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**Matthew**

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| **Messiah with Authority over the Church** |
| **Preliminary Evidence that Jesus is Messiah** | **Rejections and** **Interadvent Age**  | **Final Evidence that** **Jesus is Messiah** |
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| **Written in Israel** |
| **Written in AD 40s****Covers 5 BC–AD 33** |

**Key Word: Kingdom**

**Key Verses: “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey’” (Matthew 21:5).**

 **“Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘…you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it’” (Matthew 16:16-18).**

**Summary Statement:**

**Matthew proves Jesus is the Messiah so that unbelieving Jews will trust Him. Matthew also explains that the earthly kingdom is delayed because Israel rejected Jesus as their king. This explanation is to convince the believing Jews that Christ's present kingdom authority resides in the church.**

**Application:**

**Do you trust the King right now?**

**What is holding you back in your own kingdom before you can embrace Christ’s kingdom?**

**Mark**

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| **Deity Who Models Suffering As Servant** |
| **Service**  | **Suffering**  |
| **Sayings and Signs**  | **Sacrifice**  |
| **Galilee and Perea**  | **Judea and Jerusalem**  |
| **Coming**  | **Ministry Opposition**  | **Self-Sacrifice** | **Resurrection**  |
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| Authority of Christ Emphasized | Authority-Servanthood Tension | Servanthood of Christ Emphasized |
| 3 Years | 6 Months | 8 Days |
| **Rome** |
| **Written AD 64-68****Covers AD 29-33** |

**Key Word: Discipleship**

**Key Verse: “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).**

**Summary Statement:**

**Mark presents in a pastoral concern selected events about Christ, the Son of God (deity) who serves as the model *Suffering Servant*, to exhort persecuted Roman believers to true *discipleship* for Christ.**

**Application:**

**How can you be a disciple who suffers after Jesus’ example?**

**Luke**

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| **Universal Savior Ministers in Sovereign Kingdom Progress** |
| **To Seek the Lost** | **To Save the Lost** |
| **Introduction**  | **Ministry** | **Passion** | **Conclusion** |
| **1:1–4:13**  | **4:14–21:38** | **22–23** | **24** |
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| 30 years | 3 years | 3-4 months | 8 days |
| Miracles Prominent | Teaching Prominent |
| **Caesarea** |
| **Written AD 57-59****Covers 5 BC–AD 33** |

**Key Word: Sovereignty I**

**Key Verse: “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost” (Luke 19:10).**

**Summary Statement:**

**Luke presents the *sovereignly directed progress of the kingdom message* from the Jewish rejection of Christ as Messiah to Gentile acceptance to confirm the faith of Gentile believers by affirming Him as *Savior of believing Gentiles* as well as Jews.**

**Application:**

**Jesus is the Universal Saviour—but do you need to be confirmed that he is your Saviour?**

**John**

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| **Deity Made Man for Eternal Life** |
| **Deity****of the****Son of God** | **Revelation** **of the** **Son of God**  | **Preparation** **of the****Son’s Disciples** | **Passion/Resurrection****of the** **Son of God** | **Adequacy** **of the** **Son of God**  |
| **1:1-18** | **1:19–12:50** | **13–17** | **18–20** | **21**  |
| **Prologue** | **Public**  | **Private**  | **Public**  | **Private**  |
| **Incarnation** | **2 Signs Received****1:19–4:54**  | **5 Signs Rejected****5–12**  | **Upper Room Discourse** **(no signs)** | **Ultimate Sign** | **Last Sign** |
| **Eternity Past** | **Fall AD 29-****Monday, 30 March 33** | **Thursday,** **2 April 33** | **Friday, 3 April 33-****Sunday, 5 April 33** | **May 33** |
| **Ephesus** |
| **AD 65-69** |

**Key Word: Believe**

**Key Verse: “Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:30-31).**

**Summary Statement:**

**John proves Jesus to be the *Son of God* (deity) made man through selected signs and discourses of Christ to convince unbelieving Gentiles to *believe* in Him and receive eternal life.**

**Application:**

* **Admit you have sinned**
* **Believe that Jesus died for you**
* **Confess that you have changed your mind about what or who can save you (repent)**

