

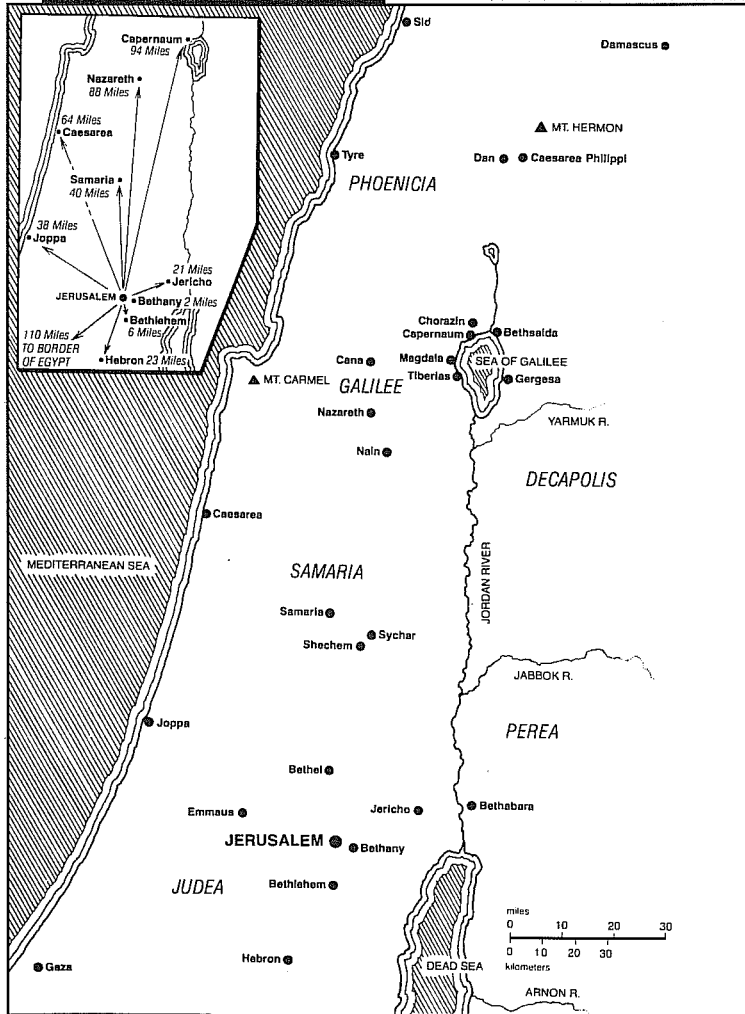
**FOUR GOSPELS**

*Synoptic Gospels*

- Matthew: King of the Jews
- Mark: Servant of God
- Luke: Son of Man
- John: *90-95 AD* Son of God

*Written 30 yrs after other*

**Land Of The Gospels**



**WOMEN IN LINE OF MESSIAH**

1. Tamar *- Judah*
2. Rahab *- Boaz's mother - Jesse - David*
3. Bathsheba *- Solomon*
4. Virgin Mary *-*

**NEW TESTAMENT REGIONS**





- Galilee *- north*
- Samaria *Central*
- Judea *South*

**DIVINE NAMES**

- Jesus Yeshua, "Savior"
- Christ Christos, "Messiah"

**= JESUS THE CHRIST**

The Fourfold Gospel Account

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
PORTRAIT of CHRIST	KING AND LIONLIKE	SERVANT AND OXLIKE	PERFECT MAN AND MANLIKE	MIGHTY GOD AND EAGLELIKE
Angelic reminder Rev. 4; Ezek. 1	FIRST CREATURE LIONLIKE	SECOND CREATURE OXLIKE	THIRD CREATURE MANLIKE	FOURTH CREATURE EAGLELIKE
Style of writer	TEACHER	PREACHER	HISTORIAN	THEOLOGIAN
Emphasis by writer	His Sermons	His Miracles	His Parables	His Doctrines
CULTURE OF ORIGINAL READERS				
Genealogical record	YES: <b>Matthew 1:1-17</b>	NO	YES: <b>Luke 3:23-38</b>	NO
REASON	A king must have one	A servant needs none	A perfect man should have one	God has none
ROOT	Traces the regal line of David through his son Solomon		Traces the physical line of David through another son, Nathan	
FRUIT	Leads to Joseph, the legal stepfather of Jesus		Leads to Mary the physical mother of Jesus	
Place of main action	CAPERNAUM IN GALILEE			JERUSALEM IN JUDEA
Twofold division	<u>Synoptic Gospels—stress the humanity of Christ</u>			Fourth Gospel—stresses the deity of Christ

TEMPTATION OF CHRIST

1. Stones to Bread
2. Jump off Pinnacle
3. Worship Satan

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START TAPE 2



WHAT PREVENTS GOD FROM HEARING OUR PRAYERS?

God is omniscient. He sees, hears, and knows everything — even the prayers which, to us, do not seem to get past the ceiling.

