

Studies in Acts

WAITING FOR PENTECOST

(Acts 1:1-26)

INTRODUCTION

1. **Acts** is the history of the work of the Holy Spirit in the church
2. **Acts** gives us the New Testament's doctrine of the church
3. **Acts** shows us how the evangelistic impulse of the church exploded

I. A MESSAGE TO PROCLAIM (v.1-2)

1. The continuity of the message (v.1)
2. A Christ-centred message (v.1-2)
3. Chosen and equipped (v.2)

II. A PROMISE TO RECEIVE (v.3-5)

1. The kingdom of God (v.3)
2. The baptism of the Holy Spirit (v.4-5)

III. A VISION TO GRASP (v.6-11)

1. A lack of vision (v.6)
2. Jesus' programme for the church (v.7-8)
3. Confirmation and commission (v.9-11)

IV. A LEADERSHIP TO BE REVIVED (v.12-26)

1. The failure of Judas Iscariot (v.16-20)
2. A new apostle (v.21-26)

CONCLUSION

Outline for
THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (1)

I. THE CHURCH AT JERUSALEM (1:1 - 8:3)

1. Preparation (**1:1-26**)
 - a) Jesus' ministry and ascension (**v.1-11**)
 - b) Days of waiting (**v.12-14**)
 - c) Appointment of Matthias (**v.15-26**)
2. Birth (**2:1-47**)
 - a) The Spirit's manifestation (**v.1-13**)
 - b) Peter's sermon (**v.14-40**)
 - c) Converts (**v.41-47**)
3. Growth of the church (**3:1 - 4:37**)
 - a) Miracle (**3:1-10**)
 - b) Message (**3:11-26**)
 - c) Opposition (**4:1-22**)
 - d) Confirmation (**4:23-31**)
 - e) State of the church (**4:32-37**)
4. Problems (**5:1 - 8:3**)
 - a) Ananias and Sapphira (**5:1-11**)
 - b) Persecution of the apostles (**5:12-42**)
 - c) Care of the needy (**6:1-7**)
 - d) Persecution of Stephen (**6:8 - 7:60**)
 - e) Persecution of the church (**8:1-3**)

Outline for
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (2)

II. THE CHURCH IN JUDEA, SAMARIA AND SYRIA (8:4 - 12:25)

1. Philip at Samaria (**8:4-25**)
2. Philip and the Ethiopian (**8:26-40**)
3. Paul's conversion and early labours (**9:1-31**)
4. Peter's ministry (**9:32 - 11:18**)
 - a) At Lydda and Joppa (**:32-43**)
 - b) Witness at Cornelius (**10:1-48**)
 - c) Report to the Jerusalem church (**11:1-18**)
5. Outreach to Antioch (**11:19-30**)
6. Peter's deliverance and Herod's demise (**12:1-25**)

III. THE CHURCH IN ASIA MINOR AND EUROPE (13:1 - 19:41)

1. Mission of Barnabas and Saul in Cyprus and South Galatia (**13:1 - 14:28**)
 - a) Commissioning (**13:1-3**)
 - b) Cyprus (**13:4-12**)
 - c) Pisidian Antioch (**13:1-52**)
 - d) Iconium (**14:1-7**)
 - e) Lystra (**14:8-18**)
 - f) Derbe and the return to Syrian Antioch (**14:19-28**)
2. Interlude of the Jerusalem Council (**15:1-35**)
3. Mission of Paul and Silas in Macedonia and Achaia (**15:36 - 18:17**)
 - a) Departure (**15:36-41**)
 - b) Early stages (**16:1-10**)
 - c) Philippi (**16:11-40**)
 - d) Thessalonica (**17:1-9**)

Outline for
THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (3)

- e) Berea (**17:10-15**)
 - f) Athens (**17:16-34**)
 - g) Corinth (**18:1-17**)
4. Mission of Paul in Ephesus (**18:18 - 19:41**)
- a) Preliminary visit (**18:18-23**)
 - b) Emergence of Apollos (**18:24-28**)
 - c) Triumphs of the gospel (**19:1-20**)
 - d) Plans for future work (**19:21-22**)
 - e) Artemis episode (**19:23-41**)

IV. THE WITNESS OF PAUL THE PRISONER (20:1 - 28:31)

- 1. Journey to Jerusalem (**20:1 - 21:16**)
- 2. Conference with leaders of the Jerusalem church (**21:17-26**)
- 3. Arrest (**21:27-40**)
- 4. Defence before the people (**22:1-21**)
- 5. Aftermath: Paul and the commander (**22:22-30**)
- 6. Defence before the Sanhedrin (**23:1-11**)
- 7. Plot against Paul's life (**23:12-22**)
- 8. Transfer to Caesarea (**23:23-35**)
- 9. Defence before Felix (**24:1-27**)
- 10. Defence before Festus and appeal to Caesar (**25:1-12**)
- 11. Defence before Agrippa (**25:13 - 26:32**)
- 12. Voyage and shipwreck (**27:1-44**)
- 13. Stay at Malta (**28:1-10**)
- 14. At Rome (**28:11-31**)

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STUDY 1

OUR RESOURCES

(Acts 1:1-5)

INTRODUCTION

1. Author
2. Addresses
3. Date

I. THE PROPER METHOD

1. Content
2. Power

II. THE PROPER MANIFESTATION

1. His appearance
2. His teaching

III. THE PROPER MIGHT

1. The promise
2. The fulfilment

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 2

CHRISTIAN WITNESS

(Acts 1:6-8)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE SUBJECT OF WITNESS

1. Personal testimony
2. Testimony to a person
3. Methods of testimony

II. THE SPHERE OF WITNESS

1. First circle
2. Second circle
3. Third circle

III. THE SOURCE OF WITNESS

1. Needed
2. Provided
3. Received

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 3

THE LIFE OF THE ASCENDED CHRIST
(Acts 1:9-11)

INTRODUCTION

I. A LIFE OF COMPLETED ACHIEVEMENT

1. His great work of redemption was finished
2. God's determinate counsel and foreknowledge
3. Keeping God's Law
4. Types

II. A LIFE OF FAMILY DIGNITY

1. God's thought of the risen Christ
2. Man's thought

III. A LIFE OF PERSONAL SATISFACTION

IV. A LIFE OF PRIESTLY SERVICE

1. Prayer
2. Bestowing Holy Spirit
3. Converting sinners
4. Overseeing the church
 - a) Individually
 - b) Collectively
5. Helping workers
6. Sympathising
7. Interceding
8. Welcoming

V. A LIFE OF GLORIOUS EXPECTATION

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 4

REPLACING THE TRAITOR
(Acts 1:12-26)

INTRODUCTION

I. SUBMISSION OF THE DISCIPLES (v.12-15)

1. In Jerusalem (**v.12**)
2. In the Upper Room (**v.12**)
3. In prayer (**v.14**)
4. In-gathered (**v.15**)

II. SUICIDE OF A DISCIPLE (v.16-20)

1. The betrayal of Judas (**v.16-17**)
2. The end of Judas (**v.18-19**)
3. The prophecy about Judas

III. SELECTION OF A DISCIPLE (v.21-26)

1. Qualifications
 - a) With Jesus from baptism to ascension
 - b) A witness of the resurrected Christ
 - c) Chosen by God
2. Nominees
 - a) Joseph Barsabbas
 - b) Matthias
3. Selection
 - a) By lots
 - b) Of Matthias

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 5

THE DAY OF PENTECOST
(Acts 2:1-13)

INTRODUCTION (v.1)

I. ON THEM (v.2-3)

1. Sound
 - a) As wind : life
 - b) Purifying
 - c) Vitalising
2. Sight
 - a) As fire : power
 - b) Energising
 - c) Purifying

II. IN THEM (v.4)

1. Soul
 - a) Presence of Christ
 - b) Centre of being
2. Heart
 - a) Love of Christ
 - b) Feelings
3. Life
 - a) Truth of Christ
 - b) Thoughts, words, deeds
4. How?
 - a) Self-examination
 - b) Confession
 - c) Yielding
 - d) Ask

III. THROUGH THEM (v.4-12)

1. Immediate testimony (**v.6**)
2. Impressive testimony (**v.7-11**)
3. Divine testimony (**v.12**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 6

CHRIST IS PREACHED - FIRST SERMON (Part 1)
(Acts 2:14-41)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE AGE OF FULFILMENT HAS COME (v.14-21)

1. Joel foretold the coming of the Holy Spirit
2. The outpouring of the Spirit is fulfilled from Pentecost on
3. The Holy Spirit will touch men and women of all nations
4. The gifts of the Spirit
5. The last days
6. The great and glorious day of the Lord
7. Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved

II. THE MAN JESUS IS BOTH LORD AND CHRIST (V.22-24)

1. Jesus was a man
2. Accredited by God by miracles
3. Put Him to death
4. God raised Him from the dead

III. THE SCRIPTURES FORETOLD THE EXALTATION OF THE RISEN CHRIST (v.25-36)

1. The Resurrection of Christ (v.25-32)
2. The exaltation of Christ (v.33-36)

IV. THE GOSPEL CALL TO SALVATION (v.37-41)

1. Convicted of sin (v.37)
2. Called to repentance (v.38-39)
3. Converted to Christ (v.40-41)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 7

THE FIRST CHRISTIAN SERMON (Part 2) **(Acts 2:37-40)**

INTRODUCTION

I. APPEAL (v.37-40)

1. Conviction (v.37)

- a) Consciousness of guilt - it was sin
- b) Consciousness of responsibility - it was personal sin
- c) Consciousness of powerlessness - it was irreparable sin

2. Direction (v.38-40)

- a) Blessings offered
 - (i) Pardon for past
 - (ii) Presence of the Holy Spirit for the present and future
- b) Conditions required
 - (i) Repentance
 - (ii) Baptism
- c) Promises made
 - (i) Certainty
 - (ii) Welcome
- d) Witness continued
 - (i) Testimony
 - (ii) Exhortation

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STUDY 7 (continued)

II. CONCLUSION

1. Matter

- a) Simple
 - (i) A powerful Christ
 - (ii) A personal invitation
- b) Complete
 - (i) Christ's life our pattern
 - (ii) Christ's death our pattern
 - (iii) Christ's resurrection our power
- c) Conditions
 - (i) Repentance
 - (ii) Faith
- d) Promises
 - (i) Pardon
 - (ii) Spirit
 - (iii) Eternal life

2. Man

- a) Scripture
- b) Reasoner
- c) Pleader

3. Method

- a) Scripture
- b) Christ real
- c) Spirit mighty

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STUDY 8

THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Acts 2:41-47)

INTRODUCTION

I. COMMENCEMENT (v.41-43)

1. Entrance into the church (**v.41**)
 - a) The Word of God was preached faithfully
 - b) The Word of God was heard contritely
 - c) The Word of God was received gladly
 - d) The Word of God was obeyed implicitly
2. Adherence to the church (**v.42**)
 - a) Apostle's teaching
 - b) Fellowship
 - c) Breaking of bread
 - (i) Remembrance
 - (ii) Fellowship
 - (iii) Hope for the future
 - (iv) Personal renewal
 - d) Prayer
3. Influence of the church (**v.43**)
 - a) Life was so real that awe and reverence fell on those around
 - b) Life was so powerful that miracles were done by the apostles

II. CONTINUATION (v.44-47)

1. A sharing church (**v.44-46**)
 - a) By meeting needs
 - (i) By selling possessions
 - (ii) By sharing proceeds
 - b) Continuing in the temple
 - (i) Prayer
 - (ii) Witnessing
 - c) Breaking bread
 - d) Eating meals
2. A joyful church (**v.46-47**)
 - a) Based on unity
 - b) Directed to God

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STUDY 9

THE HEALING OF THE LAME MAN

(Acts 3:1-10)

I. THE SCENE (v.1-3)

1. The persons who performed the miracle (**v.1**)
 - a) Good friends
 - b) At the temple
 - c) At three in the afternoon for prayer
2. The person who was healed (**v.2-3**)
 - a) Extreme
 - b) Expressed
 - c) Encouraged

II. THE SIGN (v.4-8a)

1. Unexpected
2. In the Name of Jesus Christ
3. Instantaneous
4. Complete

III. THE SEQUEL (v.8b-10)

1. The joy of man
2. Praise to God
3. People were filled with awe

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 10

PETER PREACHES CHRIST
(Acts 3:12-27)

I. THE INTRODUCTION (v.11-12)

1. The living illustration (v.11)
2. The first question (v.12a)
3. The second question (v.12b)

II. THE THEME (v.13)

1. The servant dignified (v.13)
2. The servant delivered
 - a) To Pilate
 - b) By the Jews
3. The Holy One denied (v.14)
4. The Righteous One disowned (v.14)
5. The Prince of Life destroyed (v.15-17)
 - a) The claim
 - b) Through faith in Him
6. Christ declared (v.18)

III. CONCLUSION (v.19-26)

1. Terms
 - a) Repent
 - (i) Intellectual
 - (ii) Emotional
 - (iii) Volitional
 - b) Turn to God
2. Reasons
 - a) Your sins will be forgiven (v.19)
 - b) The Kingdom will come (v.19)
 - c) The Messiah will return (v.20-21)
 - d) Judgement will be avoided (v.22-24)
 - e) Promised blessing will be realised

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 11

THE FIRST OPPOSITION
(Acts 4:1-31)

I. THE PERSECUTION MANIFEST (v.1-4)

1. The persecutors (v.1)
 - a) The priests
 - b) The captain of the temple guard
 - c) The Sadducees
2. The problem (v.2)
 - a) Peter and John taught the people
 - b) Peter and John preached Jesus
 - c) Peter and John proclaimed the resurrection of the dead
3. The persecution (v.3)
4. The progress (v.4)

II. THE PERSECUTION MET (v.5-31)

1. Be submissive (v.5-7)
 - a) To the people (v.5-6)
 - b) To the opportunity (v.7)
2. Be filled with the Spirit (v.8)
3. Be bold (v.8-12)
 - a) Introduction (v.8)
 - b) Assertion (v.9)
 - c) Indictment (v.10)
 - d) Quotation (v.11)
 - e) Invitation (v.12)
4. Be obedient to God (v.13-22)
 - a) The recognition (v.13)
 - b) The reply (v.14)
 - c) The rebuke (v.15-18)
 - (i) Planned (v.15-17)
 - (ii) Issued (v.18)
 - d) The response (v.19-21)
 - e) The release (v.21-22)
5. Bind yourselves closer together (v.23)
6. Bless the Lord (v.24-28)
 - a) The Creator (v.24)
 - b) Who anointed Jesus (v.25-27)
 - c) Who predestined the future (v.28)
7. Beseech God for greater boldness (v.29-31)
 - a) The prayer offered (v.29-30)
 - b) The prayer answered (v.31)

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STUDY 12

THE SINS OF THE SAINTS
(Acts 4:32 - 5:11)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE SHARING OF THE SAINTS (v.32-37)

1. Spiritual participation (**v.32**)
 - a) Pre-occupation with each other
 - b) Pre-occupation with reaching the lost
2. Strong preaching (**v.33**)
 - a) Given by the apostles
 - b) Grace for the apostles
3. Sharing practically (**v.34-35**)
 - a) The attitude (**v.32b**)
 - b) The act (**v.34**)
 - c) The distribution (**v.35**)
4. Sample person (**v.36-37**)
 - a) The person (**v.36**)
 - b) The possession (**v.37**)

II. THE SINS OF THE SAINTS (5:1-11)

1. Sinful pretence (**v.1-2**)
 - a) The sale (**v.1**)
 - b) The sin (**v.2**)
2. Spiritual perception (**v.3-4**)
 - a) Occupation of Satan (**v.3**)
 - b) Deception of Ananias (**v.4**)
3. Swift punishment (**v.5-11**)
 - a) His death (**v.5-6**)
 - (i) Physically
 - (ii) Judicially
 - b) Peter (**v.8-9**)
 - (i) His question
 - (ii) His pronouncement
 - c) Sapphira (**v.7-10**)
 - (i) Entry
 - (ii) Lie
 - (iii) Death
 - (iv) Burial
 - d) People (**v.11**)
 - (i) The whole church
 - (ii) All who heard

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STUDY 13

THE EARLY CHURCH PATTERN FOR EVANGELISM
(Acts 5:12 - 6:1)

INTRODUCTION

I. PURITY (5:12-14)

1. Oneness of believers (**v.12b-14**)
2. Fear of the people (**v.13a**)
3. Esteem of the people (**v.13b**)
4. The addition of believers (**v.14**)

II. POWER (v.15-16)

1. The work of the apostles (**cf. V.12**)
2. The belief of the people (**v.15-16**)

III. PERSECUTION (v.17-28)

1. The apostles arrested (**v.17-18**)
 - a) By the religious leaders
 - b) Because of jealousy
2. The apostles released (**v.19-21**)
 - a) The method (**v.19-20**)
 - b) The message (**v.21**)
3. The apostles summoned (**v.21-25**)
4. The apostles accused (**v.26-28**)
 - a) Of disobeying the Sanhedrin
 - b) Of indicting the Sanhedrin

IV. PERSISTENCE (v.29-32)

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STUDY 13 (continued)

V. PRODUCTIVITY (v.33-42)

1. Violent hostility (**v.33**)
 - a) Reception
 - b) Reaction
 - c) Response

2. Tolerant indecision (**v.33-40**)
 - a) The Pharisee (**v.34**)
 - (i) His name
 - (ii) His position
 - (iii) His reputation
 - (iv) His ancestry
 - (v) His disciple

 - b) The past (**v.35-37**)
 - (i) The caution (**v.35**)
 - (ii) The men (**v.36-37**)

 - c) The proposal (**v.38-39**)
 - (i) If it is of men (**v.38**)
 - (ii) If it is of God (**v.39**)

 - d) The punishment (**v.40**)
 - (i) Thirty-nine stripes
 - (ii) Two pieces of leather

3. Saving acceptance (**5:41 - 6:1**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 14

SPIRITUAL ORGANISATION
(Acts 6:1-7)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE REASON (6:1-2, 4)

1. The increase of the disciples
2. Complaint of Grecian Jews
3. The statement of the apostles

II. THE REQUIREMENTS (v.3)

1. Men
2. From among you
3. Full of the Holy Spirit
4. Full of wisdom

III. THE ROSTER (v.5-6)

1. The approval of the congregation
2. The choices of the congregation

IV. THE RESULTS (v.6-7)

1. The spread of the Word
2. The increase of the disciples
3. The obedience of the priests

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 15

A MAN FULL OF FAITH
(Acts 6:1-15)

INTRODUCTION

I. APPOINTED (v.1-7)

1. The problem - neglect of the Hellenist Jewish women (**v.1**)
2. The proposal - a special ministry of mercy (**v.2-4**)
 - a) Men
 - b) Among
 - c) Full of Holy Spirit
 - d) Wisdom
3. The provision - the election of deacons (**v.5-7**)
4. The results
 - a) The Word spread
 - b) Increase in disciples
 - c) Obedience of priests

II. ACCUSED (v.8-14)

1. A faithful witness (**v.8**)
2. A false accusation (**v.9-16**)

III. AT BAY (v.15)

1. He expected opposition
2. Had a clear understanding of God's Word
3. Had borne faithful witness to Jesus
4. Had lived a holy life

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 15

THE MAN WITH THE FACE OF AN ANGEL
(Acts 6:5-15)

I. HIS CHOOSING (v.5)

II. HIS CHARACTER (v.5, 8)

1. Full of faith
 - a) God ruled history
 - b) Jesus was the Messiah
 - c) Jesus was risen and exalted
 - d) Jesus cared for him
2. Full of the Holy Spirit
 - a) Endowment for a particular ministry
 - b) Equipment for service
 - c) Command
3. Full of grace
4. Full of power
 - a) Wonders
 - b) Signs

III. HIS COURAGE (v.9-14)

1. Selecting to debate (v.9-10)
 - a) Opponents (v.9)
 - b) Results (v.10)
2. Secretly inducing men (v.11)
 - a) Blasphemy against Moses
 - b) Blasphemy against God
3. Stirring up the people (v.12)
4. Selecting false witnesses (v.13-14)
 - a) Against the Holy Place
 - b) Against the Law
 - c) Against Jesus

IV. HIS COUNTENANCE (v.15)

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STUDY 16

THE FIRST MARTYR
(Acts 7:1 - 8:1)