**Acts**

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| **Universal Savior Proclaimed in Sovereign Kingdom Progress** |
| **Jerusalem**  | **Judea and Samaria** | **Uttermost Part** |
| **1:1–6:7**  | **6:8–8:40** | **Chapters 9–28** |
| **Jews**  | **Samaritans** **(mixed breeds)** | **Gentiles** |
| **AD 33-35****(2 years)** | **AD 35****(a few months)** | **AD 35-62****(27 years)** |
| **Peter**  | **Stephen & Philip** | **Paul** |
| **Establishing Home Base**  | **Nearby Outreach** | **Missionary Journeys** |
| **Established****1–2**  | **Expands****3:1–6:7** | **Stephen****6:8–8:3** | **Philip****8:4-40** | **Damascus****9:1-31**  | **to Rome****10:1–28:31** |
| **Rome** |
| **AD 62** **(completed after Paul’s house arrest)** |

**Key Word: Sovereignty II**

**Key Verse: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).**

**Summary Statement:**

**Luke presents God's *sovereignly directed progress of the kingdom message* from Jerusalem Jews to Roman Gentiles in early church history in order to prove *God as responsible* for His Church and to exhort believers to *witness everywhere*.**

**Application:**

**Is God extending his kingdom message through you?**

**How are you fitting into His overall purpose to spread the gospel throughout the entire earth?**

**Romans**

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| **God's *Righteousness*/Justification by Faith in Christ—Not the Law** |
| **Righteousness Explained** | **Righteousness Applied** |
| **Theological** | **Practical**  |
| **Chapters 1–11** | **Chapters 12–16**  |
| **Relationship to God** | **Relationship to Others** |
| RighteousnessTheme | Righteousness Needed | Righteousness Provided | Righteousness Imparted | Righteousness Vindicated | Righteousness Applied | Righteousness Disseminated |
| Introduction1:1-17 | Condemnation1:18–3:20 | Justification3:21–5:21 | Sanctification6–8 | Election9–11 | Transformation12:1–15:13 | Propagation15:14–16:27 |
| Sin | Salvation | Set Apart | Sovereignty | Service |
| **Corinth** |
| **Winter AD 56/57** |

**Key Word: Righteousness**

**Key Verse: “For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from the first to last, just as it is written, ‘The righteous will live by faith’” (Romans 1:17).**

**Summary Statement:**

**Paul expounds the *righteousness of God* which requires that justification be only by faith in Christ and not by works of the Law in order to solve *conflicts between Jewish and Gentile* believers at Rome before his soon arrival.**

**Application:**

**Do you experience peace with other believers as fellow recipients of God’s righteousness by faith? Or do you have conflicts with them stemming from pride?**

**1 Corinthians**

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| **Proper Functioning of the Church** |
| **Answers a Report** **from Chloe’s men** **(1:11; 5:1)** | **Answers a Letter** **from the Church** **(7:1; 8:1; 12:1; 15:1; 16:1)**  |
| **Divisions**  | **Disorders** | **Doctrine** |
| **Leadership** | **Relationships** | **Theology** |
| **Pride** | **Immorality** | **Selfishness** |
| **Chapters 1–4** | **Chapters 5–6** | **Chapters 7–16**-------Corporate Worship------- |
| Greeting & Problem  | Misunder-standings | Incest | Lawsuits | Prostitu-tion | Marri-age  | Liberty | Head Coverings | Lord’s Supper | Gifts | Resur-rection | Gospel Advance |
| 1:1-17 | 1:18–4:21 | 5 | 6:1-11 | 6:12-20 | 7 | 8:1–11:1 | 11:2-16 | 11:17-34 | 12–14 | 15 | 16 |
| **Ephesus** |
| **May 56 (on third missionary journey)** |

**Key Word: Sanctification**

**Key Verse: “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you have been bought with a price. Therefore honor God with your body” (1 Cor. 6:19-20).**

**Summary Statement:**

**Paul explains the *proper functioning of the church* in response to reports about the Corinthians’ divisions, disorders, and doctrinal difficulties to assure that the church makes its *positional sanctification practical.***