There are however, certain hindrances to prayer specifically mentioned in Scripture. They are:

- (a) **Sin**—Psalm 66:18, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."
- (b) **Disobedience**—Proverbs 28:9, "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination."
- (c) **Hypocrisy or Insincerity**—James 5:16, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."
- (d) **Wrong Motives**—James 4:3, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."
- (e) **Lack of Faith**—James 1:6-7, "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord."
- (f) **Marital Problems**—1 Peter 3:7, "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

LIFE OF CHRIST

- Baptism
- Temptation
- 12 Disciples
- Sermon on Mount
- Parables *39 recorded math 13 in 40 parables*
- Miracles
- Galilean Ministry
- Crucifixion
- Resurrection



## CAN A BELIEVER LOSE THEIR SALVATION?

This is an important question and one which has caused confusion for many people. The answer of course is no, once you have accepted Christ as personal Savior, you are saved once and for all, forever. **John 10:27-29** is the Scripture passage which supports this belief.

(27) *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me;*

(28) *"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."*

(29) *"My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."*

The important thing to see here is that no man can "pluck" one of Christ's own from His hand — you cannot even remove yourself from His hand. Salvation is God's irrevocable gift to us. If you truly have trusted Christ as your Savior, you are eternally secure.

A distinction must be drawn, however, between the true believer and one who merely "dabbles" in Christianity for a time. Obviously, if conversion has not taken place, if a person does not have the power of God's Spirit living within them, it is impossible to continue to walk the "Christian life." It is an "act" which no human being can continue indefinitely when working in their own strength.

Some people have interpreted **Luke 8:13** to mean that it is possible for a believer to "fall away". This passage states, *"They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away."*

In this example, we find a superficial faith; one, in which true belief and trust in Christ never really took root. In my opinion, the person described here never was saved in the first place.

## KEY CONVERTS

- Nicodemus
- Samaritan Woman
- Matthew (Levi)
- Zacheus

## PARABLE OF SOWER MATTHEW 13

1. Wayside
2. Stony Places
3. Thorns
4. Good Ground



## DO WE REALLY HAVE GUARDIAN ANGELS?

Angels are mentioned in 34 books of the Bible a total of 273 times. They are described in Scripture as "ministering spirits".

**(Hebrews 1:14)** "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

And although Scripture states that the primary reason for their existence is to glorify Jesus Christ, **Matthew 18:10** indicates that another purpose of angels is to protect and watch over us.

"Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in Heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."

The Bible, however, does not state whether each believer has a specific guardian angel, or whether various angels on occasion simply protect and aid the heirs of salvation. Both are logical possibilities.

## SERMON ON THE MOUNT

MATTHEW 5-7

- Beatitudes 5: 1-12
- Salt & Light 5: 13-16
- Old vs. New 5: 17-48
- Giving 6: 5-4
- Praying 6: 5-15
- Fasting 6: 16-18
- 2 Masters 6: 19-34
- Judge Not 7: 1-6
- Pray Persistently 7: 7-12
- Narrow vs. Broad Way 7: 13-14
- 2 Choices 7: 15-29

## ENEMIES OF CHRIST

- Herodians
- Sadducees
- Pharisees

*The Twelve Apostles*



**SIMON PETER**

The hot-tempered fisherman who became the leader of the early church.



**ANDREW**

The brother of Simon Peter was a disciple of John the Baptist before coming to Christ. He was responsible for bringing Peter to Christ.



**JOHN**

"The beloved disciple" was a member of Jesus' inner circle. John wrote the book of the Revelation.



**JAMES**

Was also known as the "Son of Thunder" because of his fiery temper. He was the older brother of the apostle John and was also a member of Christ's "inner circle."



**PHILIP**

Was the evangelizing apostle as Scripture tells us he brought his friend, Nathanael to Christ.



**JAMES THE LESS**

Was so designated, probably because of his size. This disciple was possibly the brother of Matthew.

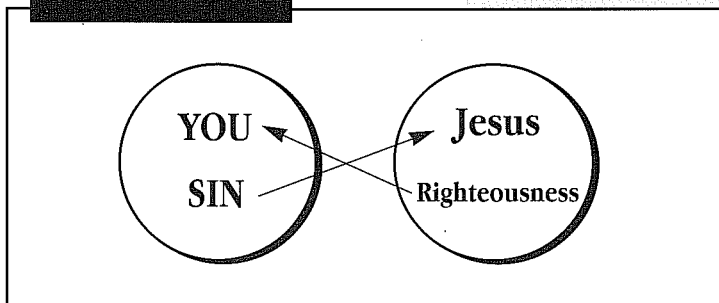
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**MIRACLES OF CHRIST**  
37 RECORDED IN SCRIPTURE

**EXAMPLES:**

- Healing blind man
- Healing lame man
- Casting out demons
- Raising Lazarus from dead
- Feeding the 5,000
- Walking on water

**Circle Illustration**



**DEATH OF CHRIST**

1. Forgives our sin
2. Gives us His righteousness

*The Twelve Apostles Continued*



**NATHANAEL**

Was a disciple who, at first, was skeptical of Jesus' claim to be the Messiah. Later, he was the first disciple to call Christ the Son of God and King of Israel.



**MATTHEW**

Was a Publican tax collector who accepted Christ's invitation to follow Him, quickly and without hesitation. Matthew wrote the first book of the New Testament.