INTRODUCTION

I. DEFENCE (7:1-53)

1. Abraham - an everlasting covenant (**v.2-8**)
2. Joseph - free grace vs jealousy (**v.9-16**)
3. Moses - deliverance vs unbelief (**v.17-43**)
4. Tabernacle - spirituality vs formalism (**v.44-50**)
5. Conclusion (**v.51-53**)
 - a) Unwilling to report
 - b) Exclusive outward form of religion
 - c) Resist the Holy Spirit
 - d) Rejection of the Person and Work of Christ
 - e) Disobedient

II. DEATH (7:54 - 8:1)

1. Unreserved trust in the Lord Jesus Christ
2. Love for His enemies
3. Saul

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 17

THE STONING OF STEPHEN
(Acts 7:54 - 8:1)

INTRODUCTION

I. FULL OF ANGER vs FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (7:54-55)

1. The Jews (**v.54**)
 - a) They were furious
 - b) Gnashed their teeth at Him
2. Stephen (**v.55**)
 - a) Full of the Holy Spirit
 - b) Bold in the face of death

II. SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS vs SPIRITUAL SIGHT (7:55-57)

1. Stephen (**v.55-56**)
 - a) What he saw (**v.55**)
 - (i) The glory of God
 - (ii) Jesus standing at the right hand of God
 - b) What he said (**v.56**)
2. The Jews (**v.57**)
 - a) Covered their ears
 - b) Yelled at the top of their voices
 - c) Rushed at him

III. DEATH vs LIFE (7:58)

1. The Jews
 - a) The legality of stoning
 - (i) Had to be stoned outside the city (**Lev. 24:14**)
 - (ii) Stoning was the punishment for blasphemy (**Lev. 24:16**)
 - (iii) The man who witnessed has to be the executioner as well (**Deut. 17:7**)
 - b) The manner of stoning (according to the Mishnah, the Jewish codification of the Law)
 - (i) The drop from the stoning place was twice the height of a man
 - (ii) One of the witnesses pushes the criminal off from behind, so he falls face forward.
 - (iii) Then he is turned on his back.
 - (iv) If he dies from the fall, that is sufficient.
 - (v) If not, the second witness takes a large stone and drops it on his heart
 - (vi) If this causes death, it is sufficient
 - (vii) If not, he is stoned by all the congregation of Israel
2. Stephen

IV. HATE vs LOVE (7:59 - 8:1)

1. The Jews
2. Saul (**8:1**)
3. Stephen (**7:59-60**)

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STUDY 18

REACHING OUT

(Acts 8:1-40)

INTRODUCTION

I. OVERTHROWING PREJUDICE (v.1-4)

II. TO SAMARIA - SIMON THE SORCERER (v.5-25)

1. The conversion of the Samaritans (**v.5-13**)
2. The Samaritan Pentecost (**v.14-17**)
3. When faith is less than real (**v.18-24**)
4. The work goes on (**v.25**)

III. TO AFRICA - THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH (v.26-40)

1. The Lord's leading (**v.26-29**)
2. Love for the lost (**v.30**)
3. Pointing to Christ (**v.31-35**)
4. Receiving Christ (**v.36-40**)

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STUDY 19

THE FAITH THAT DOES NOT SAVE
(Acts 8:9-24)

INTRODUCTION

I. WRONG VIEW OF SELF (v.9-11)

1. His name (**v.9a**)
 - a) Simon
 - b) Practical sorcery
2. His claim (**v.9b**)
3. His fame (**v.10-11**)
 - a) Gains attention
 - b) Astonished the people

II. WRONG VIEW OF SALVATION (v.12-13)

1. The people (**v.12**)
 - a) Believed
 - b) Baptised
2. Simon (**v.13**)
 - a) Believed
 - b) Baptised
 - c) Continued

III. WRONG VIEW OF THE SPIRIT (v.14-21)

1. The Samaritan's reception (**v.14-17**)
 - a) Receiving the Word of God (**v.14**)
 - b) Receiving the Holy Spirit (**v.15-17**)
2. Simon's offer (**v.18-19**)
3. Peter's rebuke (**v.20-21**)

IV. WRONG VIEW OF SIN (v.22-24)

1. Peter's admonition (**v.22-23**)
2. Simon's evasion (**v.24**)

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STUDY 20

THE CONVERSION OF THE ETHIOPIAN CHURCH
(Acts 8:25-40)

INTRODUCTION

I. PROPER PREPARATION (v.25-29)

1. Sovereign work of the Holy Spirit (**v.26, 29**)
 - a) Go south to Gaza (**v.26**)
 - b) Go up to this chariot (**v.29**)
2. Submissive will of Philip (**v.27a, 30a**)
 - a) Going (**v.27a**)
 - b) Running (**v.30**)
3. Searching worship of the Ethiopian (**v.27b-28**)
 - a) High position
 - b) Great responsibility
 - c) Keen intellect
 - d) Intense earnestness
4. Scriptural word of Isaiah (**v.28**)

II. PROPER PRESENTATION (v.30-36)

1. Constructed on Scripture (**v.30-35**)
 - a) Question (**v.30**)
 - b) Invitation (**v.31-34**)
 - d) Explanation (**v.35**)
2. Centred on the Saviour (**v.35**)
3. Concerned with salvation

III. PROPER RESPONSE (v.36-40)

1. Personal acceptance
2. Complete surrender
3. Exultant joy

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 21

A CHOSEN INSTRUMENT

(Acts 9:1-31)

INTRODUCTION

I. SAVED (v.1-9)

1. The divine initiative (**v.3**)
2. Conviction of sin (**v.4**)
3. Conversion to Christ (**v.5**)
4. A charge to committed discipleship (**v.6-9**)

II. SEALED (v.10-19)

1. Chosen
2. Instrument
3. Costly service
4. Sealed

III. SENT (v.19-30)

1. Received into the church (**v.19-22**)
2. Pastoral guidance from the church (**v.23-30**)
3. Blessing of God (**v.31**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 22

THE MARKS OF A TRANSFORMED LIFE
(Acts 9:10-31)

INTRODUCTION

I. FERVOUR IN SUPPLICATION (v.10-12)

1. Ananias' vision
 - a) His call
 - b) His willingness
2. Saul's vision

II. FAITHFULNESS IN SERVICE (v.13-17)

1. The protest (**v.13-14**)
2. The assurance (**v.15-16**)
3. The departure (**v.17**)

III. FILLING OF THE SPIRIT (v.17)

1. Process of elimination
2. Power for service

IV. FELLOWSHIP WITH THE SAINTS (v.17-19)

1. New family (**v.17**)
2. New sight (**v.18**)
3. New identification (**v.19**)

V. FERVENCY IN SPEAKING (v.20-22)

1. Proclaiming (**v.20**)
 - a) Immediately
 - b) Synagogues
2. Hearing (**v.21**)
3. Increasing (**v.22**)
4. Confounding (**v.22**)

VI. FEARLESS IN SUFFERING (v.23-31)

1. In Damascus (**v.23-31**)
 - a) Plot conceived
 - b) Plot avoided
2. In Jerusalem (**v.26-31**)
 - a) The brethren (**v.26-28**)
 - b) The Jews (**v.29-30**)
 - c) The church (**v.31**)

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STUDY 23

THE MARKS OF AN EFFECTIVE PERSONAL MINISTRY

(Acts 9:32-43)

INTRODUCTION

I. INVOLVEMENT (v.32-33)

1. Travelling through Judea, Galilee and Samaria (**v.32**)
2. Visiting the saints in Lydda (**v.32**)
3. Finding needs (**v.33**)

II. CHRIST EXALTING (v.34-35)

1. Aeneas arising (**v.34**)
2. People turning (**v.35**)

III. AVAILABLE (v.36-39)

1. Dorcas (**v.36-37**)
2. Peter (**v.38-39**)

IV. PRAYERFUL (v.40-41)

1. Miracle prepared
2. Miracle performed
3. Miracle presented

V. FRUITFUL (v.42)

VI. FREE FROM PREJUDICE (v.43)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 24

BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIER

(Acts 10:1-20)

INTRODUCTION

I. CORNELIUS (v.1-8)

1. God chose Him (**v.1**)
2. God responded to his open heart (**v.2**)
3. God prepared him with proper information (**v.3-4**)
4. God asked him to respond in faith (**v.5-8**)

II. PETER (v.9-20)

1. A vision from heaven (**v.9-16**)
2. The message from the Spirit (**v.17-20**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 25

THE CONVERSION OF CORNELIUS
(Acts 10:21-48)

INTRODUCTION

I. SOVEREIGN CALL (v.1-20)

II. SUBMISSIVE WILL (v.21-33)

1. Peter: lodging guests (v.21-22)
2. Peter: journeying to Caesarea (v.23-24)
3. Peter: meeting Cornelius (v.25-33)
 - a) Worship (v.25-26)
 - b) Association (v.27-29)
 - c) Invitation (v.30-33)

III. SIMPLE PRESENTATION (v.34-43)

1. Introduction (v.34-35)
 - a) God: impartial (v.34)
 - b) God: welcomes (v.35)
2. Theme (v.36-43)
 - a) His peace (v.36)
 - b) His Lordship (v.36)
 - c) His reputation (v.37)
 - d) His ministry (v.38-39)
 - e) His death (v.39)
 - f) His resurrection (v.40)
 - g) His witness (v.41-43)

IV. SPIRITUAL POWER (v.44-46)

1. Peter spoke (v.44)
2. Holy Spirit fell (v.44)
3. Believers amazed (v.45)
4. Gentiles praising God (v.46)

V. SYMBOLIC CONFESSION (v.47-48)

1. The question (v.47)
2. The commands (v.48)

VI. SWEET FELLOWSHIP (v.48b)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 26

THE CHURCH AT ANTIOCH
(Acts 11:19-30)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH** (v.19-20)
(Leading to Christ)
 1. Preparation (v.19)
 2. Progress (v.20)
 3. Power (v.21)

- II. **THE NOURISHMENT OF THE CHURCH** (v.22-24)
(Living for Christ)
 1. Sympathy (v.22)
 2. Strength (v.23)
 3. Success (v.24)

- III. **THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH** (v.25-26)
(Labouring for Christ)
 1. Assistance (v.25-26)
 2. Advance (v.26)
 3. Acknowledgement (v.26)

- IV. **THE VITALITY OF THE CHURCH** (v.27-30)
(Living in Christ)
 1. Fellowship (v.27)
 2. Instruction (v.28)
 3. Liberal giving (v.29-30)
 4. Missionary vision

- V. **SUMMARY**
 1. Godly leadership
 2. Community penetration
 3. Evangelism
 4. Caring for each other
 5. Preaching
 6. Missions

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STUDY 27

PETER RELEASED FROM PRISON

(Acts 12:1-25)

INTRODUCTION

I. DANGER (v.1-4)

1. Wickedness (v.1)
 - a) The man
 - b) The act
2. Murder (v.2)
3. Imprisonment (v.3-4)

II. DELIVERANCE (v.5-11)

1. Prayer (v.5)
2. Calmness (v.6)
3. The intervention of God

III. DELIGHT (v.12-17)

1. Fellowship (v.12)
2. Reception (v.13-14)
3. Astonishment (v.15-17)

IV. DEATH (v.18-23)

1. Of the guards (v.18-19)
2. Of Herod (v.20-23)

V. DEVELOPMENT (v.24-25)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 28

THE MARKS OF AN EFFECTIVE CHURCH

(Acts 13:1-12)

INTRODUCTION

I. SPIRITUAL MEN (v.1)

1. Their ministry
2. The men

II. SPIRITUAL MINISTRY (v.2)

1. Worship
2. Fasting

III. SPIRITUAL MISSION (v.2-8)

1. Directive
2. Departure
3. Destination

IV. SPIRITUAL MATURITY (v.9-12)

1. Pronouncement
2. Punishment
3. Proconsul

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 29

A MODEL FOR CHRISTIAN PREACHING

(Acts 13:16-52)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE BASIS OF CHRISTIAN PREACHING (v.16-23)

1. Knowledge of its context
2. Recognition of its Author

II. THE THEME OF CHRISTIAN PREACHING (v.23-27)

1. His person
2. His work
 - a) His life (**v.23-26**)
 - b) His death (**v.27-29**)
 - c) His resurrection (**v.30-37**)

III. THE APPLICATION OF CHRISTIAN PREACHING (v.38-40)

1. The blessings of faith (**v.38-39**)
2. The warnings of unbelief (**v.40-41**)

IV. THE RESULTS (v.42-52)

1. Great encouragement (**v.42-44**)
2. Bitter opposition (**v.45-47**)
3. Wider opportunity (**v.48-49**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 30

THE QUALITIES OF A GREAT MISSIONARY

(Acts 14:1-28)

INTRODUCTION

I. BOLDNESS (v.1-7)

1. Progress (v.1)
2. Opposition (v.2)
3. Perseverance (v.3)
4. Persecution (v.4-7)

II. POWER (v.8-10)

III. HUMILITY (v.11-18)

1. The offer of worship (v.11-13)
2. The rejection of worship (v.14-18)
 - a) In action (v.14)
 - b) In words (v.15-18)

IV. PERSISTENCE (v.19-21)

V. FOLLOW-UP (v.21-23)

1. Confirmation (v.22)
2. Exhortation (v.22)
3. Organisation (v.23)
4. Commendation (v.23)

VI. COMMITMENT (v.24-25)

VII. PRAISE (v.26-28)

1. Gathering the church together (v.27)
2. Reported what God had done
3. How God opened the door

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 31

SALVATION - BY LAW OR BY GRACE?

(Acts 15:1-35)

INTRODUCTION

I. DIFFICULTY (v.1-5)

1. Antioch (**v.1-2**)
2. Phoenicia and Samaria (**v.3**)
3. Jerusalem (**v.4-5**)

II. DISCUSSION (v.6-12)

1. Past revelation (**v.7**)
2. The gift of the Holy Spirit (**v.8**)
3. Cleansing from sin (**v.9**)
4. The Law cannot save (**v.10-11**)
5. The miracles (**v.12**)

III. DECISION (v.13-35)

1. Religious prohibition
2. Moral prohibition
3. Hygienic prohibition
4. Civil prohibition

IV. DEVELOPMENT (v.22-35)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 32

EVANGELISM - GOD'S WAY

(Acts 15:36 - 16:10)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE RIGHT PASSION (v.36)

1. To reach Spain
2. To know the Lord

II. THE RIGHT PRIORITY (v.36)

1. He loved his own spiritual children
2. He was committed to discipleship

III. THE RIGHT PERSONNEL (15:37 - 16:3)

1. The first missionary team
2. The second missionary team

IV. THE RIGHT PRECAUTIONS

1. The decision to circumcise Timothy
2. The reason for circumcising Timothy

V. THE RIGHT PRESENTATION (v.4-5)

1. Delivering the decrees (v.4)
2. Strengthening the churches (v.5)

VI. THE RIGHT PLACE (v.6-10)

1. Directions from the Holy Spirit (v.6-8)
2. Vision from the Holy Spirit (v.9-10)]

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 33

THE CONVERSION OF LYDIA

(Acts 16:11-15)

I. THE WORKING OF PROVIDENCE

1. In Paul coming to Philippi
2. In Lydia coming to Philippi

II. THE CHARACTER OF LYDIA

1. She kept the Sabbath (**v.13**)
2. She attended a place of worship
3. She listened carefully to what was said (**v.14**)

III. THE WORKING OF PAUL

1. The choice he made (**v.13**)
2. His method
3. His message

IV. HER CONVERSION

1. How it happened (**v.14b**)
2. The results (**v.15**)
 - a) She confesses her Lord
 - b) Became a blessing to her family
 - c) Hospitality
 - d) Faithful

V. THE RIGHT PRESENTATION

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STUDY 34

THE CONVERSION OF THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER

(Acts 16:16-34)

INTRODUCTION

1. They were joyful
2. They prayed
3. They sang
4. Others heard

I. THE SHOCK HE EXPERIENCED (v.26)

II. THE QUESTIONS HE ASKED (v.28)

1. His own personal salvation was his concern
2. He realised something must be done
3. Would do anything

III. THE ANSWER HE RECEIVED

1. The happiness promised
2. The condition required
3. Extended to his family
4. Good follow-up

IV. THE FAITH HE EXERCISED

V. EVIDENCE

CONCLUSION

Studies in Acts

STUDY 35

THE GOSPEL IN THESSALONICA

(Acts 17:1-9)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE GOSPEL PREACHED (v.1-3)

1. Its divine authority (**v.2-3a**)
2. Its direct argument (**v.3b**)
 - a) Christ had to suffer
 - b) He rose from the dead

II. THE GOSPEL RECEIVED (v.4)

1. Its wide influence
2. Its personal results
 - a) Faith
 - b) Fellowship
 - c) Fortitude

III. THE GOSPEL OPPOSED (v.5-9)

1. The mob of Jews (**v.5**)
2. Arrest of Jason (**v.6**)
3. Charges against Jason (**v.6-7**)
4. Action of the Jews (**v.8**)
5. Release of Jason (**v.9**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Acts

STUDY 36

THE GOSPEL IN BEREIA

(Acts 17:10-15)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE GOSPEL CONSIDERED (v.10-11)

1. Its receptive audience (**v.10**)
2. The reverent attitude (**v.11**)

II. THE GOSPEL ACCEPTED (v.12)

1. The natural outcome
2. Its compressed account
 - a) Many Jews - religion
 - b) Prominent women - position
 - c) Greeks - nationality
 - d) Men - sex

III. THE GOSPEL HINDERED (v.13-15)

1. Cause
2. Results

CONCLUSION

Studies in Acts

STUDY 37 & 38

PAUL IN ATHENS

(Acts 17:16-34)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE PROBLEM - A CITY FULL OF IDOLS (v.16-21)

1. What Paul saw
2. How he felt
3. What he did
 - a) Jews
 - b) Greeks
 - c) Market
 - d) Philosophers

II. THE SOLUTION - A CALL TO REPENTANCE (v.22-31)

1. Perceiving the need (**v.22-23**)
2. Picking a starting point (**v.24-25**)
3. Pointing to the problem (**v.26-28**)
4. Pricking the conscience (**v.29**)
5. Proclaiming the gospel (**v.30-31**)

III. THE RESULT - A CHALLENGE TO FAITH AND ACTION (v.32-34)

1. Ridicule (**v.32a**)
2. Procrastination (**v.32b**)
3. Acceptance (**v.34**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 37

PAUL IN ATHENS (Part 1)

(Acts 17:16-21)

INTRODUCTION

I. GOD'S WORSHIP NEGLECTED (v.16)

1. What Paul saw
2. What Paul felt

II. GOD'S MESSAGE DELIVERED (v.17-18)

1. To the Jews
2. To the devout Greeks
3. To men of all sorts
4. To philosophy

III. GOD'S SERVANT EXAMINED (v.19-21)

1. The outcome (**v.19**)
2. The statement (**v.20-21**)

IV. GOD'S PERSON UNKNOWN (v.22-23)

1. Feared (**v.22**)
2. Worshipped (**v.23**)
3. Unrealised

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 38

PAUL IN ATHENS (Part 2)
(Acts 17:24-34)

V. GOD'S TRUTH DECLARED (v.24-28)

1. In nature
 - a) The Person of God (**v.24**)
 - (i) Creator
 - (ii) Ruler
 - (iii) Life-giver
 - b) The worship of God
 - (i) Spiritual (**v.25**)
 - (ii) Intelligent (**v.23**)
2. In man
 - a) The work of God
 - (i) Universally (**v.26**)
 - (ii) Providence
 - b) The purpose of God

VI. THE GOSPEL PROCLAIMED (v.29-31)

1. In relation to the past
 - a) Human ignorance
 - b) Divine mercy
2. In relation to the present
3. In relation to the future

VII. GOD'S OFFER RECEIVED (v.32-34)

1. Ridicule (**v.32**)
2. Procrastination (**v.33**)
3. Acceptance (**v.34**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 39

THE GOSPEL IN CORINTH
(Acts 18:1-17)

INTRODUCTION

I. DISCIPLESHIP - PAUL AND HIS LIFE (v.1-4)

1. Wayfaring (**v.1**)
2. Waiting (**v.2-3**)
3. Waiting (**v.4**)

II. APOSTLESHIP - PAUL AND HIS WORK (v.5-8)

1. Faithfulness (**v.5-6**)
2. Fearlessness (**v.7-8**)

III. FELLOWSHIP - PAUL AND HIS GOD (v.9-11)

1. Human extremity (**v.9**)
2. Divine manifestation (**v.10**)
3. Human recognition (**v.11**)

IV. HARDSHIP - PAUL AND HIS ENEMIES (v.12-17)

1. The assault (**v.12**)
2. The accusation (**v.13**)
3. His attitude (**v.14-16**)
4. The aftermath (**v.17**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 40

APOLLOS

(Acts 18:19-28)