**Application:**

**Be different by being united, moral, and selfless. Do you live like this?**

**2 Corinthians**

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| **Defense of Apostolic Authority** |
| **Ministry Sincerity** | **Giving** | **Ministry Authority** |
| **Chapters 1–7** | **Chapters 8–9** | **Chapters 10–13** |
| **Defense of Paul’s** **Motives** | **Defense of Paul’s** **Worth** | **Defense of Paul’s** **Traits** |
| **Character of Paul** | **Collection for Saints** | **Credentials of Paul** |
| Greeting1:1-11 | Defends Conduct1:12–2:17 | Defends Ministry3:1–6:10 | Restore Confi-dence6:11–7:16 | Examples8:1-9 | Purpose8:10-15 | Arrange-ments8:16–9:5 | Benefits9:6-15 | Defense10 | Offense11:1–12:18 | Warning12:19–13:10 | Closing13:11-14 |
| **Macedonia** |
| **Fall AD 56** |

**Key Word: Apostleship**

**Key Verse: “For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ” (2 Corinthians 4:5-6).**

**Summary Statement:**

**Paul *defends his apostleship* against attacking false teachers to assure both the Corinthians’ *doctrinal foundation* and their promise to give to Jerusalem saints, thus providing an example of respect for and giving to church leaders today.**

**Applications:**

**I can best open my heart to God by…**

**For Church Lay People: Do you frequently criticize your spiritual leaders? (In other words, do you have a problem submitting to authority?)**

**For Spiritual Leaders: Are you fearful of defending your God-given spiritual authority?**

**Galatians**

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| **Justification by Faith Freedom from the Law? Christian Liberty?** |
| **Judaizer Attack #1****“Paul teaches this doctrine by his own authority!”** | **Judaizer Attack #2****“This is a new teaching contrary to the OT!”** | **Judaizer Attack #3****“Teaching faith alone will encourage a sinful lifestyle!”** |
| **Paul’s Defense:****“God called me and the 12 apostles affirmed this”** | **Paul’s Defense:****“Salvation has always been by faith–even in the OT”** | **Paul’s Defense:****“No, justification by faith naturally leads to godly living”** |
| **Biographical**  | **Theological**  | **Practical**  |
| **Chapters 1–2**  | **Chapters 3–4** | **Chapters 5–6** |
| **Upholds** **Apostleship**  | **Upholds****Justification by Faith**  | **Upholds****Responsibilities**  |
| **Rebuke**  | **Relationships**  | **Affirmed**  | **Illustrated** | **Balance**  | **Service**  | **Warnings**  |
| **1:1-9**  | **1:10–2:21**  | **3** | **4**  | **5**  | **6:1-10**  | **6:11-18** |
| **Antioch of Syria** |
| **Fall AD 49 (after first missionary journey)** |

**Key Word: Justification**

**Key Verse: “[We Jews] know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified” (Galatians 2:16).**

**Summary Statement:**

**Paul defends his apostleship and *justification by faith* so that the Galatians would not seek salvation through adherence to the law.**

**Application:**

**Do you add *any* other requirements for salvation except faith in Christ–baptism, tongues, good works or any other good deed?**

**The logical result of justification by faith is godliness.**

**Ephesians**

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| **Jew-Gentile Unity Shown in Love** |
| **Unity as Equals**  | **Love as Testimony**  |
| **Chapters 1–3** | **Chapters 4–6** |
| **Doctrine** | **Application** |
| **Position**  | **Practice** |
| **Belief** | **Behaviour** |
| **Privileges**  | **Responsibilities** |
| **Salutation****1:1-2** | **Position****1:3-23** | **Reconciliation****2** | **Uniqueness****3** | **Unity****4:1-16** | **Holiness****4:17–5:20** | **Submission****5:21–6:9** | **Reliance****6:10-20** | **Love****6:21-24** |
| **Rome** |
| **Fall AD 60 (first Roman imprisonment)** |

**Key Word: Unity**

**Key Verses: “As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace” (4:1-3).**

**Summary Statement:**

**Paul explains God's mystery–the *unity of Jews and Gentiles* in the Church who are equal positionally–to exhort these two groups at Ephesus to live worthy of this calling through a *unified love* for one another as a testimony to the world.**

