>CHRISTIAN LOVE</i>	<i>CHRISTIAN LIFE</i>
Eschatological	Soteriological	Christological	Ecclesiological
Perfecting of Salvation	Plan of Salvation	Privileges of Salvation	Protection of Salvation
Consolation	Conflict	Conquest	Consistency
Anticipative	Controversial	Contemplative	Administrative
The Future	The Fight	The Fulness	The Finish

The End of Paul's Life

❖ **Clement of Rome (A.D. 95)**

"After he had taught the whole world righteousness, and had come to the limits of the west, and had testified before rulers, he was taken away from this world."

❖ **Ignatius of Antioch (A.D. 115)**

"I know both who I am and to whom I write... You are initiated into the mysteries of the Gospel with Paul, the holy, the martyred, the most deservedly happy, at whose feet may I be found when I shall attain to God..."

❖ **Dionysius of Corinth (A.D. 165)**

"Peter and Paul both came to our Corinth and planted us, and taught alike; and alike going to Italy and teaching there, were martyred at the same time."

❖ **Eusebius of Caesarea (A.D. 324)**

"Thus after he had made his defense, it is said that the Apostle was sent again upon the ministry of preaching, and that upon coming to the same city a second time, suffered martyrdom. In this imprisonment he wrote his second epistle to Timothy, in which he mentions his first defense and his impending death... It is therefore recorded that Paul was beheaded in Rome itself, and that Peter likewise was crucified under Nero."

Context of the Pastorals

- ❖ **Personal letters to Timothy and Titus.**
- ❖ **Paul's representatives to the churches.**
- ❖ **'Mother' churches of Asia Minor & Crete.**
- ❖ **Rising 2nd-generation churches/leaders.**
- ❖ **Preserving & reinforcing the foundations.**
- ❖ **Adapting to changing social circumstances.**
- ❖ **Assuring an ongoing heritage of the faith.**
- ❖ **Countering old errors in their new forms.**
- ❖ **Both personal & collective responsibilities.**
- ❖ **Expressing 'The Church' in the churches.**

The Opposition Faced

- ❖ **The innate opposition of fallen humans.**
- ❖ **Christians remaining immature/unstable.**
- ❖ **Some with remaining relics of the old life.**
- ❖ **Some with knowledge but less 'praxis'.**
- ❖ **Some unfit ones desiring to lead & teach.**
- ❖ **Majoring in minors & minoring in majors.**
- ❖ **Elements of legalism & pagan philosophy.**
- ❖ **Insinuation of false teachings & leaders.**
- ❖ **Rising tide of social/cultural prejudice.**
- ❖ **Start of official governmental opposition.**

The Solution Provided

- ❖ **Primacy of good teaching & sound doctrine.**
- ❖ **By faithful leadership of proven character.**
- ❖ **‘*didache*’ & related terms occur 24 times.**
- ❖ **More than in all the rest of Paul’s letters.**
- ❖ **‘*Truth*’ or ‘*The Truth*’ occur 12 times.**
- ❖ **Timothy & Titus already fully trained in it.**
- ❖ **‘*pistis*’ (faith/faithful) occurs 33 times.**
- ❖ **Nine times as THE Faith, objective Gospel.**
- ❖ **Practical evidence in ‘*works*’ used 12 times.**
- ❖ **No innovations but a return to the basics.**

Ministry in the Church

- ❖ **Terms ‘elder’ & ‘bishop’ are synonymous.**
- ❖ **The apostles served as elders in Jerusalem.**
- ❖ **Paul appointed elders in all his churches.**
- ❖ **Function-based ministry, not position title.**
- ❖ **Elders to serve spiritual needs of church.**
- ❖ **Deacons originally assistants to elders.**
- ❖ **Primarily to deal with financial/practical.**
- ❖ **Also chosen throughout all the churches.**
- ❖ ***“To equip the saints for work of ministry.”***
- ❖ **All Christians are priests and ministers!**

The 'Faithful Sayings'

❖ I Timothy 1:15; 3:1; 4:8-9

*"**This is a faithful saying** and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."*

*"**This is a faithful saying**: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work."*

*For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. **This is a faithful saying** and worthy of all acceptance."*

❖ Titus 1:12-13; 3:8

*"One of them, a prophet of their own, said, 'Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.' **This is a faithful saying**."*

*"**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."*

❖ II Timothy 2:11-13

*"**This is a faithful saying**: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself."*

The Gospel Summaries

❖ **I Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16**

"For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

"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."

❖ **Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works."

"But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

Paul's Final Word

❖ **II Timothy 1:8-12; 4:6-8**

"Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

"For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."

An intensely personal plea based on an all-consuming commitment in view of the absolutely certainty of inexpressible reward.

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