INTRODUCTION

I. HIS BACKGROUND

1. A Jew
2. From Alexandria

II. HIS EQUIPMENT (v.24-25)

1. Eloquent
2. Mighty in the Scriptures
3. Instructed in the way of the Lord
4. Fervency in spirit

III. HIS DILIGENCE (v.25)

IV. HIS CONVERSION

V. HIS INFLUENCE (v.21-28)

1. Recommended by Ephesus (**v.27**)
2. Helping believers
3. Convincing unbelievers

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 41

PAUL IN EPHESUS
(Acts 19:1-41)

INTRODUCTION

I. PREPARATION (v.1-7)

1. Partial ignorance (**v.1-2**)
2. Past influence (**v.3**)
3. Present instruction (**v.4-5**)
4. Powerful initiation (**v.6-7**)

II. PREACHING (v.8)

1. Where?
2. What?
3. How?
 - a) Physical boldness
 - b) Intellectual power
 - c) Spiritual earnestness

III. PERVERSITY (v.9)

1. Its character
 - a) Hardening the heart
 - b) Lack of faith
 - c) Wicked speech
2. Its consequences
 - a) Departure of Paul
 - b) Separation of disciples
 - c) Intensification of witness

IV. PERSISTENCE (v.10)

1. Duration
2. Influence

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STUDY 41 (continued)

PAUL IN EPHESUS
(Acts 19:1-41)

V. POWER (v.11-12)

1. Manifestation (v.11)
2. Blessings (v.12)

VI. PRETENCE (v.13-16)

1. The remarkable action (v.13-14)
2. The surprising effect (v.15-16)

VII. PROOF (v.17-19)

1. Conviction (v.17)
2. Confession (v.18)
3. Consecration (v.19)

VIII. PROGRESS (v.20)

1. Growth
2. Influence

IX. PERSECUTION (v.21-41)

1. Culmination (v.21-22)
2. Complaint (v.23)
3. Cleverness (v.24-28)
4. Calmness (v.29-34)
5. Coolness (v.35-41)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 42

PAUL THE PASTOR

(Acts 20:1-38)

INTRODUCTION

I. EPHESUS TO TROAS (v.1-6)

1. The plan (**v.1**)
2. The progress (**v.2-3**)
3. The plot (**v.3**)
4. The party (**v.4-6**)

II. PAUL AT TROAS (v.7-12)

1. The message at Troas (**v.6-7, 11**)
2. The miracle at Troas (**v.8, 10, 12**)

III. TROAS TO MILETUS (v.13-17)

1. By land (**v.13**)
2. By water (**v.14-15**)

IV. PAUL AT MILETUS (v.16-38)

1. Paul's personal example and testimony (**v.18-21**)
 - a) Character of his ministry
 - b) Methods of his ministry
 - c) Message of his ministry
2. Paul's devotion to duty (**v.22-27**)
3. Paul's charge to the Ephesian elders (**v.28-32**)
4. Paul's personal vindication (**v.33-35**)
5. Paul's parting (**v.36-38**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 43

ON TO JERUSALEM

(Acts 21:1-40)

INTRODUCTION

I. JOURNEYING TO JERUSALEM (v.1-17)

1. En route (**v.1-3**)
2. At Tyre (**v.4-6**)
3. At Caesarea (**v.7-14**)
4. Arrival (**v.15-17**)

II. IN JERUSALEM AGAIN (v.18-40)

1. The meeting (**v.18-20**)
2. The proposal (**v.20-25**)
3. The action (**v.26**)
4. The appeal (**v.27-40**)

III. LESSONS

1. How did Paul witness?
 - a) By his effect on others
 - b) By his personal character
 - c) By his risking all for Christ
 - d) By his boldness of speech
2. Why did Paul witness?
 - a) In touch with God the Father
 - b) Christ was precious
 - c) Holy Spirit filled him with grace

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 44

PAUL'S DEFENCE BEFORE HIS PEOPLE

(Acts 22:1-30)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE SOLEMN PLEA (v.1-21)

1. Conciliation (**v.1-2**)
2. Education (**v.3**)
3. Persecution (**v.4-5**)
4. Conversion (**v.6-16**)
 - a) Recounting his vision (**v.6-11**)
 - b) Vision's outcome (**v.12-16**)
5. Commission (**v.17-21**)

II. THE STUBBORN PREJUDICE (v.22-23)

1. Opposition aroused
2. Opposition expressed

III. THE STRONG PROTECTION (v.24-30)

1. The plan (**v.24**)
2. The protest (**v.25-28**)
3. The privilege (**v.29-30**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 45

PAUL AND HIS ENEMIES

(Acts 23:1-35)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE COUNCIL (v.1-10)

1. The altercation (**v.1-5**)
2. The appeal (**v.6-10**)

II. THE CHEER (v.11)

1. Consolation
2. Commendation
3. Confidence

III. THE CONSPIRACY (v.12-35)

1. Formulated (**v.12-15**)
2. Found out (**v.16-22**)
3. Foiled (**v.23-25**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 46

PAUL BEFORE FELIX

(Acts 24:1-27)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE PROSECUTION (v.1-9)

1. The accusers (**v.1**)
2. The accusation (**v.2-6a**)
 - a) Sedition
 - b) Sectarianism
 - c) Sacrilege
3. The testimony (**v.6b-9**)

II. THE DEFENCE (v.10-21)

1. Against sedition (**v.10-13**)
2. Against sectarianism (**v.14-16**)
3. Against sacrilege (**v.17-21**)

III. THE CLIMAX (v.22-27)

1. The postponement (**v.22**)
2. The provision (**v.23**)
3. The procrastination (**v.24-27**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 47

PAUL BEFORE FESTUS

(Acts 25:1-27)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE CONSPIRACY (v.1-12)

1. Fresh effort (v.1-5)
 - a) Festus (v.1)
 - b) Jews (v.2-5)
2. Further examination (v.6-12)
 - a) The assignment (v.6-9)
 - b) The appeal (v.10-11)
 - c) The assent (v.12)

II. THE CONSULTATION (v.13-27)

1. The ruler (v.13)
2. Recapitulation (v.14-22)
3. Review (v.23-27)

III. HOW DID HE COPE?

1. Fellowship with his Master
2. Faithfulness to the will of God
3. Faith in God

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 48

PAUL BEFORE AGRIPPA

(Acts 26:1-32)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE COMMENCEMENT OF PAUL'S TESTIMONY (v.1-10)

1. Courtesy (**v.1-3**)
2. Conduct (**v.4-5**)
3. Challenge (**v.6-8**)

II. THE CENTRE OF PAUL'S TESTIMONY (v.9-18)

1. Confession (**v.9-11**)
2. Conversion (**v.12-15**)
3. Commission (**v.16-18**)
 - a) Revelation
 - b) Repentance
 - c) Redemption
 - d) Remission
 - e) Riches
 - f) Reliance

III. THE CULMINATION OF PAUL'S TESTIMONY (v.19-23)

1. Consecration (**v.19-20**)
2. Capture (**v.21**)
3. Continuance (**v.22-23**)

IV. THE CONSEQUENCE OF PAUL'S TESTIMONY (v.24-32)

1. Criticism (**v.24**)
2. Calmness (**v.25-26**)
3. Colloquy (**v.27-29**)
4. Consultation (**v.30-32**)

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STUDY 49

PAUL SAILS FOR MALTA

(Acts 27:1-44)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE FIRST STAGE OF THE JOURNEY - THE START (v.1-8)

1. From Caesarea to Sidon (**v.1-3**)
2. From Sidon to Fair Havens (**v.4-8**)

II. THE SECOND STAGE OF THE JOURNEY - THE STAY (v.9-12)

1. The right advice (**v.9-10**)
2. The wrong decision (**v.11-12**)

III. THE THIRD STAGE OF THE VOYAGE - THE STORM (v.13-38)

1. Extremity (**v.13-20**)
2. Exhortation (**v.21-26**)
3. Effort (**v.27-32**)
4. Encouragement (**v.33-38**)

IV. THE FOURTH STAGE OF THE VOYAGE - THE SHIPWRECK (v.39-41)

1. The attempted landing (**v.39-40**)
2. The unexpected result (**v.41**)

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1. Death thwarted (**v.42-43**)
2. Life assured (**v.44**)

Studies in Acts

STUDY 50

PAUL REACHES ROME

(Acts 28:1-31)

INTRODUCTION

I. PRESERVATION (v.1-6)

1. Succour (**v.1-2**)
2. Surprise (**v.3-6**)

II. POWER (v.7-10)

1. Salutation (**v.7**)
2. Service (**v.8-10**)

III. PROGRESS (v.11-16)

1. Safety (**v.11-13**)
2. Sympathy (**v.14-16**)

IV. PREACHING (v.17-29)

1. By statement (**v.17-24**)
2. Scripture (**v.25-29**)

V. PROVIDENCE (v.30-31)

1. Sanction
2. Summary

CONCLUSION

Outline to the Book of ROMANS

PROLOGUE (1:1-15)

1. Salutation (**v.1-7**)
2. Introduction (**v.8-15**)

I. THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PAUL (1:16-11:36)

1. The theme of the gospel - the righteousness of God revealed (**v.16**)
2. Sin and retribution - the universal need diagnosed (**1:18-3:20**)
 - a) The pagan world (**1:18-32**)
 - b) The moralist (**2:1-16**)
 - c) The Jew (**2:17 - 3:8**)
 - (i) Privilege brings responsibility (**2:17-29**)
 - (ii) Objections answered (**3:1-8**)
 - d) All mankind found guilty (**3:9-20**)
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 - a) God's provision (**3:21-31**)
 - b) An Old Testament precedent (**4:1-25**)
 - c) The blessings which accompany justification (**5:1-11**)
 - d) The old and the new solidarity (**5:12-21**)
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 - a) Freedom from sin (**6:1-23**)
 - (i) A supposed objection (**v.1-2**)
 - (ii) The meaning of baptism (**v.3-14**)
 - (iii) The slave market analogy (**v.15-23**)
 - b) Freedom from law (**7:1-25**)
 - (i) The marriage analogy (**v.1-6**)
 - (ii) The dawn of conscience (**v.7-13**)
 - (iii) The conflict within (**v.14-25**)
 - c) Freedom from death (**8:1-39**)
 - (i) Life in the Spirit (**v.1-17**)
 - (ii) The glory to come (**v.18-30**)
 - (iii) The triumph of faith (**v.31-39**)

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 - a) The problem of Israel's unbelief (**9:1-5**)
 - b) God's sovereign choice (**9:6-29**)
 - c) Man's responsibility (**9:30 - 10:21**)
 - (i) The stumbling stone (**9:30-33**)
 - (ii) The two ways of righteousness (**10:1-13**)
 - (iii) The worldwide proclamation (**10:14-21**)
 - d) God's purpose for Israel (**11:1-36**)
 - (i) Israel's alienation not final (**v.1-16**)
 - (ii) The parable of the olive tree (**v.17-24**)
 - (iii) The restoration of Israel (**v.25-29**)
 - e) God's purpose for mankind (**v.30-36**)

II. THE CHRISTIAN'S WAY OF LIFE (12:1 - 15:13)

1. The living sacrifice (**12:1-2**)
2. The common life of Christians (**12:3-8**)
3. The law of Christ (**12:9-21**)
4. The Christian and the State (**13:1-7**)
5. Love and duty (**13:8-10**)
6. Christian life in days of crisis (**13:11-14**)
7. Christian liberty and Christian charity (**14:1 - 15:6**)
 - a) Christian liberty (**14:1-12**)
 - b) Christian charity (**14:13-23**)
 - c) The example of Christ (**15:1-6**)
8. Christ and the Gentiles (**15:7-13**)

EPILOGUE (15:14 - 16:27)

1. Personal narrative (**15:14-33**)
2. Greetings to various friends (**16:1-16**)
3. Final exhortation (**16:17-20**)
4. Greetings from Paul's companions (**16:21-24**)
5. Doxology (**16:25-27**)

Studies in Romans

STUDY 1

READY FOR ROME

(Romans 1:1-17)

INTRODUCTION

1. General
2. Occasion and date
3. Christianity in Rome

I. HE PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS (v.1-7)

1. He is a servant of Jesus Christ (**v.1a**)
2. He is an apostle (**v.1b**)
3. He is a preacher of the gospel (**v.1c-4**)
4. He is a missionary to the Gentiles (**v.5-7**)

II. HE EXPRESSES CONCERN (v.8-15)

1. He was thankful for them (**v.8**)
2. He prayed for them (**v.9-10**)
3. He loved them (**v.11-12**)
4. He was in debt to them (**v.13-14**)
5. He was eager to visit them (**v.15**)

III. HE AFFIRMS HIS CONFIDENCE (v.16-17)

1. The origin of the gospel (**v.16a**)
2. The operation of the gospel (**v.16b**)
3. The outcome of the gospel (**v.16c**)
4. The outreach of the gospel (**v.16d**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 2

WHEN GOD GIVES UP

(Romans 1:18 - 3:20)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE GENTILE WORLD IS GUILTY (v.18-32)

1. Intelligence (v.18-20)
2. Ignorance (v.21-23)
3. Indulgence (v.24-27)
4. Impenitence (v.28-32)

II. THE JEWISH WORLD IS GUILTY (2:1 - 3:8)

1. The Gentiles (2:1-3)
2. God's blessing (2:4-11)
3. God's law (2:12-24)
4. Circumcision (2:25-29)
5. Objections answered (3:1-8)

III. THE WHOLE WORLD IS GUILTY (3:9-20)

1. The whole of man (v.9-12)
2. Speech (v.13-14)
3. Feet (v.15-16)
4. Mind (v.17)
5. Pride (v.18)
6. Conclusion (v.19-20)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 3

THE WAY OF JUSTIFICATION

(Romans 3:21 - 4:25)

INTRODUCTION

I. JUSTIFICATION EXPLAINED (3:21-31)

1. Apart from the law (**v.21**)
2. Through faith in Jesus Christ (**v.21**)
3. For all men (**v.22-23**)
4. By grace (**v.24**)
5. At great cost (**v.25**)
6. In perfect justice (**v.25-26**)
7. To establish the law (**v.27-31**)

II. JUSTIFICATION ILLUSTRATED (4:1-25)

1. By faith, not works (**v.1-8**)
2. By grace, not law (**v.9-17**)
3. By resurrection power, not human effort (**v.18-25**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Romans

STUDY 4

LIVE LIKE A KING

(Romans 5:1-21)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE BLESSINGS OF JUSTIFICATION (v.1-11)

1. Peace with God (**v.1**)
2. Access to God (**v.2**)
3. Glorious hope (**v.2**)
4. Christian character (**v.3-4**)
5. God's love within (**v.5-8**)
6. Salvation from future wrath (**v.9-10**)
7. Reconciliation with God (**v.11**)

II. THE BASIS OF OUR JUSTIFICATION (v.12-21)

1. Adam's offence is contrasted with Christ's free gift (**v.12-15**)
2. The effect of Adam's sin is contrasted with the effect of Christ's obedience (**v.16**)
3. The two "reigns" are contrasted (**v.17**)
4. The two "one acts" are contrasted (**v.18-19**)
5. Law and grace are contrasted (**v.20-21**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 5

DYING TO LIVE

(Romans 6:1-20)

INTRODUCTION

I. KNOW (v.1-10)

1. He is dead to sin (**v.1-5**)
2. He should not serve sin (**v.6-10**)

II. RECKON (v.11)

III. YIELD (v.12-23)

1. How are we to yield? (**V.12-13**)
2. Why are we to yield? (**v.14-23**)
 - a) Favour (**v.14-15**)
 - b) Freedom (**v.16-20**)
 - c) Fruit (**v.21-23**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Romans

STUDY 6

CHRISTIANS AND THE LAW

(Romans 7:1-25)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE AUTHORITY OF THE LAW (v.1-6)

1. We died to the law (**v.1-4**)
2. We are delivered from the law (**v.5-6**)

II. THE MINISTRY OF THE LAW (v.7-13)

1. The law reveals sin (**v.7**)
2. The law arouses sin (**v.8-9**)
3. The law kills (**v.10-11**)
4. The law shows the sinfulness of sin (**v.12-13**)

III. THE INABILITY OF THE LAW (v.14-25)

1. The law cannot change you (**v.14**)
2. The law cannot enable you to do good (**v.15-21**)
3. The law cannot set you free (**v.21-24**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 7

FREEDOM AND FULFILMENT

(Romans 8:1-39)

INTRODUCTION

I. FREEDOM FROM JUDGEMENT - NO CONDEMNATION (v.1-4)

1. The law cannot claim you (**v.1-2**)
2. The law cannot condemn you (**v.3**)
3. The law cannot control you (**v.4**)

II. FREEDOM FROM DEFEAT - NO OBLIGATION (v.5-17)

1. You have not the Spirit (**v.5-8**)
 - a) In the flesh - in the Spirit (**v.5**)
 - b) Death - life (**v.6**)
 - c) War with God - peace with God (**v.6-7**)
 - d) Pleasing self - pleasing God (**v.8**)
2. You have the Spirit (**v.9-11**)
3. The Spirit has you (**v.12-17**)

III. FREEDOM FROM DISCOURAGEMENT - NO FRUSTRATION (v.18-30)

1. Creation groans (**v.18-22**)
2. We believers groan (**v.23-25**)
3. The Holy Spirit groans (**v.25-30**)

IV. FREEDOM FROM FEAR - NO SEPARATION (v.31-39)

1. Christ is for us (**v.31**)
2. Christ died for us (**v.32**)
3. Christ has justified us (**v.33**)
4. Christ intercedes for us (**v.34**)
5. Christ loves us (**v.35-39**)

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STUDY 8

DID GOD MAKE A MISTAKE?