**Application:**

**Do you *really* believe you are equal with other members of the body of Christ?**

**• Filipino maids?**

**• Former Muslims (Malays)?**

**• Believers in prison?**

**• Poor churches of India, Myanmar, Bangladesh, etc.?**

**How do you express your unity with believers who are different from you?**

**Philippians**

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| **Results of Imitating Christ’s Attitude** |
| **Joy**  | **Humility**  | **Protection** | **Peace**  |
| **Chapter 1**  | **Chapter 2** | **Chapter 3** | **Chapter 4** |
| **Joy (5x)**  | **Joy (7x)**  | **Joy (1x)**  | **Joy (4x)** |
| **Attitude (1x)** | **Attitude (7x)** | **Attitude (8x)** | **Attitude (4x)** |
| **Suffering**  | **Submission** | **Salvation** | **Sanctification** |
| Salutation1:1-2 | Thanks & Prayer1:3-11 | In Prison Ministry1:12-30 | Exhorted2:1-4 | Exemplified2:5-30 | From Legalism3:1-16 | From Indulgence3:17-21 | With People4:1-3 | With God4:4-9 | Always4:10-20–Greetings4:21-23 |
| **Rome** |
| **Early Spring AD 62 (first Roman imprisonment)** |

**Key Word: Attitude**

**Key Verse: “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus”
(Philippians 2:5).**

**Summary Statement:**

**Paul exhorts the Philippian believers to *imitate Christ’s attitude* that they may experience joy, humility, and peace to be protected from *false teachers and disunity* in the church.**

**Application: How do you need to show a more Christ-like attitude during difficulty?**

**Note: Words for “joy” total 17 times in the letter but words for “attitude” total 20 times.**

**Colossians**

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| **Deity of Christ vs. Syncretistic Heresy** |
| **Supremacy/Deity**  | **Practical Instruction**  |
| **Chapters 1–2** | **Chapters 3–4** |
| **Heretical Living**  | **Holy Living** |
| **Belief** | **Behaviour** |
| **Greeting & Prayer** **1:1-14** | **Supremacy & Deity****1:15–2:3**  | **Syncretistic****Heresy****2:4-23** | **Position:****Union with Christ****3:1-4** | **Practice:****Holiness in Relationships****3:5–4:6** | **Conclusion****4:7-18**  |
| **Rome** |
| **Autumn AD 61 (first Roman imprisonment)** |

**Key Word: Deity**

**Key Verse: “For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form” (Colossians 2:9).**

**Summary Statement:**

**Paul instructs the Colossian church in the supremacy and *deity of Christ* and exhorts practical outworking of this doctrine in order to fight a *syncretistic heresy* threatening the life and ministry of the church.**

**Application:**

**Know the deity of Christ well so you can warn your church members.**

**Avoid legalism & asceticism**

**1 Thessalonians**

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| **Preparation for the Rapture** |
| **Innocence of Greed**  | **Principles for Growth**  |
| **Chapters 1–3** | **Chapters 4–5** |
| **Personal**  | **Practical**  |
| **Silence Slanders** | **Strengthen Stand** |
| **Historical**  | **Hortatory**  |
| **Reflections**  | **Exhortations**  |
| **Looking Back**  | **Looking Forward**  |
| **Commendation****1:1-10**  | **Conduct****2:1-16** | **Concern****2:17–3:13** | **Love****4:1-12**  | **Eschatology****4:13–5:11** | **Church Life****5:12-28** |
| “You’re great!”  | “I’m innocent”  | “I care for you”  | “Please God”  | “Be comforted but watchful”  | “Live holy”  |
| **Corinth** |
| **Early Summer AD 51 (on second missionary journey)** |

**Key Word: Rapture**

**Key Verse: “May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones” (1 Thessalonians 3:12-13).**

**Summary Statement:**

**Paul prepares the Thessalonians for the Rapture by defending his motives for starting the church (to silence accusations of greed) and instructing the believers (to strengthen the church's doctrinal and relational foundation so it can continue to grow).**

**Application:**

**Be prepared for Christ’s return with your money, friends and Bible.**

**2 Thessalonians**

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|  **Tribulation Corrections** |
| **Persevere in Persecution**  | **Day Still Future**  | **Discipline the Idle**  |
| **Chapter 1** | **Chapter 2** | **Chapter 3** |
| **Emotional**  | **Theological**  | **Practical**  |
| **Encouragement****in Persecution**  | **Explanation****of the Day** | **Exhortation****in Body Life** |
| **Discouraged****Believers**  | **Disturbed****Believers**  | **Disobedient****Believers**  |
| **Correction** **of Perspective**  | **Correction** **of Doctrine** | **Correction** **of Behaviour** |
| **Salutation****1:1-2**  | **Reward vs. Judgment****1:3-12** | **Pretrib.****Teaching****2:1-2**  | **Antichrist****Prerequisite****2:3-12** | **Stand****Firm****2:13-17**  | **Prayer****Requests****3:1-5** | **Discipline****Idle****3:6-15** | **Blessing****Given****3:16-18** |
| **Corinth** |
| **Late Summer AD 51** |