(Romans 9:1-33)

INTRODUCTION

I. GOD'S FAITHFULNESS (v.1-13)

1. It was not of natural descent (**v.1-10**)
2. It is not of human merit (**v.11-13**)

II. GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS (v.14-18)

III. GOD'S JUSTICE (v.19-29)

1. Who are we to argue with God? (**v.19-21**)
2. God has His purposes (**v.22-24**)
3. All of this was prophesied (**v.25-29**)

IV. GOD'S GRACE (v.30-33)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 9

THE WRONG RIGHTEOUSNESS

(Romans 10:1-21)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE REASONS FOR THEIR REJECTION (v.1-13)

1. They did not feel a need for salvation (v.1)
2. They were zealous for God (v.2)
3. They were proud and self-righteous (v.3)
4. They misunderstood their own law (v.4-13)

II. THE REMEDY FOR THEIR REJECTION (v.14-17)

III. THE RESULTS OF THEIR REJECTION (v.18-21)

1. Israel is guilty (v.18)
2. The message goes to the Gentiles (v.19-20)
3. God still yearns over His people (v.21)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 10

GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH ISRAEL

(Romans 11:1-36)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **PAUL HIMSELF** (v.1)
- II. **THE PROPHET ELIJAH** (v.2-10)
- III. **THE GENTILES** (v.11-15)
- IV. **THE PATRIARCHS** (v.16-24)
 - 1. The lump of dough (v.16)
 - 2. The olive tree (v.17-24)
- V. **GOD HIMSELF** (v.25-36)
 - 1. God's timing (v.25)
 - 2. God's promise (v.26)
 - 3. God's covenant (v.27-28)
 - 4. God's nature (v.29)
 - 5. God's grace (v.30-32)
 - 6. God's wisdom (v.33-36)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 11

RIGHT RELATIONSHIP MEAN RIGHT LIVING

(Romans 12:1 - 13:14)

INTRODUCTION

I. OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD (12:1-2)

1. You give God your body (**v.1**)
2. You give Him your mind (**v.2**)
3. You give Him your will (**v.2**)

II. OUR RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER BELIEVERS (v.3-16)

1. Honest evaluation (**v.3**)
2. Faithful co-operation (**v.4-8**)
3. Loving participation (**v.9-16**)

III. OUR RELATIONSHIP TO OUR ENEMIES (v.17-21)

IV. OUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE STATE (13:1-14)

1. For wrath's sake (**v.1-4**)
2. For conscience' sake (**v.5-7**)
3. For love's sake (**v.8-10**)
4. For Jesus' sake (**v.11-14**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Romans

STUDY 12

WHEN CHRISTIANS DISAGREE

(Romans 14:1 - 15:7)

INTRODUCTION

I. RECEIVE ONE ANOTHER (14:1-12)

1. God has received us (**v.1-3**)
2. God sustains His own (**v.4**)
3. Jesus Christ is Lord (**v.5-9**)
4. Jesus Christ is Judge (**v.10-12**)

II. EDIFY ONE ANOTHER (14:13-23)

1. Christians affect one another (**v.13-15**)
2. Christians must have priorities (**v.16-18**)
3. Christians must help each other grow (**v.19-21**)
4. Christians must not force their opinions on others (**v.22-23**)

III. PLEASE ONE ANOTHER (15:1-7)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Romans

STUDY 13

MAN ON THE MOVE **(Romans 15:8 - 16:27)**

INTRODUCTION

I. THE MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST TO THE GENTILES (15:8-13)

II. PAUL'S MINISTRY TO THE GENTILES (15:14-24)

1. It was received by grace (**v.14-15**)
2. It was centred in the gospel (**v.16**)
3. It was done for God's glory (**v.17**)
4. It was done by God's power (**v.18-19**)
5. It was according to God's plan (**v.20-27**)

III. THE GENTILES' MINISTRY TO THE JEWS (15:25-33)

IV. THE BELIEVER'S MINISTRY TO PAUL (16:1-27)

1. Some friends to greet (**v.1-16**)
2. Some foes to avoid (**v.17-20**)
3. Some faithful servants to honour (**v.21-24**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in I Corinthians

STUDY 1

THE GOSPEL IN A SEX-SATURATED SOCIETY

(I Corinthians 1:1-3)

INTRODUCTION

1. Historical background
2. Paul in Corinth

I. AUTHOR (v.1)

1. An apostle
2. Called
3. By the will of God

II. READERS (v.2)

1. The church of God
2. At Corinth
3. Sanctified in Christ Jesus
4. Called to be saints
5. Who call on the Name of the Lord
6. Their Lord

III. BLESSING (v.3)

1. Grace
2. Peace
3. Source

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STUDY 2

THANKSGIVING

(I Corinthians 1:4-9)

INTRODUCTION

I. FOR GRACE (v.4)

II. FOR ENRICHMENT (v.5)

1. Quantity
2. Quality
 - a) In all your speaking
 - b) In all your knowledge

III. FOR CONFIRMATION (v.6-7)

1. Do not lack any spiritual gift
2. As you wait for Christ to be revealed

IV. FOR PRESERVATION (v.8)

1. To the end
2. Will be blameless

V. FOR FAITHFULNESS (v.9)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 3

THE PERIL OF A DIVIDED HOUSE

(I Corinthians 1:10-12)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE GROUNDS OF HIS APPEAL (v.10)

1. I appeal to you
2. Brothers
3. In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ

II. THE GOALS OF HIS APPEAL (v.10)

1. Unity of speech
2. Elimination of schisms
 - a) Weakens
 - b) Strife
 - c) Confusion
 - e) Lose effectiveness
3. Unity of attitude

III. THE REASONS FOR THIS APPEAL (v.11-12)

1. Traditionalists
2. Open-minded
3. Legalists
4. Exclusivists

Studies in 1 Corinthians

STUDY 4

THE GREAT DIVIDE

(1 Corinthians 1:13-18)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **IS CHRIST DIVIDED?**
- II. **FAITH IN PAUL CANNOT SAVE**
- III. **PEOPLE CANNOT BE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF PAUL**
- IV. **THE GREAT DIVIDE**
 1. The preaching of the Cross
 - a) God is holy
 - b) God is just
 - c) God is love
 - d) Perfect sacrifice
 - e) Come and live
 2. To those perishing it is foolishness
 3. To the saved it is the power of God

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 5

GOD USES NOBODIES

(1 Corinthians 1:18-31)

INTRODUCTION

I. UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HUMAN AND DIVINE WISDOM (v.18-25)

1. Human wisdom is foolish (**v.18-20**)
2. Human wisdom cannot save (**v.21-23**)
3. Divine wisdom can save (**v.24-25**)

II. UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF GOD'S CALLING (v.26-31)

1. Not based on man's position (**v.26**)
2. It shows divine interest (**v.27**)
3. Contrary to the expectations of people (**v.27-28**)
4. Removes all human boasting (**v.29**)
5. Result in the glorification of God (**v.30-31**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 6

HOW TO WITNESS EFFECTIVELY

(1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

I. METHOD (v.1)

1. Go to where people are
2. Not relying on human rhetoric
3. Not relying on human wisdom
4. Content

SIMPLY

II. MESSAGE (v.2)

1. Person of Christ
2. Work of Christ

PASSIONATELY

III. MANNER (v.3)

1. Own insufficiency
2. Inner fears

IV. MEANS (v.4)

1. Not wise and persuasive words
2. Spirit's power

POWERFULLY

V. MOTIVE (v.5)

PURPOSEFULLY

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STUDY 7

GOD'S WISDOM

(1 Corinthians 2:6-9)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **CAN BE KNOWN ONLY BY THE MATURE** (v.6)
- II. **IS NOT OF THIS AGE NOR OF THE PRINCES OF THIS AGE** (v.6)
- III. **IS GOD'S WISDOM** (v.7)
- IV. **IS IN A MYSTERY** (v.7)
- V. **IS HIDDEN** (v.7)
- VI. **MANIFESTS THE ETERNAL PLAN OF GOD** (v.7)
- VII. **WAS UNKNOWN TO THE RULERS WHO CRUCIFIED JESUS** (v.8)
- VIII. **IS CONTRARY TO MAN'S EXPERIENCE** (v.9)
- IX. **IS PREPARED BY GOD FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM** (v.9)

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STUDY 8

THE HOLY SPIRIT AS OUR TEACHER

(1 Corinthians 2:10-13)

INTRODUCTION

I. ESSENTIAL IN REVELATION (v.10-11)

1. Blindness of the unconverted
2. God reveals it to us
3. Reason why the Holy Spirit reveals

II. ESSENTIAL TO ILLUMINATION (v.12)

III. ESSENTIAL TO INSTRUCTION (v.13)

1. Negative - not in words by human wisdom
2. Positive - with words taught by the Spirit

CONCLUSION

Studies in 1 Corinthians

STUDY 9

THREE KINDS OF MEN

(1 Corinthians 2:14 - 3:4)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE NATURAL MAN

1. No appreciation of spiritual things
2. No comprehension of spiritual things

II. THE SPIRITUAL MAN

1. Capable of discernment
2. A cause of amazement

III. THE WORLDLY MAN

1. Immaturity
2. Diet
3. Marks
 - a) Jealousy
 - b) Quarrelling
 - c) Division

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 10

HOW TO BUILD FOR ETERNITY
(1 Corinthians 3:5-17)

I. A FARMER (v.5-9)

1. Man's work
 - a) Servants
 - b) Instruments
 - c) Plant and water
 - d) Receive wages
2. God's work
 - a) Giving converts
 - b) Increase
 - c) Gives wages
 - d) Works with
 - e) Belonged to God

II. A BUILDER (v.10-17)

1. Master builder (foundation)
2. After builders (materials)
 - a) Permanent building materials
 - (i) God - spiritual
 - (ii) Silver - sacrificial
 - (iii) Precious stones - steadfast
 - b) Perishable building materials
 - (i) Wood - careless
 - (ii) Hay - worthless
 - (iii) Stubble - left-overs

CONCLUSION

Studies in I Corinthians
STUDY 11

A PICTURE OF THE TRUE SERVANT OF GOD
(I Corinthians 3:16 - 4:5)

INTRODUCTION

I. WARNINGS (3:16-22)

1. Do not defile the temple of God
2. Do not exalt human wisdom
3. Do not glory in man

II. CHARACTERISTICS (4:1-2)

1. Servant
2. Steward
3. Faithful

III. JUDGEMENTS (4:3-5)

1. Human judgement
2. Self-judgement
3. Divine judgement

CONCLUSION

Studies in I Corinthians
STUDY 12

BIBLICAL PINS FOR PUFFED-UP CHRISTIANS
(I Corinthians 4:6-21)

INTRODUCTION

I. PAUL'S ADMONITION (v.6-8)

1. Pride is unscriptural
2. Pride is unspiritual
3. Pride is unsocial

II. PROPER ATTITUDE (v.9-13)

1. Christians are spectacles (v.9)
2. Christians must enter the battle (v.10-12)
3. Christians must be willing to suffer (v.13)

III. PAULS' WORD OF EXHORTATION (v.14-21)

1. In conception (v.14-16)
2. In instruction (v.17)
3. In correction (v.18-21)

CONCLUSION

Studies in I Corinthians
STUDY 13

CHURCH DISCIPLINE: AN IGNORED DOCTRINE
(I Corinthians 5:1-13)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE ACT OF SIN (v.1)

1. It was well-known
2. It was sexual immorality
3. It was specific

II. THE ATTITUDE OF THE CHURCH (v.2)

1. Pride
2. Lack of mourning
3. Lack of discipline

III. THE ATTITUDE OF PAUL (v.3-5)

1. He had judged the man (**v.3**)
2. He desired a unified authority (**v.4**)
3. He wanted the sinner disciplined (**v.5**)

IV. THE APPEAL OF PAUL (v.6-13)

1. Do not glory (**v.6**)
2. Purge out the leaven (**v.7**)
3. Keep the feast (**v.8**)
4. Be separate (**v.9-11**)
5. Discipline (**v.12-13**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 14

LAWSUITS AND CHRISTIANS

(I Corinthians 6:1-11)

INTRODUCTION

I. THEIR PROBLEM (v.1)

II. THEIR IGNORANCE (v.2-6)

1. Saints will judge the world (**v.2**)
2. Saints will judge angels (**v.3**)
3. Saints will judge themselves (**v.4-6**)

III. THEIR SOLUTION (v.7-11)

1. Admit their sin (**v.7-8**)
2. Recognize the position of the unsaved (**v.9-10**)
3. Rejoice in their salvation (**v.11**)
 - a) Washed
 - b) Sanctified
 - c) Justified

CONCLUSION

Studies in I Corinthians
STUDY 15

GUARDING YOUR BODY
(I Corinthians 6:12-20)

INTRODUCTION

I. PRINCIPLES FOR THE BODY (v.12-13)

1. All things are lawful
2. All things are not beneficial
3. Slavery is to be avoided
4. Desires are only temporary

II. PURPOSES OF THE BODY (v.13-14)

1. Negative
2. Positive

III. PERVERSION OF THE BODY (v.15-18)

1. Believers should recognise their union with Christ
2. Believers should avoid union with prostitutes
3. Believers should flee sexual sins

IV. POSSESSION OF THE BODY (v.19-20)

1. Believers are indwelt by God
2. Believers are bought by God

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 16

HOW TO BE HAPPILY MARRIED
(I Corinthians 7:1-16)

INTRODUCTION

I. PURITY (v.1-9)

1. For singles (v.1)
2. For couples (v.2-5)
 - a) Marriage usually necessary
 - b) Marriage partners should satisfy each other
 - c) Marriage partners belong to each other
 - d) Sometimes abstain from sex
3. Permitted or commanded? (v.6-7)

II. PERMANENCE (v.10-11)

1. Wife must not divorce her husband
2. Remain unmarried
3. Attempt reconciliation
4. Husband must not divorce

III. POWER (v.12-16)

1. The marriage should continue (v.12-13)
2. Reasons (v.14)
3. Reasons for ending the marriage (v.15-16)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 17

HOW TO BE HAPPY THOUGH MARRIED
(I Corinthians 7:7-9, 25-29, 32-40)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **THE GIFT OF BEING SINGLE** (v.8, 26)

- II. **THE ACTIVITY OF THE SINGLE STATE** (v.29-31)

- III. **BE FREE OF CARE** (v.32-35)
 - 1. Of the man (**v.32-34**)
 - 2. Of the woman (**v.34**)
 - 3. Reasons (**v.35**)

- IV. **A FATHER OF A YOUNG LADY** (v.36-38)
 - 1. He can give her (**v.36**)
 - 2. He can keep her (**v.37**)
 - 3. He has a choice (**v.38**)

- V. **WIDOWS AND CONSECRATION** (v.39-40)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 18

QUESTIONABLE ISSUES

(I Corinthians 8:1-13)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE INTELLECTUAL PRINCIPLE (v.1-4)

1. Knowledge alone is insufficient (**v.1-2**)
2. Love is the proper basis (**v.3**)
3. Knowledge is necessary (**v.4-6**)

II. THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE (v.7-8)

1. Spiritual reality
2. Spiritual maturity

III. THE SOCIAL PRINCIPLE (v.9-13)

1. Don't hinder
2. Don't hurt

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 19

LIBERATED CAPACITY

(I Corinthians 9:1-27)

INTRODUCTION

I. RIGHTS THAT PAUL DID NOT USE (v.1-14)

1. As an apostle (v.1-6)
2. As a human being (v.7-10)
3. As a minister (v.11-14)

II. REASONS WHY PAUL DID NOT USE HIS RIGHTS (v.15-18)

1. His motivation (v.15)
2. His responsibility (v.16)
3. His reward (v.17-18)

III. RIGHTS THAT PAUL DID USE(v.19-27)

1. To serve (v.19-21)
2. To be flexible (v.22-23)
3. To excel (v.24-27)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 20

THE DANGER OF OVER-CONFIDENCE
(I Corinthians 10:1-14)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE BLESSINGS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE (v.1-5)

1. Guidance
2. Deliverance
3. Assurance
4. Sustenance

II. FAILURES WHICH CAN RUIN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE (v.6-10)

1. Lust (v.6)
2. Idolatry (v.7)
3. Fornication (v.8)
4. Tempting Christ (v.9)
5. Murmuring (v.10)

III. LESSONS TO BE LEARNED (v.11-14)

1. Keep us from pride
2. God adjusts our temptations
3. God is faithful

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 21

HOW TO LIVE AS A CHRISTIAN IN A PAGAN SOCIETY
(I Corinthians 10:16 - 11:1)

INTRODUCTION

I. OUR ACTIONS HAVE SPIRITUAL IMPLICATIONS (v.16-22)

1. Christians with Christ (**v.16-17**)
2. Israelites with Jehovah (**v.18**)
3. Pagans with demons (**v.19-20**)

II. OUR ACTIONS HAVE SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS (v.23-33)

1. Principle repeated (**v.23-24**)
 - a) Profitable
 - b) Edifying
 - c) Selfish
 - d) Others benefited
2. Principle illustrated (**v.25-30**)
3. Principle commanded (**10:31 - 11:1**)
 - a) Do everything to the glory of God (**v.31**)
 - b) Give no offence (**v.32-33**)
 - c) Be followers of Paul (**11:1**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 22

THE PATTERN OF AUTHORITY FOR CHURCH AND FAMILY

(I Corinthians 11:1-16)

INTRODUCTION

I. ORDER

1. God
2. Jesus
3. Man
4. Woman

II. VIOLATION

1. Man
2. Woman

III. BASIS

1. Creation
2. Submission
3. Co-operation

IV. RIGHTNESS

1. Veils of women
2. Hair of men
3. Hair of women

V. RESISTANCE

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 23

ATTITUDES IN WORSHIP
(I Corinthians 11:17-34)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE CRITICISM OF PAUL (v.17-22)

1. Church was divisive (**v.18-19**)
2. Church was selfish (**v.20-21**)
3. Church was shameful (**v.22**)

II. THE COMMAND OF CHRIST (v.23-26)

1. Its transmission (**v.23**)
2. Its nature (**v.23-25**)
 - a) Remembrance
 - b) Proclamation
 - c) Expectation

III. THE CHASTISEMENT OF GOD (v.27-30)

1. Its basis (**v.27-29**)
2. Its prevention (**v.28**)
3. Its nature (**v.29-30**)

IV. THE JUDGEMENT OF THE BELIEVER (v.31-32)

1. The prevention (**v.31**)
2. The occurrence (**v.32**)

V. THE COUNSEL OF PAUL (v.33-34)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 24

WHAT ARE SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

(I Corinthians 12:1-7)

INTRODUCTION

I. REMINDS THEM OF THEIR PAST (v.2-3)

1. Pagans
2. Religious
3. Needing instruction

II. SOURCE OF THE GIFTS (v.4-6)

III. PURPOSE OF THE GIFTS (v.7)

1. To each one
2. Manifestation of the Spirit
3. It is a gift
4. For the common good

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 26

SPIRITUAL GIFTS (Part 2)

(I Corinthians 12:8-9)

INTRODUCTION

I. WISDOM

1. Sovereignly given
2. Definition
3. Where used

II. KNOWLEDGE

1. Sovereignly given
2. Definition

III. FAITH

1. Sovereignly given
2. Definitions
3. Where it is used

IV. HEALING

1. Sovereignly given
2. Definition
3. What the gift does not do
4. The ministry of healing

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 27

THE GIFT OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES

INTRODUCTION

I. WHAT IS THE GIFT?

II. THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT

1. Authenticate the gospel messenger
2. A sign to Israel
3. Evangelism
4. Private devotions

III. IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

1. How can you be certain?
2. Not a sign for believers

IV. ARE THEY FOR TODAY?

1. No
2. Yes . . . but . . .

V. THE PLACE WE SHOULD GIVE IT TODAY

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 28

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
(I Corinthians 12:13)

INTRODUCTION

I. VARIOUS VIEWS

1. Subsequent to regeneration
2. Occurs at conversion

II. BASIC PRINCIPLES OF APPROACH

1. Full purpose of God
2. Discover in Scripture
3. Sought in didactic parts
4. Practical

III. VIEWED PROPHETICALLY (Matt. 3:11, Luke 3:16, Acts 1:5, Mark 1:8, John 1:33)

IV. VIEWED HISTORICALLY (Acts 10:44-48)

V. VIEWED DOCTRINALLY (I Cor. 12:13)

1. Common to all
2. Past
3. Into Christ
4. No distinctions

VI. POSSIBLE EXCEPTIONS

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 29

ONE BODY, MANY MEMBERS
(I Corinthians 12:14-30)

INTRODUCTION

I. DIVERSITY OF MEMBERS (v.14-18)

1. The body performs many functions (**v.14**)
2. Each function is important (**v.15-16**)
3. Each function must be performed (**v.17**)
4. God assigns each function (**v.18**)

II. MUTUAL NEEDS OF MEMBERS (v.19-21)

III. IMPORTANCE OF ALL MEMBERS (v.22-26)

1. Importance is not based on appearance (**v.22-23**)
2. Importance is equally distributed (**v.24-25**)
 - a) so that there can be no division
 - b) equal concern
3. Importance belongs to the entire body (**v.26**)

IV. SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE MEMBERS (v.27-30)

1. God chose the members (**v.27**)
2. God established the order of the members (**v.28**)
3. God determined the number of members (**v.29-30**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 30

LOVE
(I Corinthians 13:1-11)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE PRE-EMINENCE OF LOVE (v.1-3)

1. Greater than the gift of tongues
2. Greater than the gifts of prophecy, knowledge and faith
3. Greater than the works of charity and self-sacrifice

II. THE NATURE OF LOVE (v.7-8)

1. In relationship to others
2. In relationship to self
3. In relationship to sin
4. In relationship to circumstances
5. In relationship to everything

III. THE PERMANENCE OF LOVE (v.8-13)

1. Gifts are temporary
2. Gifts are partial
3. Gifts will end
4. Gifts are infantile

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 31

THE TRUTH ABOUT SPEAKING IN TONGUES
(I Corinthians 14:1-10)

I. IN ESSENCE (v.1-5)

1. Paul's preference
2. The purposes
 - a) The purpose of tongues
 - b) The purpose of prophecy
3. Edification
 - a) Recipients of edification
 - b) Superiority of edification

II. IN UNDERSTANDING (v.6-20)

1. Communication (**v.6-20**)
 - a) In Paul's ministry
 - b) In music
 - c) In military warfare
 - d) In daily conversation
2. Prayer
 - a) Prayer for interpretation
 - b) Prayer for understanding
3. Public teaching
 - a) Source of teaching
 - b) Goals of teaching

III. IN EVANGELISM (v.21-25)

1. As signs
 - a) sign of tongues
 - b) sign of prophecy
2. In public response
 - a) to a church full of tongue speakers
 - b) a church full of prophets

IV. IN THE CHURCH (v.26-40)

1. Regulations
 - a) For tongues
 - b) For prophets
 - c) For women
2. Direct revelation
 - a) the channels of revelation
 - b) Acceptance of revelation
 - c) Rejection of revelation
 - d) Directives of revelation

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 32

THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL

(I Corinthians 15:1-11)

INTRODUCTION

1. He preached it
2. He received it
3. He stood firm
4. By it they were saved

I. CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS

1. Historical
2. Redemptive
3. Planned

II. HE WAS BURIED

III. HE ROSE AGAIN

1. Fact
2. Time
3. Plan
4. Proved
5. Changed lives

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 33

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

(I Corinthians 15:12-34)

INTRODUCTION

I. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF JESUS WAS NOT RAISED? (v.12-19)

1. Christ is still dead
2. Paul's message was wrong
3. People are still unsaved

II. IT GUARANTEES THE RESURRECTION OF ALL (v.20-28)

1. The resurrection was typified
2. Resurrection is related to universal death
3. Resurrection will be in stages
4. Resurrection eliminates the enemy of death
5. Resurrection results in total subjection

III. IT PROVIDES SPIRITUAL MOTIVATION (v.29-34)

1. For baptism
2. For possible martyrdom
3. For holy living

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 34

NEW BODIES

(I Corinthians 15:35-58)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE RESURRECTION BODY (v.36-50)

1. Will be related to the natural body (**v.36-38**)
2. Will be consistent with the principles of creation (**v.39-41**)
3. Will be different from the natural body (**v.42-44**)
4. Will reflect the differences between Adam and Christ (**v.45-49**)
5. Will be adapted to life in eternity (**v.50**)

II. THE TRANSLATED BODY (v.51-53)

1. The mystery (**v.51**)
2. The quickness (**v.52**)
3. The order (**v.53**)
4. The necessity (**v.53**)

III. THE VICTORIOUS BODY (v.54-57)

IV. PRACTICAL RESULTS (v.58)

1. Firmness
2. Faithfulness
3. Fruitfulness

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 35

MONEY

(I Corinthians 16:1-4)

INTRODUCTION

I. PURPOSE

1. Benefit of the saints
2. Our own benefit

II. PROCEDURE

1. Punctual
2. Systematic
3. Personal
4. Proportional
5. Practical

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 36

PAUL'S PARTING WORDS
(I Corinthians 16:5-24)

INTRODUCTION

I. PAUL'S ANTICIPATION (v.5-9)

1. To Macedonia
2. To Corinth
3. To Ephesus
 - a) To witness
 - b) Opposition

II. PAUL'S APPRECIATION (v.10-19)

1. Youthfulness of Timothy
2. Steadfastness of Apollos
3. Yieldedness of Stephanas
4. Usefulness of Aquila and Priscilla

III. PAUL'S ADMONITION (v.13-14)

1. Be on your guard
2. Stand firm in your faith
3. Be men of courage
4. Be strong
5. Do everything in love

IV. PAUL'S AUTHENTICATION (v.21)

1. A word of enlargement
2. A word of enlightenment
3. A word of enablement
4. A word of endearment

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 1

DOWN - BUT NOT OUT

(2 Corinthians 1:1-11)

INTRODUCTION

1. To encourage
2. Historical background
3. Address and salutation

I. REMEMBER WHAT GOD IS TO YOU (v.1-3)

1. He is God
2. Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
3. Father of mercies
4. God of all comfort

II. REMEMBER WHAT GOD DOES FOR YOU (v.4-11)

1. He comforts us in our trials (**v.4-7**)
2. He enables us to bear our trials (**v.9**)
3. He delivers us from our trials (**v.10**)
4. He is glorified through our trials (**v.11**)

III. REMEMBER WHAT GOD DOES THROUGH YOU (v.4-7)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 2

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FAIL

(2 Corinthians 1:12 - 2:17)

INTRODUCTION

I. A CLEAR CONSCIENCE (1:12-24)

1. Live in the light of the return of Christ (**v.12-14**)
2. Be serious about the will of God (**v.15-18**)
3. Glorify Jesus (**v.19-20**)
4. Filled with the Spirit (**v.21-24**)
5. How to keep a clear conscience

II. A COMPASSIONATE HEART (2:1-11)

1. Puts others first (**v.1-4**)
2. Seeks to help others grow (**v.5-6**)
3. Love forgives and encourages (**v.7-11**)

III. A CONQUERING FAITH (2:12-17)

1. He was sure that God was leading him (**v.14a**)
2. He was sure that God was leading Him in triumph (**v.14b**)
3. He was sure God was using him as he was leading him (**v.14c-17**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 3

FROM GLORY TO GLORY

(2 Corinthians 3:1-18)

INTRODUCTION

I. TABLES OF STONES - HUMAN HEARTS (v.1-3)

1. Letter from Christ
2. Result of Paul's ministry
3. Written by the Spirit
4. On the heart

II. DEATH - LIFE (v.4-6)

III. FADING GLORY - INCREASING GLORY (v.7-11)

1. The new covenant glory means spiritual life, not death
2. It means righteousness, not condemnation
3. It is permanent, not temporary

IV. CONCEALMENT - OPENNESS (v.12-18)

1. The historical event
2. The national application
3. The personal application

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 4

COURAGE FOR THE CONFLICT

(2 Corinthians 4:1 - 5:8)

INTRODUCTION

I. WE HAVE A GLORIOUS MINISTRY (4:1-6)

1. It kept him from being a quitter (**v.1**)
2. It kept him from being a deceiver (**v.2-4**)
3. It kept him from being a promoter (**v.5-6**)

II. WE HAVE A VALUABLE TREASURE (4:7-12)

III. WE HAVE A CONFIDENT FAITH (4:13-18)

1. Sure of ultimate victory (**v.14**)
2. Sure that God would be glorified (**v.15**)
3. Sure that his trials were working for him (**v.16-17**)
4. Sure that the invisible world was real (**v.18**)

IV. WE HAVE A FUTURE HOPE (5:1-8)

1. We know (**v.1**)
2. We groan (**v.2-5**)
3. We are always confident (**v.6-8**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 5

MOTIVES FOR THE MINISTRY

(2 Corinthians 5:9-21)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE FEAR OF THE LORD (v.9-13)

1. We labour (**v.9**)
2. We must all appear (**v.10**)
3. We persuade men (**v.11**)
4. How?
 - a) We must maintain a clear conscience (**v.11**)
 - b) We must take care not to depend on the praise of people (**v.12**)
 - c) We must ignore the criticism of people (**v.13**)

II. THE LOVE OF CHRIST (v.14-17)

1. He died that we might die (**v.14**)
2. He died that we might live (**v.15**)
3. He died that we might share in the new creation (**v.16-17**)

III. THE COMMISSION OF CHRIST (v.18-21)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 6

HEART TO HEART / HEALING BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

(2 Corinthians 6:1 - 7:16)

INTRODUCTION

I. AN APPEAL FOR APPRECIATION (6:1-10)

1. Paul the evangelist (**v.1-2**)
2. Paul the example (**v.3-10**)
 - a) The trials he endured for them (**v.4-5**)
 - b) The tools he used in his ministry (**v.6-7**)
 - c) The testimony that he bore (**v.8-10**)

II. AN APPEAL FOR SEPARATION (6:11 - 7:1)

1. The nature of the believer (**v.14-16**)
2. The command of Scripture (**v.17**)
3. The promise of God's blessing (**6:17 - 7:1**)

III. AN APPEAL FOR RECONCILIATION (7:2-16)

1. Paul encouraged the Church (**v.2-4**)
2. Titus encouraged Paul (**v.5-10**)
3. The Corinthians encouraged Titus (**v.11-16**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 7

THE GRACE OF GIVING (Part 1)

(2 Corinthians 8:1-24)

INTRODUCTION

I. WHEN WE GIVE, IN SPITE OF CIRCUMSTANCES (v.1-2)

II. WHEN WE GIVEN ENTHUSIASTICALLY (v.3-4)

III. WHEN WE GIVE AS JESUS GAVE (v.5-9)

1. To God and to others
2. Motivated by love
3. Sacrificial

IV. WHEN WE GIVE WILLINGLY (v.10-12)

V. WHEN WE GIVE OF FAITH (v.13-24)

1. A God-given desire to serve (**v.16-17**)
2. A burden for lost souls (**v.18**)
3. A desire to honour God (**v.19**)
4. A reputation for honesty (**v.20-22**)
5. A co-operative spirit (**v.23-24**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 8

THE GRACE OF GIVING (Part 2)

(2 Corinthians 9:1-15)

INTRODUCTION

I. YOUR GIVING WILL PROVOKE OTHERS (v.1-5)

II. YOUR GIVING WILL BLESS YOU (v.6-11)

1. The principle of increase - we reap in measure to what we sow (**v.6**)
2. The principle of intent - we reap as we sow with right motives (**v.7**)
3. The principle of immediacy - we reap even while we are sowing (**v.8-11**)

III. YOUR GIVING WILL MEET NEEDS (v.12)

IV. YOUR GIVING WILL GLORIFY GOD (v.13)

V. YOUR GIVING WILL UNITE GOD'S PEOPLE (v.14-15)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 9

MINISTERIAL MISUNDERSTANDINGS

(2 Corinthians 10:1-18)

INTRODUCTION

I. HOW TO WAGE SPIRITUAL WARFARE (v.1-6)

1. The accusation (**v.1-2**)
2. The answer (**v.3-6**)

II. HOW TO USE SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY (v.7-11)

III. HOW TO MEASURE SPIRITUAL MINISTRY (v.12-18)

1. False measurement (**v.12**)
2. True measurement (**v.13-18**)
 - a) Am I where God wants me to be? (**V.13-14**)
 - b) Is God glorified in my ministry? (**V.15-17**)
 - c) Can God commend my work? (**V.18**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 10

FATHER KNOWS BEST

(2 Corinthians 11:1-33)

INTRODUCTION

I. HIS JEALOUSY OVER THE CHURCH (11:1-6, 13-15)

1. Picture
2. Peril
3. Person
4. Preachers

II. HIS GENEROSITY TO THE CHURCH (v.7-12)

III. HIS ANXIETY FOR THE CHURCH (v.16-33)

1. Sufferings for Christ
2. Natural hardships

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 11

A PREACHER IN PARADISE

(2 Corinthians 12:1-10)

INTRODUCTION

I. GLORY : GOD HONOURED HIM (v.1-6)

1. Revelations
2. Heaven
3. Unspeakable words

II. GOODNESS : GOD HUMBLLED HIM (v.7-8)

III. GRACE : GOD HELPED HIM (v.9-10)

1. Sufficient grace
2. Strengthening grace
3. Transformation

IV. PRACTICAL LESSONS

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 12

THREE TO GET READY

(2 Corinthians 12:11 - 13:14)

INTRODUCTION

I. HE SHAMED THEM (12:11-12)

1. Lack of commendation
2. Lack of appreciation
3. Lack of consecration

II. HE WARNED THEM (13:1-8)

1. Prepared yourselves
2. Examine yourselves

III. HE ENCOURAGED THEM (13:9-14)

1. To cultivate grace

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 1

INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

I. INTRODUCTION

II. WRITER

III. REGION OF GALATIA

IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHURCHES

V. DESTINATION OF THE LETTER

VI. TIME AND PLACE

VII. PURPOSE

CONCLUSION

Studies in Galatians
STUDY 2

THE CURSE OF A FALSE GOSPEL
(Galatians 1:1-9)

I. BASIS OF THE TRUE GOSPEL (v.1-5)

1. Genuine messenger (**v.1-3**)
 - a) His name (**v.1a**)
 - b) His position (**v.1b**)
 - (i) An apostle
 - (ii) Sent not from men
 - (iii) Nor by man
 - (iv) But by Jesus Christ and God the Father
 - c) His associates (**v.2a**)
 - d) His readers (**v.2b**)
 - e) His blessing (**v.3**)
 - (i) Grace
 - (ii) Peace
2. Genuine message (**v.4-5**)
 - a) It involves substitution (**v.4a**)
 - b) It involves deliverance (**v.4b**)
 - c) It involves the will of God (**v.4c**)
 - d) It involves the glory of God (**v.5**)

II. THE WARNING AGAINST PERVERSION (v.6-9)

1. His surprise (**v.6-7**)
 - a) At their transfer (**v.6**)
 - b) At their ignorance (**v.7**)
2. His warning (**v.8-9**)
 - a) To angels and to himself (**v.8**)
 - b) To the heretics (**v.9**)

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STUDY 3

THE DIVINE ORIGIN OF PAUL'S GOSPEL
(Galatians 1:10-24)

INTRODUCTION

I. HIS MESSAGE CAME FROM GOD (v.10-16a)

1. His present confession (**v.10-12**)
 - a) He served only Christ (**v.10**)
 - b) He received his message only from Christ (**v.11-12**)
2. His past conduct (**v.13-14**)
 - a) He hated the church (**v.13b**)
 - b) He loved the traditions (**v.14**)
3. His personal conversion (**v.15-16a**)
 - a) God separated him (**v.15b**)
 - b) God called him (**v.15c**)
 - c) God illuminated him (**v.16a**)
 - d) God commissioned him (**v.16b**)

II. HIS MESSAGE DID NOT COME FROM MAN (v.16-24)

1. His conferences (**v.16b-20**)
 - a) The first three years (**v.16b-17**)
 - b) At Jerusalem (**v.18-20**)
2. His absence (**v.21-24**)
 - a) The churches in Judea did not see him (**v.21-22**)
 - b) The churches in Judea heard about him (**v.23-24**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 4

THE RECOGNITION OF PAUL'S GOSPEL
(Galatians 2:1-10)

INTRODUCTION

I. IN THE CONVERSION OF TITUS (v.1-5)

1. People at the meeting (**v.1**)
2. Purpose of the meeting (**v.2**)
 - a) To present a gentle convert
 - b) To set forth the gospel message
3. Pressure at the meeting (**v.3-5**)
 - a) Upon Titus (**v.3**)
 - b) Upon Paul (**v.4-5**)

II. BY THE OTHER APOSTLES (v.6-10)

1. He did not need any information (**v.6**)
 - a) Their status (**v.6**)
 - b) Their knowledge (**v.6**)
2. He had a special sphere of ministry (**v.7-8**)
 - a) He had a different audience (**v.7**)
 - b) He had the same apostleship (**v.8**)
 - c) He was part of the fellowship (**v.9-10**)

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STUDY 5

THE DEFENCE OF PAUL'S GOSPEL
(Galatians 2:11-21)

INTRODUCTION

I. CRITICISM OF PETER'S ACTIONS (v.11-14)

1. What Paul sensed in Peter (**v.11**)
2. What Paul saw in Peter (**v.12-13**)
 - a) Peter's defection
 - b) Peter's fear
 - c) Peter's influence
3. What Paul said to Peter (**v.14**)
 - a) The cause of the rebuke
 - b) The content of the rebuke

II. EXPLANATION OF DIVINE JUSTIFICATION (v.15-21)

1. Definition of justification (**v.15-16**)
 - a) Its necessity (**v.15**)
 - b) Its means (**v.16**)
2. Defence of justification (**v.17-21**)
 - a) Relationship to the Law (**v.17-19**)
 - b) Justification with Christ (**v.20**)
 - c) Incompatible with legalism (**v.21**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 6

THE EXAMINATION OF TRUE SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE
(Galatians 3:1-9)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE LIVES OF THE GALATIANS (v.1-5)

1. Their problem (**v.1**)
 - a) They were foolish
 - b) They were bewitched
2. His solution (**v.2-5**)
 - a) How did you receive the Spirit? (**v.2**)
 - b) How will you be made perfect? (**v.3**)
 - c) Why did you suffer? (**v.4**)
 - d) How did God perform miracles (**v.5**)

II. IN THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM (v.6-9)

1. Necessity of faith alone (**v.6-7**)
 - a) For Abraham (**v.6**)
 - b) For his children (**v.7**)
2. Blessing of the covenant (**v.8-9**)
 - a) For all people potentially (**v.8**)
 - b) For all believers specifically (**v.9**)

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THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE LAW
(Galatians 3:10-18)

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I. THE LAW AND THE CURSE (v.10-14)

1. Dilemma of the Law (v.10-12)
 - a) The Law can curse (v.10)
 - b) The Law cannot justify (v.11)
 - c) The Law is contrary to faith (v.12)
2. Deliverance from the Law (v.13-14)
 - a) Nature of redemption (v.13)
 - b) Purposes of redemption (v.14)

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1. Nature of a covenant (v.15-16)
 - a) A human conditional covenant (v.15)
 - b) A divine unconditional covenant (v.16)
2. Violation of the covenant (v.17-18)
 - a) The Law cannot annul the covenant (v.17)
 - b) The Law cannot change the inheritance (v.18)

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THE CONTRAST BETWEEN LAW AND FAITH
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I. PURPOSE OF THE LAW (v.19-25)

1. The Law and the Seed (**v.19-20**)
 - a) The Law was added (**v.19a**)
 - b) The Law was temporary (**v.19b**)
 - c) The Law needed a mediator (**v.19c**)
 - d) The promise needed no mediator (**v.20**)
2. The Law and the promises (**v.21-22**)
 - a) The Law is not against the promises (**v.21a**)
 - b) The Law cannot give life (**v.21b**)
 - c) The Law prepares men to receive the promises (**v.22**)
3. The Law and the faith (**v.23-25**)
 - a) The Law was a guard (**v.23**)
 - b) The Law was a schoolmaster (**v.24-25**)

II. POSITION UNDER FAITH (v.26-29)

1. Sons of God (**v.26**)
2. Baptised into Christ (**v.27a**)
3. Put on Christ (**v.27b**)
4. Oneness with Christ (**v.28**)
5. Abraham's seed (**v.29**)

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THE CONTRAST BETWEEN SONSHIP AND SERVANTHOOD
(Galatians 4:1-11)

INTRODUCTION

I. BIBLICAL SONSHIP (v.1-7)

1. Preparation for sonship (**v.1-3**)
 - a) A child is like a servant (**v.1**)
 - b) A child is under supervision (**v.2**)
 - c) A child is under bondage (**v.3**)
2. Means of sonship (**v.4-5**)
 - a) The incarnation of the Son (**v.4**)
 - b) The redemption of the Son (**v.5**)
3. Confirmation of sonship (**v.6-7**)
 - a) Awareness of the Father (**v.6**)
 - b) Heirship with the Son (**v.7**)

II. PAGAN SERVANTHOOD (v.8-11)

1. Their pagan past (**v.8**)
 - a) They did not know the true God
 - b) They served false gods
2. Their present position (**v.9**)
 - a) They know the true God
 - b) The true God knows them
3. Their perilous problem (**v.9-10**)
 - a) They were turning to legalism (**v.9**)
 - b) They were desiring to be slaves (**v.9**)
 - c) They were observing ritualistic feasts (**v.10**)
4. Paul's perplexity (**v.11**)

CONCLUSION

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THE DANGERS OF LEGALISM
(Galatians 4:12-31)

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I. THE STRAIN BETWEEN PAUL AND THE GALATIANS (v.12-20)

1. The warmth of the past (**v.12-15**)
 - a) He had not been permanently hurt (**v.12**)
 - b) He had preached in weakness (**v.13**)
 - c) They accepted him completely (**v.14**)
 - d) They would have given him their eyes (**v.15**)
2. The coldness of the present (**v.16-18**)
 - a) They did not like what he sav. **19-20**)id (**v.16**)
 - b) They liked what they Judaizers said (**v.17-18**)
3. The hope for the future (**v.19-20**)
 - a) For Christlikeness (**v.19**)
 - b) For removal of his doubts (**v.20**)

II. THE CONFLICT BETWEEN ISAAC AND ISHMAEL (v.21-31)

1. The appeal (**v.21**)
2. The history (**v.22-23**)
 - a) Two sons by two women (**v.22**)
 - b) Two sons by two methods (**v.23**)
3. The allegory (**v.24-27**)
 - a) Birth by works of the Law (**v.24-25**)
 - b) Birth by faith in the promise (**v.26-27**)
4. The application (**v.28-31**)
 - a) In identity (**v.28**)
 - b) In persecution (**v.29**)
 - c) In discipline (**v.30**)
 - d) In summary (**v.31**)

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STUDY 11

THE APPEAL TO LIBERTY AND LOVE
(Galatians 5:1-15)

INTRODUCTION

I. STAND IN LIBERTY (v.1-12)

1. Command to steadfastness (**v.1**)
 - a) Stand in liberty
 - b) Do not be entangled with legalism

2. Problem of mixing law and grace (**v.2-4**)
 - a) No prophet from Christ (**v.2**)
 - b) Debtor to the whole Law (**v.3**)
 - c) Fallen from grace (**v.4**)

3. Privilege of believers (**v.5-6**)
 - a) Hope for righteousness (**v.5**)
 - b) Equality of Christ (**v.6a**)
 - c) Works of faith through love (**v.6b**)

4. Perils of false teachers (**v.7-12**)
 - a) Hinder you (**v.7**)
 - b) Persuade you (**v.8**)
 - c) Permeate you (**v.9**)
 - d) Trouble you (**v.10**)
 - e) Persecuted Paul (**v.11**)
 - f) Unsettle you (**v.12**)