**Key Word: Tribulation**

**Key Verse: Do not “become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction” (2 Thessalonians 2:2-3).**

**Summary Statement:**

**Paul corrects the persecuted Thessalonians' misconception that the *day of the Lord* (Tribulation) had already begun to exhort perseverance among the disheartened and industry among the idle to help them stand firm in correct doctrine despite *false teachers.***

**Application: Do you study eschatology, believing that it affects your behaviour as a Christian?**

**1 Timothy**

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| **Church Order** **(is maintained by giving priority to…)** |
| **Combat False Teachers** | **Church** **Life** | **Personal Life/Doctrine** | **Various Church Groups** | **Warning Against Materialism** |
| **Chapter 1** | **Chapters 2–3** | **Chapter 4** | **5:1–6:10**  | **6:11-21**  |
| **Doctrine**  | **Worship** | **Example** | **Respect** | **Priorities** |
| **Warning**  | **People** | **Warning** | **People** | **Warning** |
| SalutationFight heresiesGod’s graceCharge | PrayerGender RolesLeader QualitiesPurpose of Epistle | Future heresyWatch lifeWatch doctrine | Respect everyoneWidowsEldersSlavesFalse teachers | Spiritual goalsWealthy must giveClosing charge |
| **Practical Exhortations Throughout**(in contrast to the normal theology then application Pauline epistle structure) |
| **From Macedonia to Ephesus** |
| **Autumn AD 62** |

**Key Word: Order**

**Key Verse: “… I am writing you these instructions so that…you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of truth” (1 Tim. 3:14-15).**

**Summary Statement:**

**Paul exhorts Timothy to courageously guard his personal *life, doctrine, and local church order* in order to preserve the ministry of the Ephesian church against ascetic and speculative *false teachers.***

**Application:**

**We can defeat heresy by obeying God’s priorities for church order.**

**2 Timothy**

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| **Sound Doctrine Against Opposition** |
| **Persevere in Present Hardship** | **Persevere in Future Hardship** |
| **Chapters 1–2** | **Chapters 3–4** |
| **Examples** **of Faithfulness****1** | **Characteristics** **of Faithfulness****2** | **Problem:** **Apostasy****3:1-9**  | **Solution:****Preach the Word****3:10–4:5**  | **Paul’s Hope****4:6-22** |
| **Eunice****Lois****Paul****Onesiphorus** | **Discipling****Single-minded****Obedient****Hardworking****Biblical****Holy****Gentle** | **Godlessness****Hypocrisy** | **Preaching****Persevering****Rebuking****Encouraging****Evangelism**  | **Martyrdom****Betrayals****Greetings****Benediction** |
| **Rome to Ephesus** |
| **Autumn AD 67 (second Roman imprisonment)** |

**Key Word: Doctrine**

**Key Verse: “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work… Preach the Word” (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 4:2).**

**Summary Statement:**

**Persevere against apostasy despite hardship by faithfully *preaching the Word*.**

**Application:**

**Faithfully obey and preach God’s Word.**

**Is anything more powerful against heresy than God’s Word—methods, logic, ignoring false teaching, etc.? While teaching proper doctrine is not the only thing needed, it is the most important thing.**

**Titus**

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| **Sound Conduct Against Opposition** |
| **Appoint Elders** | **Set Things in Order**  |
| **Prevent** **False Doctrine** | **Practice** **True Doctrine**  |
| **Elders** **vs. False Teachers** | **Conduct** **for Various Groups**  | **Grace** **Leads to Godliness**  |
| **Chapter 1**  | **2:1-10**  | **2:11–3:15**  |
| **Organize**  | **Teach** | **Grace** |
| Truth leads to godliness1:1-4  | Elders1:5-16  | Older Men2:1-2 | Older Women2:3 | Younger Women2:4-5 | YoungerMen2:6-8 | Slaves2:9-10 | Educates2:11-15 | Empowers3:1-2 | Motivates3:3-8 | Protects3:9-11 | Concl.3:12-15 |
| **Asia Minor to Crete** |
| **Summer AD 66** |

**Key Word: Conduct**

**Key Verse: “This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone” (Titus 3:8).**

**Summary Statement:**

**The way we can be reputable amidst false teachers is through godly elders who teach respectable conduct based on God’s grace.**