II. STAND IN LOVE (v.13-15)

1. Basis of love (**v.13**)
 - a) Liberty without love
 - b) Liberty to love

2. Options of love (**v.14-15**)
 - a) Presence of love (**v.14**)
 - b) Absence of love (**v.15**)

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BASIS OF SANCTIFICATION
(Galatians 5:16-23)

INTRODUCTION

I. NATURE OF SPIRITUALITY (v.16-18)

1. Its command (**v.16**)
 - a) Definition
 - b) Result
2. Its conflict (**v.17**)
 - a) He has two natures
 - b) He has two desires
 - c) He has perplexity
3. Its salvation (**v.18**)

II. CONTRAST BETWEEN WORKS AND FRUIT (v.19-23)

1. Works of flesh (**v.19-21**)
 - a) Sexual sins
 - b) Religious sins
 - c) Attitude sins
 - d) Social sins
 - e) Judgement for these works
2. Fruit of the Spirit (**v.22-23**)
 - a) Inward aspects
 - b) Outward aspects
 - c) Upward aspects
 - d) Summary

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MARKS OF SPIRITUALITY
(Galatians 5:25 - 6:10)

INTRODUCTION

I. MORAL RESPONSIBILITIES (v.24-26)

1. He has crucified the flesh (v.24)
2. He walks in the Spirit (v.25)
3. He is a blessing to the saints (v.26)

II. MOTHERLY CONCERN (6:1-2)

1. Restore the sinning brother (v.1)
 - a) The object of restoration
 - b) The means of restoration
 - c) The meaning of restoration
 - d) The attitude of restoration
2. Bear the burdens of each other (v.2)

III. PROPER ATTITUDES (6:3-5)

1. Humility (v.3)
2. Self-fulfilment (v.4)
 - a) His work
 - b) His satisfaction
3. Accountability (v.5)

IV. GOOD WORKS (6:6-10)

1. In supporting ministers (v.6)
2. In sowing righteousness (v.7-9)
 - a) The problem (v.7a)
 - b) The principle (v.7b)
 - c) The promise (v.8-9)
3. In giving charity (v.10)

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THE FINAL CONTRAST BETWEEN PAUL AND THE JUDAIZERS
(Galatians 6:11-18)

INTRODUCTION

I. IN PERSONAL CONCERN (v.11-12)

1. The concern of Paul (**v.11**)
2. The concern of the Judaizers (**v.12**)
 - a) They want to impress others
 - b) They were dictators
 - c) They were afraid of persecution

II. IN GLORY (v.13-14)

1. The glory of the Judaizers (**v.13**)
 - a) They glory in inconsistency
 - b) They glory in their converts
2. The glory of Paul (**v.14**)
 - a) In Christ's Cross
 - b) In his cross

III. IN POSITION (v.15-16)

1. A new creation (**v.15**)
2. A new walk (**v.16**)

IV. IN BENEDICTION (v.17-18)

1. Upon the critics (v.17)
2. Upon the church (**v.18**)

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GALATIANS 1

INTRODUCTION

1. General
2. Writer
3. Region of Galatia
4. Establishment of the churches
5. Destination of the letter
6. Time and place
7. Purposes

I. THE CURSE OF A FALSE GOSPEL (1:1-9)

1. Basis of the true gospel (**v.1-5**)
 - a) Genuine messenger (**v.1-3**)
 - (i) His name (**v.1a**)
 - (ii) His position (**v.1b**)
 - (iii) His associates (**v.2a**)
 - (iv) His readers (**v.2b**)
 - (v) His blessing (**v.3**)
 - b) A genuine message (**v.4-5**)
 - (i) It involves substitution (**v.4a**)
 - (ii) It involves deliverance (**v.4b**)
 - (iii) It involves the will of God (**v.4c**)
 - (iv) It involves the glory of God (**v.5**)
2. The warning against perversion (**v.6-9**)
 - a) His surprise (**v.6-7**)
 - (i) At their transfer (**v.6**)
 - (ii) At their ignorance (**v.7**)
 - b) His warning (**v.8-9**)
 - (i) To angels and to himself (**v.8**)
 - (ii) To the heretics (**v.9**)

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II. THE DIVINE ORIGIN OF PAUL'S GOSPEL (1:10-24)

1. His message came from God (**v.10-16a**)
 - a) His present confession (**v.10-12**)
 - (i) He served only Christ (**v.10**)
 - (ii) He received his message only from Christ (**v.11-12**)
 - b) His past conduct (**v.13-14**)
 - (i) He hated the church (**v.13b**)
 - (ii) He loved the traditions (**v.14**)
 - c) His personal conversion (**v.15-16a**)
 - (i) God separated him (**v.15b**)
 - (ii) God called him (**v.15c**)
 - (iii) God illuminated him (**v.16a**)
 - (iv) God commissioned him (**v.16b**)
2. His message did not come from man (**v.16-24**)
 - a) His conferences (**v.16b-20**)
 - (i) The first three years (**v.16b-17**)
 - (ii) At Jerusalem (**v.18-20**)
 - b) His absence (**v.21-24**)
 - (i) The churches in Judea did not see him (**v.21-27**)
 - (ii) The churches in Judea heard about him (**v.23-24**)

GALATIANS 2

I. THE RECOGNITION OF PAUL'S GOSPEL (2:1-10)

1. In the conversion of Titus (**v.1-5**)
 - a) People at the meeting (**v.1**)
 - b) Purpose of the meeting (**v.2**)
 - (i) To present a Gentile convert
 - (ii) To set forth the gospel message
 - c) Pressure at the meeting (**v.3-5**)
 - (i) Upon Titus (**v.3**)
 - (ii) Upon Paul (**v.4-5**)
2. By the other apostles (**v.6-10**)
 - a) He did not need any information (**v.6**)
 - (i) Their status
 - (ii) Their knowledge
 - b) He had a special sphere of ministry (**v.7-8**)
 - (i) He had a different audience (**v.7**)
 - (ii) He had the same apostleship (**v.8**)
 - (iii) He was part of the fellowship

II. THE DEFENCE OF PAUL'S GOSPEL (2:11-21)

1. Criticism of Peter's actions (**v.11-14**)
 - a) What Paul sensed in Peter (**v.11**)
 - b) What Paul saw in Peter (**v.12-13**)
 - (i) Peter's defection
 - (ii) Peter's fear
 - (iii) Peter's influence

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- b) What Paul said to Peter (**v.14**)
 - (i) The cause of the rebuke
 - (ii) The content of the rebuke

- 2. Explanation of divine justification (**v.15-21**)
 - a) Definition of justification (**v.15-16**)
 - (i) Its necessity (**v.15**)
 - (ii) Its means (**v.16**)

 - b) Defence of justification (**v.17-21**)
 - (i) Relationship to the Law (**v.17-19**)
 - (ii) Justification with Christ (**v.20**)
 - (iii) Incompatible with legalism (**v.21**)

GALATIANS 3

I. THE EXAMINATION OF TRUE SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE (3:1-9)

1. In the lives of the Galatians (**v.1-5**)
 - a) Their problem (**v.1**)
 - (i) They were foolish
 - (ii) They were bewitched
 - b) His solution (**v.2-5**)
 - (i) How did you receive the Spirit? (**v.2**)
 - (ii) How will you be made perfect? (**v.3**)
 - (iii) Why did you suffer? (**v.4**)
 - (iv) How did God perform miracles? (**v.5**)
2. In the life of Abraham (**v.6-9**)
 - a) Necessity of faith alone (**v.6-7**)
 - (i) For Abraham (**v.6**)
 - (ii) For his children (**v.7**)
 - b) Blessing of the covenant (**v.8-9**)
 - (i) For all peoples potentially (**v.8**)
 - (ii) For all believers specifically (**v.9**)

II. THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE LAW (3:10-18)

1. The Law and the curse (**v.10-14**)
 - a) Dilemma of the Law (**v.10-12**)
 - (i) The Law can curse (**v.10**)
 - (ii) The Law cannot justify (**v.11**)
 - (iii) The Law is contrary to faith (**v.12**)

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- b) Deliverance from the Law (**v.13-14**)
 - (i) Nature of redemption (**v.13**)
 - (ii) Purposes of redemption (**v.14**)
- 2. The Law and the covenant (**v.15-18**)
 - a) Nature of a covenant (**v.15-16**)
 - (i) A human, conditional covenant (**v.15**)
 - (ii) A divine, unconditional covenant (**v.16**)
 - b) Violation of the covenant (**v.17-18**)
 - (i) The Law cannot disannul the covenant (**v.17**)
 - (ii) The Law cannot change the inheritance (**v.18**)

III. THE CONTRAST BETWEEN LAW AND FAITH (3:19-29)

- 1. Purpose of the Law (**v.19-25**)
 - a) The Law and the seed (**v.19-20**)
 - (i) The Law was added (**v.19a**)
 - (ii) The Law was temporary (**v.19b**)
 - (iii) The Law needed a mediator (**v.19c**)
 - (iv) The promise needed no mediator (**v.20**)
 - b) The Law and the promises (**v.21-22**)
 - (i) The Law is not against the promises (**v.21a**)
 - (ii) The Law cannot give life (**v.21b**)
 - (iii) The Law prepares men to receive the promise (**v.22**)

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- c) The Law and faith (**v.23-25**)
 - (i) The Law was a guard (**v.23**)
 - (ii) The Law was a schoolmaster (**v.24-25**)

- 2. Position under faith (**v.26-29**)
 - a) Sons of God (**v.26**)
 - b) Baptized into Christ (**v.27a**)
 - c) Put on Christ (**v.27b**)
 - d) Oneness in Christ (**v.28**)
 - e) Abraham's seed (**v.29**)

GALATIANS 4

I. THE CONTRAST BETWEEN SONSHIP AND SERVANTHOOD (4:1-11)

1. Biblical sonship (**v.1-7**)
 - a) Preparation for sonship (**v.1-3**)
 - (i) A child is like a servant (**v.1**)
 - (ii) A child is under supervision (**v.2**)
 - (iii) A child is in bondage (**v.3**)
 - b) Means of sonship (**v.4-5**)
 - (i) The incarnation of the Son (**v.4**)
 - (ii) The redemption of the Son (**v.5**)
 - c) Confirmation of sonship (**v.6-7**)
 - (i) Awareness of the Father (**v.6**)
 - (ii) Heirship with the Son (**v.7**)
2. Pagan servanthood (**v.8-11**)
 - a) Their pagan past (**v.8**)
 - (i) They did not know the true God
 - (ii) They served false gods
 - b) Their present position (**v.9**)
 - (i) They know the true God
 - (ii) The true God knows them
 - c) Their perilous problem (**v.9-10**)
 - (i) They were turning to legalism (**v.9**)
 - (ii) They were desiring to be slaves (**v.9**)
 - (iii) They were observing ritualistic feasts (**v.10**)
 - d) Paul's perplexity (**v.11**)

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II. THE DANGERS OF LEGALISM (4:12-31)

1. The strain between Paul and the Galatians (**v.12-20**)
 - a) The warmth of the past (**v.12-15**)
 - (i) He had not been permanently hurt (**v.12**)
 - (ii) He preached in weakness (**v.13**)
 - (iii) They accepted him completely (**v.14**)
 - (iv) They would have given him their eyes (**v.15**)
 - b) The coldness of the present (**v.16-18**)
 - (i) They did not like what he said (**v.16**)
 - (ii) They liked what the Judaizers said (**v.17-18**)
 - c) The hope for the future (**v.19-20**)
 - (i) For Christlikeness in them (**v.19**)
 - (ii) For removal of his doubts (**v.20**)
2. The conflict between Isaac and Ishmael (**v.21-31**)
 - a) The appeal (**v.21**)
 - b) The history (**v.22-23**)
 - (i) Two sons by two women (**v.22**)
 - (ii) Two sons by two methods (**v.23**)
 - c) The allegory (**v.24-27**)
 - (i) Birth by works of the Law (**v.24-25**)
 - (ii) Birth by faith in the promise (**v.26-27**)
 - d) The application (**v.28-31**)
 - (i) In identity (**v.28**)
 - (ii) In persecution (**v.29**)
 - (iii) In discipline (**v.30**)
 - (iv) In summary (**v.31**)

GALATIANS 5

I. THE APPEAL TO LIBERTY AND LOVE (5:1-15)

1. Stand in liberty (**v.1-6**)
 - a) Command to steadfastness (**v.1**)
 - (i) Stand in liberty
 - (ii) Do not be entangled with legalism
 - b) Problem of mixing law and grace (**v.2-4**)
 - (i) No prophet from Christ (**v.2**)
 - (ii) Debtor to the whole Law (**v.3**)
 - (iii) Fallen from grace (**v.4**)
 - c) Privilege of believers (**v.5-6**)
 - (i) Hope of righteousness (**v.5**)
 - (ii) Equality in Christ (**v.6**)
 - (iii) Works of faith through love
 - d) Perils of false teachers (**v.7-12**)
 - (i) Hinder you (**v.7**)
 - (ii) Persuade you (**v.8**)
 - (iii) Permeate you (**v.9**)
 - (iv) Trouble you (**v.10**)
 - (v) Persecuted Paul (**v.11**)
 - (vi) Unsettle you (**v.12**)
2. Stand in love (**v.13-15**)
 - a) Basis of love (**v.13**)
 - (i) Liberty without love
 - (ii) Liberty to love
 - b) Options of love (**v.14-15**)
 - (i) Presence of love
 - (ii) Absence of love

GALATIANS 5 (continued)

II. BASIS OF SANCTIFICATION (5:16-23)

1. Nature of spirituality (**v.16-18**)
 - a) Its command (**v.16**)
 - (i) Definition
 - (ii) Result
 - b) Its conflict (**v.17**)
 - (i) He has two natures
 - (ii) He has two desires
 - (iii) He has perplexity
 - c) Its salvation (**v.18**)
2. Contrast between works and fruit (**v.19-23**)
 - a) Works of flesh (**v.19-21**)
 - (i) Sexual sins
 - (ii) Religious sins
 - (iii) Attitude sins
 - (iv) Social sins
 - (v) Judgement for these works
 - b) Fruit of the Spirit (**v.22-23**)
 - (i) Inward aspects
 - (ii) Outwards aspects
 - (iii) Upward aspects
 - (iv) Summary

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III. MARKS OF SPIRITUALITY (5:24 - 6:18)

1. Moral responsibility (**5:24-26**)
 - a) He has crucified the flesh
 - b) He walks in the Spirit
 - c) He is a blessing to the saints

2. Brotherly concern (**6:1-2**)
 - a) Restore the sinning brother (**v.1**)
 - (i) The object of restoration
 - (ii) The means of restoration
 - (iii) The meaning of restoration
 - (iv) The attitude of restoration
 - b) Bear the burdens of each other (**v.2**)

3. Proper attitudes (**v.3-5**)
 - a) Humility (**v.3**)
 - b) Self-fulfilment (**v.4**)
 - (i) His work
 - (ii) His satisfaction
 - c) Accountability (**v.5**)

4. Good works (**v.6-10**)
 - a) In supporting ministers (**v.6**)
 - b) In sowing righteousness (**v.7-9**)
 - (i) The problem (**v.7a**)
 - (ii) The principle (**v.7b**)
 - (iii) The products (**v.8**)
 - (iv) The promise (**v.9**)
 - c) In giving charity (**v.10**)

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IV. THE FINAL CONTRAST BETWEEN PAUL AND THE JUDAIZERS (6:11-18)

1. In personal concern (**v.11-12**)
 - a) The concern of Paul (**v.11**)
 - b) The concern of the Judaizers (**v.12**)
 - (i) They want to impress others
 - (ii) They are dictators
 - (iii) They are afraid of persecution
2. In glory (**v.13-14**)
 - a) The glory of the Judaizers (**v.13**)
 - (i) They glory in inconsistency
 - (ii) They glory in their converts
 - b) The glory of Paul (**v.14**)
 - (i) In Christ's Cross
 - (ii) In his cross
3. In position (**v.15-16**)
 - a) A new creation (**v.15**)
 - b) A new walk (**v.16**)
4. In benediction (**v.17-18**)
 - a) Upon the critics (**v.17**)
 - b) Upon the church (**v.18**)

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2. God and Father of our Lord
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REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD

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2. The redeemed
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4. The results
 - a) Forgiveness
 - b) Wisdom and insight

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I. THE GROUND OF OUR INHERITANCE (v.11)

1. Divine perspective
 - a) God's predestination
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 - a) Security
 - b) Authenticity
 - c) Ownership
 - d) Authority
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I. PRAISE (v.15-16)

1. Faith in the Lord Jesus
2. Love for all believers

II. PRAYER (v.17-23)

1. Understanding the greatness of God's plan (**v.17-18**)
 - a) Knowing Him better
 - b) The hope of God's call
 - c) The glory of His inheritance
2. Understanding the greatness of God's power (**v.19-20**)
3. Understanding the greatness of God's Person (**v.21-23**)

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INTRODUCTION

I. MAN BY NATURE (v.1-3)

1. Dead (**v.1**)
 - a) Transgressions
 - b) Sins
2. Enslaved (**v.2-3**)
 - a) Followed ways of this world
 - b) Power of the kingdom of the air
 - c) Gratifying cravings of the sinful nature
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II. MAN BY GRACE (v.4-10)

1. Loved us (**v.4**)
2. Made us alive (**v.5**)
3. Exalted us (**v.6-10**)

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I. SEPARATION (v.11-12)

1. Christless
2. Stateless
3. Friendless
4. Hopeless
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1. Enmity between Jew and Gentile (**v.13-15**)
 - a) The abolition of the law and the commandments
 - b) The creation of a single new humanity
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III. UNIFICATION (v.19-22)

1. One nation (**v.19a**)
2. One family (**v.19b**)
3. One temple (**v.20-22**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 8

PAUL'S UNIQUE PRIVILEGE
(Ephesians 3:1-13)

INTRODUCTION

I. MYSTERY MADE KNOWN TO HIM (v.1-6)

1. Fellow-heirs
2. Fellow-members
3. Fellow-partakers
4. By the gospel

II. MINISTRY ENTRUSTED TO HIM (v.7-13)

1. Making known Christ's riches to all Gentiles (**v.8**)
2. Making known the mystery to all men (**v.9**)
3. Making known God's wisdom to the cosmic powers (**v.10**)

III. LESSONS

1. The church is central to history
2. The church is central to the gospel
3. The church is central to Christian living

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 9

PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THE EPHESIANS

(Ephesians 3:4-21)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE INTRODUCTION TO HIS PRAYER (v.14-16a)

II. THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS PRAYER (v.16-19)

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| 1. | Strengthened with might (v.16) | Strength |
| 2. | Rooted and grounded in love (v.17) | Love |
| 3. | Knowing Christ's love (v.18-19) | Knowledge |
| 4. | Filled up with God's fullness | |

III. CLOSING DOXOLOGY (v.20-21)

1. He is able to **do**
2. He is able to do what we **ask**
3. He is able to do what we ask or **think**
4. He is able to do **all** that we ask or think
5. He is able to do **more than** all we ask or think
6. He is able to do **much more** than we ask or think
7. He is able to do **very much more** than we ask or think

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 10

NEW STANDARDS

(Ephesians 4:1-6)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE CALL TO THE WORTHY WALK (v.1)

II. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WORTHY WALK (v.2-3)

1. Humility
2. Gentleness
3. Patience
4. Bear with each other
5. Love

III. THE CAUSE OF THE WORTHY WALK (v.4-6)

1. Unity of the Spirit
 - a) One body
 - b) One Spirit
 - c) One hope
2. Unity in the Son
 - a) One Lord
 - b) One faith
 - c) One baptism
3. Unity in the Father

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 11

THE GIFTS OF CHRIST TO HIS CHURCH

(Ephesians 4:7-11)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE GIFTS OF CHRIST TO INDIVIDUAL BELIEVERS (v.7)

1. To each one
2. Grace has been given
3. As Christ apportioned it

II. HOW CHRIST WON THE RIGHT TO GIVE GIFTS (v.8-10)

III. THE GIFTS OF CHRIST TO THE WHOLE CHURCH (v.11)

1. Apostles
2. Prophets
3. Evangelists
4. Pastors and teachers

IV. HOW TO DISCOVER YOUR GIFT

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 12

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST
(Ephesians 4:12-16)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE PROGRESSION OF GOD'S PATTERN (v.12)

1. Equipping
 - a) Bible
 - b) Prayer
 - c) Suffering
 - d) Testing
2. Service
3. Building up

II. THE PURPOSE OF GOD'S PATTERN (v.13-15)

1. Unity of faith
2. Knowledge of Christ
3. Spiritual maturity
4. Sound doctrine
 - a) Childish
 - b) Inconstant
 - c) Superficial
 - d) Lack of discernment
5. Authentic loving testimony

III. THE POWER FOR GOD'S PATTERN (v.16)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 13

OFF WITH THE OLD AND ON WITH THE NEW
(Ephesians 4:17-24)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE MARK OF THE OLD SELF (v.17-19)

1. Intellectually futile
2. Ignorant of God's truth
3. Spiritually and morally calloused
4. Deprived in mind
 - a) Become callous
 - b) Given to sensuality
 - c) Indulge in impurity

II. THE WALK OF THE NEW SELF (v.20-24)

1. Christ-centred
2. Know God's truth
 - a) Heard Him
 - b) Taught of Him
3. Delivered from old self (v.22)
4. Became the new self (v.23-24)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 14

PRINCIPLES OF NEW LIFE
(Ephesians 4:25 - 5:4)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **DON'T TELL LIES: RATHER TELL THE TRUTH** (v.25)
- II. **DON'T LOSE YOUR TEMPER: RATHER ENSURE YOUR ANGER IS RIGHTEOUS** (v.26)
1. In your anger do not sin
 2. Do not let the sun go down on your wrath
 3. Do not give the devil a foothold
- III. **DON'T STEAL: RATHER WORK AND GIVE** (v.28)
1. Work doing something useful with your hands
 2. Have something to share with those in need
- IV. **DON'T USE YOUR MOUTH FOR EVIL: RATHER FOR GOOD** (v.29-30)
- V. **DON'T BE UNKIND OR BITTER: RATHER BE KIND AND LOVING** (v.31 - 5:2)

Negative

Bitterness
Rage
Anger
Brawling
Slander
Malice

Positive

Be kind
Be compassionate
Be forgiving

- VI. **DON'T JOKE ABOUT SEX: RATHER GIVE THANKS FOR IT** (5:3-4)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 14

WALKING IN LOVE

(Ephesians 5:1-7)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE PLEA (v.1-2)

1. Be imitators of God
2. Live a life of love

II. THE PATTERN (v.2b)

III. THE PERVERSION (v.3-4)

IV. THE PUNISHMENT (v.5-7)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 16

LIVING IN LIGHT

(Ephesians 5:8-14)

INTRODUCTION

I. CONTRAST (v.8)

1. What we were
2. What we are

II. CHARACTERISTICS (v.9-10)

1. Goodness
2. Righteousness
3. Truth

III. COMMAND (v.11a)

IV. COMMISSION (v.11b-13)

V. CALL (v.14)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 17

WALKING IN WISDOM

(Ephesians 5:15-17)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE BELIEVER'S LIFE PRINCIPLES (v.15)

1. Then
2. Be very careful how you live
3. Not as unwise

II. THE BELIEVER'S LIMITED PRIVILEGES (v.16)

1. Make the most of your time
2. Because the days are evil

III. THE LORD'S PURPOSES (v.17)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 18

THE FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT

(Ephesians 5:18)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE MEANING OF THE TERM

1. Imperative mood
2. Plural form
3. Passive voice
4. Present tense

II. THE PURPOSE

1. Everyday life
2. Family
3. Business
4. Service

III. THE MANIFESTATION

1. Christ-centred
2. Formed Christ in the person
3. Power

IV. HOW TO BE FILLED

1. Aspiration
2. Acknowledgement
3. Abandonment
4. Abdication
5. Appropriate

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 19

THE FILLING OF THE SPIRIT - THE CONSEQUENCES (Part 2)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE CONSEQUENCES WITH OURSELVES - SINGING (v.19)

1. Among whom?
2. How?
3. From where?
4. To whom?

II. THE CONSEQUENCE TOWARDS GOD - GIVING THANKS (v.20)

1. When?
2. From what?
3. How?
4. To whom?

III. THE CONSEQUENCE TOWARDS FELLOW-BELIEVERS - SUBMISSION (v.21)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 20

THE ROLE OF THE WIFE - SUBMISSION
(Ephesians 5:22-24)

INTRODUCTION

I. WHAT SUBMISSION IS NOT

1. It is not merely a concept for women
2. It does not mean that the wife becomes a slave
3. It does not mean that the wife never has an opinion
4. It does not mean that the wife allows her abilities to become dormant
5. It does not mean that the wife is inferior to her husband

II. WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

1. It is the wife's responsibility to make herself submissive
2. It is mandatory, not optional
3. It is to be continuous
4. It is a spiritual matter
5. It is a positive, not a negative, concept
6. It involves attitude as well as action

III. HOW CAN HELP HER HUSBAND?

1. Making the home a safe place
2. Being trustworthy and dependable
3. Maintaining a good attitude
4. Discussing things lovingly, openly and honestly
5. Being satisfied with her position, passions and tasks
6. Being patient, forgiving and forbearing
7. Showing an interest in his problems and concerns
8. Being industrious, diligent, ambitious and creative
9. Lovingly offering suggestions, advice and corrections when needed
10. Keeping herself beautiful, especially in the inner person
11. Maintaining a good spiritual life
12. Co-operating in raising the children
13. Building loyalty to him in the children
14. Being grateful to him
15. Showing confidence in his decisions

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 21

THE ROLE OF THE HUSBAND

(Ephesians 5:23-33)

INTRODUCTION

I. LEAD

1. Servant
2. As Christ

II. LOVER

1. As he loves himself
2. As Christ loved the church

III. PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 22

GOD'S BLUEPRINT FOR MARRIAGE

(Ephesians 5:31)

INTRODUCTION

I. LEAVE

1. What does this mean?
2. What does this not mean?

II. CLEAVE

III. ONE

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 23

GOD'S ORDER FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

(Ephesians 6:1-4)

INTRODUCTION

I. CHILDREN

1. Obedience
2. Reasons
 - a) It is right
 - b) It is commanded
 - c) Pleasing to the Lord

II. PARENTS

1. Teach
 - a) Instruction
 - b) Rules
 - c) Examples
2. Discipline
3. Love

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 24

SPIRIT-FILLED LABOUR RELATIONS

(Ephesians 6:5-9)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE CHRISTIAN EMPLOYEE (v.5-8)

1. Right behaviour
2. Right attitude
3. Right commitment
4. Right diligence
5. Right motive

II. THE CHRISTIAN EMPLOYERS (v.9)

1. Do the same
2. Stop threatening
3. No partiality

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 25

THE BELIEVER'S WARFARE

(Ephesians 6:10-13)

INTRODUCTION

I. **THE PREPARATION - STRENGTH IN THE LORD** (v.10)

II. **THE PROVISION - THE ARMOUR OF GOD** (v.11a)

III. **THE ENEMY - SATAN** (v.11b)

IV. **THE BATTLE - AGAINST DEMONS** (v.12)

1. Cunning
2. Powerful
3. Wicked

V. **THE VICTORY - IN STANDING FIRM** (v.13)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 26

THE ARMOUR OF GOD (Part 1) **(Ephesians 6:14-15)**

INTRODUCTION

1. Our enemy
2. His tactics

I. THE BELT OF TRUTH

1. The Bible
2. Total commitment

II. THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. Imputed righteousness
2. Holiness

III. THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

1. Firm foothold
2. Readiness to share the gospel

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 27

THE ARMOUR OF GOD (Part 2) **(Ephesians 6:14-17)**

I. THE SHIELD OF FAITH

- I. What is this faith?
 - a) Absolute trust in God our Father
 - b) Absolute trust in Christ our Saviour
 - c) Absolute trust in the Bible
2. How to get this faith?
 - a) By grace
 - b) By the Word of God
3. Characteristics
 - a) Shield to protect
 - b) Receive blows
 - c) Strong
 - d) Well-handled
 - e) Quenches fiery darts of Satan

II. THE HELMET OF SALVATION

1. Salvation

III. THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

1. Given by the Spirit
2. Applied by the Spirit
3. Results

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 28

PRAYING AT ALL TIMES

(Ephesians 6:18-24)

INTRODUCTION

I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS (v.18)

1. Power of prayer
2. Variety of prayer
 - a) Prayers
 - b) Requests
3. Manner of prayer
 - a) Be alert
 - b) Keep on
4. Objects of prayer

II. SPECIFIC ILLUSTRATIONS (v.19-20)

1. Clarity
2. Courage
3. Benediction

CONCLUSION

Studies in Philippians

STUDY 1

A CHRISTIAN DEFINED

(Philippians 1:1-2)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE CHRISTIAN'S TITLE

1. Inward purity
2. Consecration to God

II. THE CHRISTIAN'S LORD

1. The foundation on which the Christian stands
2. The Lord whom the Christian serves
3. The Giver from whom the Christian receives

III. THE CHRISTIAN SETTING

1. No segregation
2. No isolation

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 2

ASSURANCE

(Philippians 1:3-7)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE DIVINE BASIS OF ASSURANCE

1. Our Christian experience was begun by God
2. God undertakes for its progress
3. God guarantees the outcome

II. THE HUMAN EVIDENCE OF ASSURANCE

1. Fellowship
2. Evangelism
3. Establishing
4. Perseverance
5. Endurance
6. Defence

III. RESULTS

1. Confidence
2. Carefulness

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 3

GROWING FOR GLORY

(Philippians 1:8-11)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE CLIMAX OF GROWTH

II. THE PATTERN FOR GROWTH

1. Love
2. Knowledge
3. Insight
4. Discern what is best
5. Pure and spotless
6. Filled with the fruit of righteousness

III. THE POWER FOR GROWTH

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 4

CHRISTIANS IN SUFFERING

(Philippians 1:12-14)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE FRUITFULNESS OF CHRISTIAN SUFFERING

1. Being a testimony to the world
2. Stimulus to the church
 - a) Agents
 - b) Power
 - c) Manner
 - d) Substance

II. THE EXPLANATION OF THE FRUITFULNESS

1. Self-effecting
2. Witnessing to Christ
3. Under orders
4. Dedicated to Christ

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 5

CAUSES AND CURE OF DIVISIONS

(Philippians 1:15-18)

INTRODUCTION

I. CAUSES

1. Envy
 - a) Paul's gifts
 - b) Paul's success
 - c) Focus of attention
2. Rivalry
3. Selfish ambition
4. No sincerity

II. PAUL'S RESPONSE

III. LESSONS FOR TODAY

1. Be humble
2. Be gentle
3. Be patient
4. Be helpful
5. Preserve unity
6. Love

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 6

THE CHRISTIAN'S AMBITION

(Philippians 1:19-26)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE CHRISTIAN'S AMBITION

1. Outworking of events
2. The prayers of other Christians
3. Personal efforts
 - a) Absorption
 - b) Confidence
 - c) Determination

II. THE CHRISTIAN'S INDECISION

1. Equal desirability of life and death
2. Preference for death
 - a) Nature
 - b) Blessedness
 - c) Value
3. Motive for living

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 7

HOW TO LIVE A LIFE WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL

(Philippians 1:27-30)

INTRODUCTION

I. WHAT IS THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST?

1. Power
2. Author
3. Emphasis
4. Message
5. Implication
6. Ambassadors
7. Appeal

II. HOW TO LIVE WORTHILY

1. Towards God we need steadfastness
2. Towards each other we need unity
 - a) of the Spirit
 - b) of heart and mind
 - c) in action
 - d) in the faith
3. Towards the opposition we need fearlessness
 - a) The world sees its spiritual state
 - b) The Christian sees his spiritual state

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 8

THREE EXHORTATIONS TO BELIEVERS

(Philippians 2:1-4)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE FOUR INCENTIVES

1. Encouragement from Christ
2. Comfort of His love
3. Fellowship of the Spirit
4. Tender mercy of Jesus

II. THE THREE DIRECTIVES

1. Unity
 - a) Inner disposition (mind)
 - b) Heart
2. Humility
 - a) Way we do things
 - b) Way we treat others
3. Helpfulness

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 9
CHRIST BEYOND COMPARE
(Philippians 2:5-11)

INTRODUCTION

I. CHRIST'S EXISTENCE IN ETERNITY

1. He was by nature in the very form of God
2. Equal with God

II. HIS HUMILIATION ON EARTH

1. He emptied Himself
 - a) Favourable relation to the Law
 - b) All His riches in glory
 - c) Heavenly glory
 - d) Independent exercise of authority
2. Took upon Himself the form of a servant
3. Made in the likeness of men
4. Death on the Cross

III. HIS EXALTATION

1. Name above all names
2. Object of universal worship

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 10

GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

(Philippians 2:12-18)

INTRODUCTION

I. WORK OUT

1. Responsible
2. Consecrated
3. Accountable
4. Confident
5. Obedient

II. SHINE OUT

1. Without complaining
2. Blameless
3. What does God think?

III. HOLD OUT

1. In a crooked generation
2. Lights
3. Talk

IV. ENCOURAGEMENT

1. Sacrificial
2. Poured out
3. At His coming

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 11

THREE CHRISTIANS IN SERVICE

(Philippians 2:19-30)

INTRODUCTION

I. PAUL

1. Gave his best
2. Warmest affection and praise
3. Personal concern

II. TIMOTHY

1. Painstaking care
2. Devotion to Christ
3. Willing to accept God's plan
4. Slave to evangelism

III. EPAPHRODITES

1. Concern for them
2. Zeal
3. Consecration

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 12

REAL CHRISTIANITY

(Philippians 3:1-3)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE REALITY OF CHRISTIAN DELIGHT

1. Christ the ground of our salvation
2. Christ the Guarantor of our salvation
3. Christ the means of fruitfulness
4. Christ our message
5. Christ our absorbing interest
6. Christ our supreme example
7. Christ our choicest possession

II. THE REALITY OF THE CHRISTIAN'S DANGER

1. Dogs
2. Evil workers
3. Concision

III. THE REALITY OF THE CHRISTIAN'S DISTINCTIVENESS

1. Experience of the Holy Spirit
2. Exultation of Christ Jesus
3. Expression of self-distrust

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 13

PAUL'S TESTIMONY

(Philippians 3:4-7)

INTRODUCTION

I. HIS BACKGROUND AND BANKRUPTCY

1. Personal
2. Parents gave him
 - a) Circumcised
 - b) Israel
 - c) Tribe of Benjamin
3. What he attained
 - a) Pharisee
 - b) Persecuted the church
 - c) Blameless

II. HIS CONVERSION AND CONSECRATION TO CHRIST

1. Knowledge of Christ
2. Consecration
3. Suffering
4. Satisfaction

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 14

MAJESTIC ASPIRATIONS

(Philippians 3:8-10)

INTRODUCTION

I. TO BE FOUND IN CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. It is Christ's righteousness
2. Not merited by works
3. Appropriated by faith
4. From God

II. TO KNOW THE PERSON OF JESUS

1. Historical facts
2. Doctrine
3. Example
4. Sacrifice

III. TO KNOW THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION

1. Justifying power
2. Sanctifying power
3. Equipping power
4. Comforting power

IV. TO KNOW THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERINGS

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 15

ON TO MATURITY

(Philippians 3:11-14)

INTRODUCTION

I. A CORRECT SELF-ESTIMATE

II. A SINGLE-MINDED ZEAL

1. Mental obliteration
2. Unwavering progression

III. AN ABSORBING DESIRE

IV. A SURE FOUNDATION

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 16

CITIZENSHIP IN HEAVEN

(Philippians 3:18-21)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE CITIZEN'S LIKENESS

1. Take such a view of things
2. Live up to what we believe

II. THE CITIZEN'S LIFE

1. True citizens
2. False citizens
 - a) Their profession
 - b) Their destiny
 - c) Their god
 - d) Their shame
 - e) Their mind

III. THE CITIZEN'S LORD

1. His coming
2. Transforming grace
3. Almighty power

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 17

THE CHRISTIAN'S WATCH-WORD

(Philippians 4:1-3)

INTRODUCTION

I. PAUL REJOICES THAT HIS CONVERTS ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE

1. Accepted by God
2. Redeemed
3. Forgiven
4. Concern
 - a) Brothers
 - b) Dearly loved
 - c) Longed for
 - d) Joy and crown

II. PAUL URGES THEM TO STEADFASTNESS

1. Doctrinally
2. Experimentally
 - a) Without wavering in your trust
 - b) Without wandering into sin
 - c) Without wearying along the way

III. PAUL ENCOURAGES THEM TO UNITY

IV. PAUL ENCOURAGES THEM TO HELPFULNESS

V. PAUL DISPLAYS THE CHURCH AS A PLACE OF ONENESS

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 18

THE SECRET OF TRUE BLESSEDNESS

(Philippians 4:4-7)

INTRODUCTION

I. HOW TO GREET EVERY SITUATION

1. Rejoice
2. Always
3. In the Lord

II. HOW TO TREAT EVERY PERSON

III. HOW TO MEET EVERY PROBLEM

1. In everything
2. Prayer
3. Supplication
4. Thanksgiving
5. Content

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 19

THINK AND DO

(Philippians 4:8-9)

INTRODUCTION

I. FOCUS YOUR ATTENTION CAREFULLY

1. Real opposed to phoney
2. Serious opposed to frivolous
3. Right opposed to convenient
4. Clean opposed to dirty
5. Lovely
6. Good report
7. Virtue

II. FEED YOUR MIND CORRECTLY

1. Use your mind to learn the Word of God
2. Use your ears to hear the Word of God
3. Use your eyes to see the Word of God

III. RESULT

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 20

THE CONTENTED CHRISTIAN
(Philippians 4:10-18)

INTRODUCTION

I. LIVING UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES

1. In the Lord
2. Christian generosity
 - a) Ever-present sentiment
 - b) Christian fellowship
 - c) Work acceptable to God

II. CONTENT IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

1. In difficult times
2. In hunger
3. In want
4. In plenty
5. How?
 - a) Aware of the presence of God
 - b) Alert to the purposes of God

III. CONFIDENT IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

1. Measure
 - a) Endure all trials
 - b) Perform all duties
 - c) Struggle with corruption
 - d) In all circumstances
2. Message

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 21

DIVINE SUPPLIES

(Philippians 4:19)

INTRODUCTION

I. A GREAT NEED

1. Temporal
2. Spiritual

II. A GREAT HELPER

1. Paul's God
2. God of grace
3. God of heaven
4. God of providence

III. A GREAT SUPPLY

IV. GREAT RESOURCES

V. A GREAT CHANNEL

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 22

THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
(Philippians 4:20-23)

INTRODUCTION

I. CHRIST THE FOCAL POINT OF THE CHRISTIAN'S LIFE

1. Lord - divine and sovereign
2. Jesus - human and exemplary
3. Christ - anointed to be Saviour

II. CHRIST - THE FOUNTAIN OF THE CHRISTIAN'S LIFE

1. Save sinners
2. Endure trials
3. Perform duties
4. In every situation
5. He encouraged
6. He challenged

CONCLUSION

Studies in Colossians

STUDY 1

THE IMPORTANT POSITIONS

(Colossians 1:1-2)

INTRODUCTION

1. City
2. Church
3. Purpose

I. AUTHOR

1. Sent one
2. Submissive one
3. Supported one

II. READERS

1. Their brotherhood
 - a) The essence of it
 - b) The evidence of it
 - (i) Holiness
 - (ii) Faithfulness
2. Their background
3. Their blessing

CONCLUSION

Studies in Colossians
STUDY 2

THE GIVING OF THANKS
(Colossians 1:3-8)

I. FOR THE COLOSSIANS (v.3-4)

1. The expression of thanksgiving (v.3)

- a) Its meaning
- b) Its object
- c) Its occasion

2. The cause of thanksgiving (v.4)

- a) Their faith
- b) Their love

II. FOR THE GOSPEL (v.5-6)

1. The gospel brings hope (v.5)

- a) This hope is in heaven
- b) This hope is in the gospel

2. The gospel brings fruit (v.6)

- a) In all the world
- b) In you
- c) Constantly

III. FOR EPAPHRAS (v.7-8)

1. His titles

- a) Servant
- b) Minister

2. His deeds

- a) Church learned from him
- b) He informed Paul

CONCLUSION

Studies in Colossians
STUDY 3

PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THE COLOSSIANS
(Colossians 1:9-11)

INTRODUCTION

I. INCENTIVE TO PRAYER

II. IMPORTUNATE PRAYER

III. INTERCESSORY PRAYER

IV. INTELLIGENT PRAYER

1. For their wisdom
 - a) The completeness of it
 - b) The character of it

2. For their walk
 - a) The standard
 - b) Desire
 - c) The evidence
 - d) The effect

3. For their warfare
 - a) Source of strength
 - b) Sphere of strength
 - c) Standard of strength
 - d) Goal of strength
 - (i) Endurance
 - (ii) Patience