**Application:**

**Our elders must teach respectable conduct based on God’s grace.**

**The grace of God must result in our proper conduct.**

**Do you do good deeds:**

**• because you fear punishment by God (external motivation, the law) or**

**• because you love Him in response to His grace?**

**Philemon**

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| **Forgive Others and Seek Forgiveness** |
| **Greeting****1-3** | **Prayer & Commendation****4-7** | **Appeal for Onesimus****8-21** | **Conclusion****22-25** |
| **Preface** | **Praise** | **Petition** | **Postscript** |
| **People****Concerned** | **Philemon’s****Character** | **Onesimus’****Conversion** | **Paul’s****Co-Workers** |
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| **Rome to Colosse** |
| **Fall AD 61** |

**Key Word: Forgiveness**

**Key Verse: “So if you consider me a partner, welcome him [Onesimus] as you would welcome me. If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me” (Philemon 17-18).**

**Summary Statement:**

**Paul requests the Christian slave owner, Philemon, for *forgiveness* for his runaway but repentant slave, Onesimus, whom Paul lead to Christ and sent back to Philemon for restatement as Christian brother to teach *how to forgive and be forgiven.***

**Application: With whom do best relate to now?**

**1. Philemon: Whom do you need to *forgive* a wrong done to you?**

**2. Onesimus: Whose forgiveness do you need to *request*?**

**3. Paul: How can you *help* two others reconcile?**

**4. The Church: How can you *affirm* the reconciliation of others?**

**Hebrews**

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| **Christ's Superiority over Judaism as High Priest** |
| **Superiority in His** **Person to…** | **Superiority in His** **Priestly Work to…** | **Endurance Through Faith**  |
| **1:1–4:13**  | **4:14–10:18** | **10:19–13:25** |
| Prophets1:1-3 | Angels1:4–2:18 | Moses3:1–4:13 | Aaron4:14–6:20 | Melch.7 | Old Cov.8 | Taber-nacle9:1-10 | Sacri-fices9:11–10:18 | Will-ful Sin10:19-39 | Models11:1–12:3 | Endure as Sons12:4-13 | Ethics12:14-17 | Ignoring God12:18-29 | Exhor.13 |
| **Christ’s Majesty** | **Christ’s Ministry** | **Christian’s Manifestation** |
| **Theology** | **Practice** |
| **Unknown Author, Recipients, Origin, and Destination!** |
| **AD 67-68** |

**Key Word: Superiority**

**Key Verse: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him, endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:1-2).**

**Summary Statement:**

**An unknown author shows Hebrew believers the *superiority of Christ as High Priest* and the superiority of Christianity over Judaism to exhort them to endure persecution rather than *return to their former life* under Judaism.**

**Application:**

**Where do you need to press on?**

**James**

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| **Faith is Revealed through Works** |
| **Rejoices in Difficulty**  | **Obeys the Word**  | **Avoids Favoritism** | **Produces Works** | **Speaks Wisely** | **Produces Humility** | **Triumphs** |
| **1:1-18** | **1:19-27** | **2:1-13** | **2:14-26** | **3** | **4:1—5:6** | **5:7-20** |
| SalutationTrialsTemptations | ListeningAngerObedienceSpeechCompassionPurity | DiscriminationMaterialismEgalitarianism | Meeting NeedsValidation | InfluenceUntamableUseWisdom | ConflictJudgingPresumption | PatiencePrayerConfrontation |
| **Jerusalem** |
| **AD 44-47** |

**Key Word: Works**

**Key Verse: “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says” (James 1:22).**

**Summary Statement:**

**James exhorts early Jewish believers throughout the Roman Empire that Christian *faith is shown through works* that they might replace their *hypocrisy* with good deeds in maturity and holiness.**

**Application:**

**If you believe, show it!**

**What specific works noted in the letter of James do you consistently do that reveals your calling as a Christian?**

**Others should see *works* resulting from our belief in Christ (James 2:14-26; cf. 1 John 2:3-6, 9-11, 18-19, 24-25; 3:24; 4:20; etc.).**

**1 Peter**

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| **Endurance in Righteous Suffering by God’s Grace****(is achieved by…)** |
| **Sanctification** | **Submission** | **Selflessness** |
| **1:1–2:12** | **2:13–3:12** | **3:13–5:14** |
| **Holiness** | **Humility** | **Honoring Others** |
| Salu-tation1:1-2 | Praise for Hope1:3-12 | Holy Life Exhorted1:13—2:12 | Gov’t2:13-17 | WorkPlace2:18-25 | Marri-age3:1-7 | Church & all of life3:8-12 | Christ’s Triumph3:13—4:6 | Edify Others4:7-19 | Elders5:1-4 | Young Men5:5a | Humility/Watchfulness5:5b-11 | Purpose5:12-14 |
| **Rome to Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia** |
| **Early AD 64** |

**Key Word: Suffering**

**Key Verses: “Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed…. I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it” (1 Peter 4:12-13; 5:12).**

**Summary Statement:**

**Believers must *suffer properly for Christ* as holy, submissive, and selfless witnesses motivated by Christ's example and the hope of future glory to help *attract others* to hear their message.**

**Application:**

**Show a holy humility that honors others.**

**Your response to suffering for Christ will either draw unbelievers to Jesus or repel them. Do you suffer with integrity?**

**"When it is all over, you will not regret having suffered;
rather you will regret having suffered so little—
and suffered that little so badly."**

**— Sebastian Valfre (1629-1710) —**

**2 Peter**

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| **Knowledge to Combat False Teaching** |
| **God’s Election**  | **Future Apostasy**  | **Lord’s Return** |
| **Chapter 1** | **Chapter 2** | **Chapter 3** |
| Salutation1:1-2 | Provides Every Need1:3-11 | Foundation of Knowledge1:12-21 | False Teachers Coming2:1-3a | End in Hell2:3b-10a | Character Described2:10b-22 | Scoffers Before Rapture3:1-4 | Destroys Heaven & Earth3:5-13 | Motivates Holiness 3:14-16 | Protection/Growth Exorted3:17-18 |
| **Adequacy of** **Believers** | **Inadequacy of** **Unbelievers** | **Expectancy of** **Believers** |
| **Holiness** | **Heresy** | **Hope** |
| **Disciples of the Lord** | **Diabolical Leaders** | **Day of the Lord** |
| **Rome to North Asia Minor** |
| **AD 64** |

**Key Word: Knowledge**

**Key Verse: “Therefore, dear friends, since you already *know* this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. But grow in the grace and *knowledge* of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen” (2 Peter 3:17-18).**

**Summary Statement:**

**Peter reminds north Asian believers of their *knowledge* of the characteristics and future destruction of false teachers and of the grace of Jesus Christ in order to combat *false teaching* and stimulate *growth in godliness.***

**Application:**

**Is God’s Word shaping you to grow in the grace and the knowledge of Christ?**

**1 John**

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| **Obedience in Love Combats Early Gnosticism** |
| **Necessity of** **Obedience** | **Characteristics of** **Love** | **Benefits of** **Obedience**  |
| **Chapters 1–2** | **3:1–5:3** | **5:4-21**  |
| **Humanity of Christ****Prerequisites to obedience****Hindrances to obedience** | **Don’t sin****Don’t hate believers****Compassion****Confidence before God****Obey apostolic teaching****Care for believers****Obey God's commands** | **Victory over the world****Assurance of salvation****Guidance in prayer****Freedom from sin****Fidelity to God** |
| **Ephesus to Asia Minor Churches** |
| **AD 85-95** |

**Key Word: Love**

**Key Verse: “I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray… And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming” (1 John 2:26, 28).**

**Summary Statement:**

**John writes a general letter encouraging his readers to *obey God's commands by loving others* in order to protect them from *early Gnosticism* which denied either Christ’s deity or humanity.**

**Application:**

**How can you show love to another believer so that heresy might be thwarted?
Whom do you know that needs to see Christian love shown to turn from false teaching?**

**2 John**

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| **Limits to Love** |
| **Aid True Teachers** | **Avoid False Teachers**  |
| **Verses 1-6**  | **Verses 7-13** |
| **Walk in Commandments**  | **Watch for Counterfeits** |
| **Positive**  | **Negative**  |
| **Demonstrate Truth**  | **Defend Truth**  |
| **Greeting in Truth and Love****(1-3)** | **Children’s Obedience Commended****(4)** | **Exhortation to Love****(5-6)** | **Prohibition to Help False Teachers****(7-11)** | **Expected Visit & Greetings****(12-13)** |
| **Ephesus** |
| **AD 85-95** |