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 4
MOTIVATION
(Colossians 1:12-14)

INTRODUCTION

I. REHABILITATION (v.12)

1. Who has qualified you
2. To share in the inheritance
3. Of the saints
4. In the kingdom of light

II. RESCUE (v.13)

1. He has rescued us
2. From the dominion of darkness
3. Brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves

III. REDEMPTION (v.14)

1. Redemption
2. Forgiveness of sins

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 5

THE EXALTATION OF CHRIST
(Colossians 1:14-18)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE PROOF OF PRE-EMINENCE (v.14-18)

1. In redemption (**v.14**)
 - a) Its sphere
 - b) Its possession
 - c) Its meaning
 - d) Its means
 - e) Its results

2. In revelation (**v.15a**)
 - a) God is invisible
 - b) Jesus is the image

3. In creation (**v.15b-17**)
 - a) His title
 - b) His work
 - (i) The sphere of creation
 - (ii) The agent of creation
 - (iii) The purpose of creation
 - (iv) Prior to creation
 - (v) The Sustainer of creation

4. In the church (**v.18**)
 - a) He is the Head
 - b) He is the Beginning
 - c) He is the Firstborn

II. THE PURPOSE OF PRE-EMINENCE

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 6

RECONCILIATION
(Colossians 1:19-23)

I. THE CHRIST (v.19)

1. The fullness of God dwells in Him
2. The fullness of God dwells in Him
3. All His fullness dwells in Him

II. THE COST

1. Violent death
2. Sacrificial death
 - a) Satisfies God
 - b) Satisfies man
 - c) Overcame the accuser
3. Substitutionary

III. THE COMPREHENSIVENESS (v.20-21)

1. Cosmos
2. Church
 - a) All equally under the power of sin
 - b) Alienated from God
 - c) Enemies in your minds
 - d) Evil behaviour

IV. THE CONSEQUENCES (v.22-23)

1. The end
2. The exhortation

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STUDY 7

PAUL'S READINESS

(Colossians 1:24-29)

I. READINESS TO SUFFER (v.24)

1. I rejoice in what was suffered
2. For you
3. I fill up in my flesh

II. A READINESS TO SERVE (v.25)

1. I have become its servant
2. By the commission God gave me
3. To present to you the Word of God

III. A READINESS TO REVEAL (v.26-27)

1. The mystery
2. Kept hidden
3. Now disclosed to the saints
4. Christ in you

IV. A READINESS TO PREACH (v.28-29)

1. We proclaim Him
2. Admonishing and teaching

CONCLUSION

Studies in Colossians

STUDY 8

THE MARKS OF A GOOD TEACHER

(Colossians 2:1-3)

INTRODUCTION

I. PAUL'S CONFLICT FOR THE SAINTS (v.1-3)

1. The admission of the conflict
2. The agony of the conflict
3. The aim of the conflict
 - a) To comfort
 - b) To unite
 - c) To form

II. PAUL'S CONCERN FOR THE SAINTS (v.4)

1. False teachers deceive
2. False teachers entice

III. PAUL'S CONFIDENCE IN THE SAINTS (v.5)

1. Their order
2. Their steadfastness

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 9

GROWING IN CHRIST

(Colossians 2:6-7)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE SECRET

1. Dead in sin
2. Christ came to save
3. Receive Christ as Lord

II. THE STRENGTH

1. Live in Him
2. Rooted in Him
3. Built up in Him
4. Strengthened in the faith

III. THE SONG

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 10

FULLNESS IN CHRIST (Part 1)

(Colossians 2:8-12)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE FALSE TEACHING (v.8)

1. Philosophy
2. Hollow
3. Deceptive
4. Basic principles of this world
5. Rather than on Christ

II. THE ANSWER (v.9-12)

1. Fullness in Christ (**v.9-10**)
 - a) God's fullness in Him
 - b) Our fullness in Him
2. Fellowship with Christ (**v.11-12**)
 - a) You were circumcised
 - b) You were buried
 - c) Raised with Him

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 11

FULLNESS IN CHRIST (Part 2)

(Colossians 2:13-15)

I. FREEDOM THROUGH CHRIST (v.13-15)

1. You were made alive
2. The removal of the Law
3. Triumph over powers
 - a) Disarmed the powers and authorities
 - b) Made a public spectacle of them
 - c) Triumphant over them

II. CONCLUSION

1. Fullness in Christ
2. Fellowship with Christ
3. Freedom in Christ

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STUDY 12

LIBERTY IN CHRIST CHALLENGED
(Colossians 2:16-23)

I. LET NO MAN JUDGE YOU (v.16-17)

1. Areas of legalism (v.16)

- a) Eat
- b) Drink
- c) Festivals
- d) New moon
- e) Sabbath

2. Weakness of legalism (v.17)

II. LET NO MAN BEGUILÉ YOU (v.18-19)

1. Promoted self (v.18)

- a) Delighting in humility
- b) The worship of angels
- c) Taking a stand on things seen
- d) Puffed up with idle notions

2. It denotes Christ (v.19)

- a) Christ is the Head
- b) He nourishes
- c) He unites
- d) He increases

III. LET NO MAN ENSLAVE YOU (v.20-23)

- 1. Its ignorance (v.20)
- 2. Its description (v.21)
- 3. Its weaknesses (v.22-23)

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STUDY 13

NEW AIMS FOR NEW PEOPLE

(Colossians 3:1-4)

I. SEEK HEAVENLY THINGS (v.1)

1. Its basis
2. Its object

II. THINK HEAVENLY THINGS (v.2)

1. The command
2. Its object

III. THE REASONS (v.3-4)

1. You died
2. Your life is hidden with Christ in God
3. Christ is your life
4. Will appear with Him in glory

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STUDY 14

PUT OFF

(Colossians 3:5-11)

I. PUT TO DEATH (sexual sins) (v.5-7)

1. The command
2. The list of sins
3. Judgement of these sins

II. RID YOURSELVES (personal attitudes) (v.8)

1. The command
2. List of sins

III. DON'T LIE (fellow-believers) (v.9)

1. Part of the old life
2. Contrary to the new life
 - a) Positional newness
 - b) Positional oneness
 - (i) No racial divisions
 - (ii) No religious divisions
 - (iii) No cultural divisions
 - (iv) No social divisions

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STUDY 15

PUT ON
(Colossians 3:12-15)

I. DESCRIPTION OF BELIEVERS (v.12)

1. God's chosen people
2. Holy
3. Dearly loved

II. WHAT IS TO BE PUT ON (v.12-14)

1. Treatment of others
 - a) Compassion
 - b) Kindness
2. Our estimate of ourselves
 - a) Humility
 - b) Gentleness
3. Reaction to ill-treatment
 - a) Patience
 - b) Bear with each other
 - c) Forgive
4. Principle of true discipleship
 - a) Love

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 16

THE CONTROLS OF THE NEW LIFE

(Colossians 3:15-17)

I. PEACE (v.15)

1. It is divine
2. It is ruling
3. It is a peace of unity

II. THANKSGIVING (v.15)

III. WORD OF CHRIST (v.16)

1. Command
 - a) Word of Christ
 - b) Dwell in you
 - c) Richly
2. Consequences
 - a) As you teach
 - b) Admonish
 - c) Sing
 - d) How

IV. THE GLORY OF GOD (v.17)

1. Scope is inclusive
2. Activities
3. Thankful

CONCLUSION

Studies in Colossians

STUDY 17

GOD'S ORDER FOR WIVES

(Colossians 3:18)

INTRODUCTION

I. SUBMISSION

1. What it is not
2. What it does mean

II. HELP-MATE

1. Making the home a safe place
2. Being trustworthy and dependable
3. Maintaining a good attitude
4. Discuss things lovingly
5. Be satisfied with your position, possessions, tasks
6. Patient and forgiving
7. Showing interest in his problems and concerns
8. Being industrious, diligent
9. Offering suggestions
10. Keeping yourself beautiful
11. Maintaining a good spiritual life
12. Co-operating in raising the children
13. Building up loyalty
14. Grateful
15. Showing confidence in his decisions

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 18

GOD'S PATTERN FOR HUSBANDS

(Colossians 3:19)

I. CONSIDERATE

1. Words
2. Provide for needs
3. Protect
4. Assist her to fulfil her responsibilities
5. Sacrifice
6. Share your life
7. Do not compare unfavourably
8. First place
9. Much tenderness and courtesy
10. Express appreciation and praise

II. RESPECT

III. SHARE EQUAL SPIRITUAL RIGHTS

CONCLUSION

Studies in Colossians

STUDY 19

GOD'S ORDER FOR CHILDREN

(Colossians 3:30)

I. OBEY YOUR PARENTS

1. Reasons

- a) Children lack wisdom
- b) Children lack stature
- c) Children lack favour with God
- d) Children lack favour with men

2. How

- a) In the Lord
- b) In everything
- c) For this pleases the Lord

II. HONOUR YOUR PARENTS

- 1. The idea of reverence
- 2. Financial support

CONCLUSION

Studies in Colossians

STUDY 20

GOD'S ORDER FOR PARENTS

(Colossians 3:21)

ANALYSIS OF I THESSALONIANS

SALUTATION (v.1)

1. The apostle and his brethren
2. The assembly and its blessings

I. THE APPRECIATION (v.2-10)

1. The reality of it (v.2)
2. The reasons for it (v.3-10)
 - a) Remembrance of the evidences of grace (v.3)
 - b) Realization of the election by God (v.4)
 - c) Recognition of the effectiveness of the gospel (v.5-10)

II. THE APOLOGY (2:1 - 3:13) (Explanation, not excuse)

1. His demeanour among them (2:1-12)
 - a) The preacher (v.1-6)
 - b) The pastor (v.7-12)
2. His departure from them (2:13-16)
3. His distress concerning them (2:17-20)
4. His delegate to them (3:1-5)
5. His delight over them (3:6-10)
6. His desire regarding them (3:11-13)

III. THE ADMONITIONS (4:1 - 5:27)

1. The commandment of the Lord (4:1-12)
2. The Coming of the Lord (4:13 - 5:11)
 - a) An encouragement ("concerning them that are asleep")
 - b) An exhortation ("concerning the times and seasons")
3. The church of the Lord (5:12-24)
 - a) The labourers in the church (v.12-15)
 - b) The life of the church (v.16-24)

IV. THE APPEAL (5:25-27)

1. The call to help
2. The call to harmony
3. The call to hear

BENEDICTION (5:28)

Studies in I Thessalonians
STUDY 1
CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM
(HOW THE CHURCH SPREADS THE GOSPEL)
(I Thessalonians 1:1-10)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE CHURCH OF GOD (v.1-4)

1. A community in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (**v.1-2**)
2. A community reflecting faith, hope and love (**v.3**)
3. A community loved and chosen by God (**v.4**)

II. THE GOSPEL OF GOD (v.5)

1. It came to you (**v.5**)
 - a) In Word
 - b) In power
 - c) With full conviction
 - d) In the Holy Spirit
2. You received it (**v.6-7**)
 - a) In much affliction (**v.6a**)
 - b) Joy inspired by the Holy Spirit (**v.6b**)
 - c) By imitation (**v.6c**)
 - d) You became a model (**v.7**)
3. It sounded out from you (**v.8-10**)
 - a) Decisive break from idols (**v.9a**)
 - b) Active service to God (**v.9b**)
 - c) Patient waiting for Christ (**v.10**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in 1 Thessalonians

STUDY 2

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

(HOW PASTORS SERVE BOTH THE GOSPEL AND THE CHURCH)

(I Thessalonians 2:1-20)

INTRODUCTION

I. HIS Demeanour Among Them (v.1-12)

1. His openness (v.1)
2. His sufferings (v.2)
3. A steward - responsibility (v.3-4)
4. A nursing mother - gentleness (v.5-7)
5. A father - education (v.8-12)
6. A herald - boldness (v.13-16)

II. HIS DEPARTURE FROM THEM (v.13-16)

1. His Word is God's Word (v.13a)
2. His Word is powerful (v.13b)
3. The Thessalonians imitated this (v.14-16)

III. HIS DISTRESS CONCERNING THEM (v.17-20)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 2

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY
(HOW PASTORS SERVE BOTH THE GOSPEL AND THE CHURCH)
(I Thessalonians 2:1-20)

INTRODUCTION (v.1-2)

1. His openness
2. His sufferings

I. MINISTRY (v.3-16)

1. Steward (**v.3-4**)
 - a) Negative
 - (i) Message must be true
 - (ii) Motives must be pure
 - (iii) Methods must be God-honouring
 - b) Positive
 - (i) Approved unto God
 - (ii) Entrusted with the gospel
 - (iii) Tested his motives
2. Nursing mother (**v.5-7**)
 - a) Negative
 - (i) Free from unworthy motives
 - (ii) Free from material gain
 - (iii) Free from prestige and honour
 - b) Positive
 - (i) Gentle
 - (ii) Affection
 - (iii) Sacrificial
3. Father (**v.8-12**)
 - a) Negative - not a burden
 - b) Positive
 - (i) Example
 - (ii) Expectation
 - (iii) Witness
4. Herald (**v.13-16**)
 - a) Self-conscious authority
 - b) God's Word is powerful
 - c) Imitation

II. HIS DISTRESS CONCERNING THEM (v.17-20)

1. Faithful
2. Gentle
3. Responsible
4. Bold
5. Practical suggestions

CONCLUSION

Studies in I Thessalonians

STUDY 2

THE ESSENTIALS FOR AND EFFECTS OF A SUCCESSFUL MINISTRY

(I Thessalonians 2:1-16)

INTRODUCTION

I. POWERFUL PREACHING (v.1-6)

1. The gospel told (v.1-2)
2. With true motives (v.3-5)
3. In a worthy manner (v.5-6)

II. GODLY LIVES LIVED (v.7-12)

1. Gentle motherly care
2. Personal sharing
3. Labour
4. Holiness
5. Protective fatherly care

CONCLUSION

Studies in I Thessalonians

STUDY 3

TAKE A STAND

(HOW THE CHURCH MUST LIVE ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL)

(I Thessalonians 3:1-12)

INTRODUCTION

I. HE SENT THEM A HELPER (v.1-5)

1. Paul's concern (v.1)
2. Timothy's character (v.2)
3. Church's conflict (v.3)

II. HE WROTE THEM A LETTER (v.6-8)

III. HE PRAYED FOR THEM (v.9-13)

1. That their faith might mature (v.10)
2. That their love might abound (v.11)
3. For holiness of life (v.12)

CONCLUSION

Studies in I Thessalonians

STUDY 4

HOW TO PLEASE YOUR FATHER

(HOW THE CHURCH MUST LIVE WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL)

(I Thessalonians 4:1-12)

INTRODUCTION

I. WALK IN HOLINESS (v.1-8)

1. To please God (**v.1**)
2. To obey God (**v.2-3**)
3. To glorify God (**v.4-5**)
4. To escape the judgement of God (**v.6-8**)

II. WALK IN HARMONY (v.9-10)

III. WALK IN HONESTY (v.11-12)

CONCLUSION

Studies in I Thessalonians

STUDY 5

THE COMFORT OF HIS COMING

(HOW THE GOSPEL SHOULD INSPIRE THE CHURCH)

(I Thessalonians 4:13-18)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **REVELATION - WE HAVE GOD'S TRUTH** (v.13)

- II. **RETURN - CHRIST IS COMING AGAIN** (v.14-15)

- III. **RESURRECTION - THE CHRISTIAN DEAD** (v.16)

- IV. **RAPTURE - LIVING BELIEVERS CAUGHT UP** (v.17a)

- V. **REUNION - CHRISTIANS FOREVER WITH THE LORD** (v.17b-18)

CONCLUSION

Studies in I Thessalonians
STUDY 6

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
(HOW TO BE A GOSPEL CHURCH)
(I Thessalonians 5:1-28)

INTRODUCTION

I. CHILDREN OF LIGHT (v.1-11)

1. Problem (**v.1-3**)
2. Solution (**v.4-8**)
3. Encouragement (**v.9-11**)

II. BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE FAMILY OF GOD (v.12-28)

1. Pastorate (**v.12-13**)
 - a) Labour among you
 - b) Over you in the Lord
 - c) Admonish you
2. Fellowship (**v.14-15**)
 - a) Admonish the unruly
 - b) Encourage the timid
 - c) Cling to the weak
3. Worship (**v.16-28**)
 - a) Rejoice always (**v.16**)
 - b) Pray constantly (**v.17**)
 - c) Give thanks (**v.18**)
 - d) Listen to the Word (**v.20-28**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in 2 Thessalonians

STUDY 1

SAINTS IN CONFLICT

(2 Thessalonians 1:1-12)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF PRAISE (v.1-4)

1. Their faith was growing (**v.3**)
2. Their love was abounding (**v.3**)
3. Their patience was increasing (**v.4**)
4. Their testimony was helping others (**v.4**)

II. THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF PROMISE (v.5-10)

1. Reward (**v.5**)
2. Recompense (**v.6-10**)
 - a) To believers (**v.7**)
 - b) To the unsaved (**v.9**)
3. Rest (**v.7a, 10**)

III. THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF PRAYER (v.11-12)

1. Their worthiness (**v.11a**)
2. Their walk (**v.11b**)
3. Their witness (**v.12**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in 2 Thessalonians

STUDY 2

THE DISCIPLES AND THE DECEIVED

(THE MAN OF LAWLESSNESS)

(2 Thessalonians 2:1-12)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE DISCIPLES (v.2-3)

1. Stability
2. Serenity
3. Steadfastness

II. THE DECEIVED (v.4-12)

1. Their deceiver (**v.4-10**)
 - a) His description
 - b) His design (**v.4**)
 - (i) He opposes
 - (ii) He exalts himself
 - (iii) He proclaims himself to be God
 - c) His development (**v.7**)
 - d) His deterrent (**v.6**)
 - e) His deceit (**v.9-10**)
 - (i) The energizer of it (**v.9**)
 - (ii) The evidence of it (**v.9**)
 - (iii) The effectiveness of it (**v.10**)
4. Their damnation (**v.11-12**)
 - a) Because of their creed (**v.12**)
 - b) Because of their conduct (**v.13**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in 2 Thessalonians
STUDY 3

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH
(2 Thessalonians 2:13 - 3:5)

INTRODUCTION

I. BELIEVE THE TRUTH (2:13-14)

1. God loved them (**v.13**)
2. God chose them (**v.13**)
3. God called you (**v.14**)
4. God saved you (**v.13**)
 - a) Negative
 - (i) Guilt
 - (ii) Pollution
 - (iii) Slavery
 - (iv) Punishment
 - b) Positive
 - (i) Righteousness
 - (ii) Holiness
 - (iii) Freedom
 - (iv) Blessedness
5. God will glorify you (**v.14**)

5. GUARD THE TRUTH (2:15)

1. Stand firm
2. Hold to

6. PRACTICE THE TRUTH (2:16-17)

1. Son of God (**v.16**)
2. Love of God (**v.16**)
3. Grace of God (**v.16**)
4. Comfort of God (**v.17**)

7. SHARE THE TRUTH (3:1-5)

1. Paul's request for prayer (**v.1-2**)
 - a) Dissemination of the message (**v.1**)
 - b) Triumph of the message (**v.1**)
 - c) Presentation of the messengers (**v.2**)
2. Paul's confidence concerning the saints (**v.3-5**)
 - a) Foundation
 - b) Confirmation
 - c) Protection
 - d) Continuation
 - e) Sanctification

CONCLUSION

Studies in 2 Thessalonians
STUDY 4

GODLY DISCIPLINE
(2 Thessalonians 3:6-15)

INTRODUCTION

I. A COMMAND TO OBEY (v.6)

1. Authority
2. Disassociation

II. AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW (v.7-9)

1. Disciplined behaviour (v.7)
2. Honourable independence (v.8)
3. Strenuous labour (v.8)
4. Tireless industry (v.8)
5. Unselfish consideration (v.8)
6. Undemanding spirit (v.9)
7. Worthy example (v.9)

III. A RULE TO REMEMBER (v.10)

IV. AN ABUSE TO CORRECT (v.11-15)

1. The condition reported (v.11)
 - a) Idle
 - b) Interfering
2. The remedy described (v.12)
 - a) Quietly occupied
 - b) Self-supplied
3. Positive policies for the church (v.13-15)
 - a) Perseverance in piety (v.13)
 - b) Discipline the disobedient (v.14)
 - (i) Nature of discipline
 - (ii) Purpose of discipline
 - c) Proper attitude (v.15)

CONCLUSION