**Key Word: Limits**

**Key Verses: “Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your home or welcome him” (2 John 9-10).**

**Summary Statement:**

**John exhorts *limitations to love* for a Christian woman and her children who show hospitality to missionaries but need warning not to extend the same to false teachers to warn against *aiding the spread of destructive heresies.***

**Application:**

**Live the gospel by not aiding those who hinder the gospel.**

**3 John**

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| **Supporting Missionaries** |
| **1-8**  | **9-11**  | **12-14** |
| **Gaius**  | **Diotrephes**  | **Demetrius**  |
| **Commended** | **Condemned**  | **Recommended**  |
| **Supported****Missionaries** | **Opposed****Missionaries**  | **Is a****Missionary**  |
| Greetings & Prayer1-2 | Joy over Godliness3-4 | Support Confirmed5-8 | for Rejecting John9 | for OpposingMissionaries10 | for Doing Evil11 | GoodReputation12 | VisitAnticipated13-14a | AffectionateGreetings14b-d |
| **Asia Minor** |
| **c. AD 90** |

**Key Word: Missionaries**

**Key Verse: “We ought therefore to show hospitality to such men [missionaries] so that we may work**

**together for the truth” (3 John 8).**

**Summary Statement:**

**John encourages Gaius to continue *supporting missionaries* such as Demetrius despite opposition from Diotrephes (a godless leader who opposes supporting them) to help the church to see its *responsibility to finance God’s work.***

**Application:**

 **How are you advancing the gospel by supporting missionaries through hospitality and finances?**

**Jude**

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| **Contending Against Pretenders** |
| **Why to Contend** | **How to Contend** |
| **Intro**  | **Pretenders’** **Practices** | **How to Avoid** **Pretenders’ Snares** | **Praise for Preservation** |
| **Verses 1-2**  | **Verses 3-16** | **Verses 17-23** | **Verses 24-25** |
| Greet-ing1 | Bless-ing2 | Purpose of Epistle: Defend the faith3-4 | OT Pretenders5-7(Past) | Charac-teristics8-13(Present) | Judgment14-16(Future) | Remember Apostles’ Predictions17-19 | Nurture Oneself in God’s Love20-21 | Show Mercy to Pretenders’ Followers 22-23 | Source of Victory24 | Only Savior25 |
| **Unknown Origin to Probably Palestine** |
| **c. AD 75** |

**Key Word: Pretenders**

**Key Verse: “…Contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord” (Jude 3b-4).**

**Summary Statement:**

**Jude warns Christians at large of *pretenders*—unbelievers who have infiltrated their churches masking themselves as Christians but perverting the truth by their lifestyles of license—in order to defend the *holiness* of the church.**

**Application:**

**Do you fight those who introduce godlessness in the church—or do you let them get away with lowering the standard?**

**Revelation**

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| **Sovereignty of Christ in Future Victory** |
| **Sovereignty** **in His Person** | **Sovereignty** **over Churches** | **Sovereignty** **in End-Time Events** |
| **Chapter 1**  | **Chapters 2–3** | **Chapters 4–22** |
| **“What you have seen” (1:19a)** | **“What is now”****(1:19b)** | **“What will take place later”****(1:19c)** |
| **Past**  | **Present** | **Future** |
| **Christ Unveiled**  | **Churches Unveiled** | **Consummation Unveiled** |
| **God** **on Earth**  | **God’s Ambassadors****on Earth** | **Hell on Earth to****Heaven on Earth** |
| **The Judge**  | **The Assignments** | **The Judgments & Rewards** |
| Subject1:1-3 | Worship of Trinity1:4-8 | Glorified Christ1:9-20 | Seven Churches of Asia:EphesusSmyrnaPergamumThyatiraSardisPhiladelphiaLaodicea | Tribulation4:1–19:10 | Second Coming19:11-21 | Millennium20 | Eternal State21:1–22:5 | Closing: Imminency22:6-21 |
| **Island of Patmos (c. AD 95)** |

**Key Word: Triumph**

**Key Verse: “Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now, and what will take place later” (Revelation 1:19).**

**Summary Statement:**

**God discloses through John the *sovereignty of Jesus Christ* in His ultimate future triumph to encourage believers to *persevere despite internal compromise and external opposition.***

**Application:**

**Jesus rules the world! So he can handle your puny problem.**