**THADDEUS**

Was the brother of "James the Less." He is also referred to as Judas or Jude.



**SIMON THE ZEALOT**

Was the member of a right-wing nationalist group that had resisted the rule of Herod the Great.



**THOMAS**

Was the disciple who dared to ask the questions others were thinking. Impulsive and inquisitive, Thomas is best known for demanding proof that Christ had risen from the dead.



**JUDAS ISCARIOT**

Judas Iscariot, the disciple who betrayed Christ with a kiss, is described in Scripture as a thief, callous, deceitful and possessed by Satan. The sad commentary on his life was, "it would be better to have not been born."

**BOOK OF ACTS**

**"YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES"**

- Ch. 1-8          Jerusalem
  
- Ch. 8-12        Judea & Samaria
  
- Ch. 13-28       Whole world



**WILL CHRISTIANS FACE GOD'S JUDGMENT AFTER WE DIE?**

Because we are "justified by faith" in Jesus Christ, believers will never face God's judgment in regards to their eternal soul. The good things you do have nothing whatsoever to do with obtaining or maintaining God's love for you.

However, our good deeds show our appreciation for the grace of God which has been showered upon us.

In addition, the Bible indicates that our eternal rewards will be based on our work for the Lord here on earth.

*"...And every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour." (1 Corinthians 3:8)*

The same chapter goes on to say (verses 13-15),

**(13)** *"Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is."*

**(14)** *"If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward."*

**(15)** *"If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."*

Rest assured that what you do in this life does matter for eternity. Your faithfulness here on earth will determine your reward in Heaven.

**KEY PEOPLE IN ACTS**

- Ch. 1-8          Peter
  
- Ch. 8-12        Philip
  
- Ch. 13-28       Paul

**EARLY CHURCH**

- Doctrine
  
- Fellowship
  
- Communion
  
- Prayer

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*The final days of Christ's Ministry*

**SATURDAY**

Anointed by Mary (John 12:1-11)

**SUNDAY**

The triumphal entry (John 12:12-19)

**MONDAY**

Second Temple cleansing  
Cursing of the fig tree  
(Mt. 21:12-22)

**TUESDAY**

Confrontation with the Pharisees

- About His authority (Mt. 21:23-27)
- About paying of tribute (Mt. 22:15-22)
- About the resurrection (Mt. 22:23-33)
- About the greatest commandment (Mt. 22:34-40)

Denunciation of Pharisees (Mt. 23)  
Request by the Greeks (Jn. 12:20-50)  
Mt. Olivet discourse (Mt. 24-25)

**WEDNESDAY**

Day of silence

**THURSDAY**

Preparation for the Passover (Mk. 14:12-16)  
Events in the upper room (Jn. 13-14; Mt. 26:20-35)  
En route to Gethsemane (Jn. 15-16)  
The great high priestly prayer (Jn. 17)  
In Gethsemane (Mt. 26:36-56)  
Final pre-Calvary miracle (Lk. 22:50-51)

**FRIDAY**

Unfair trials and Crucifixion



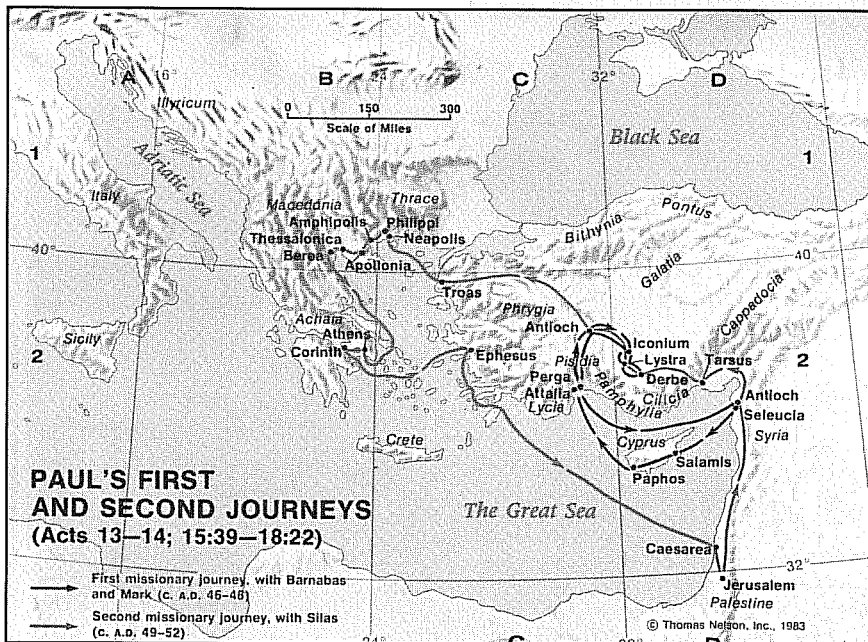
**PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS**

- 1. Acts 13-14      Cyprus & Asia Minor
- 2. Acts 15-18      Asia Minor & Greece
- 3. Acts 18-21      Asia Minor & Greece

**PAUL'S TRIALS AT CAESAREA**

- Felix
- Festus
- Agrippa

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*ACTS of the Apostles*

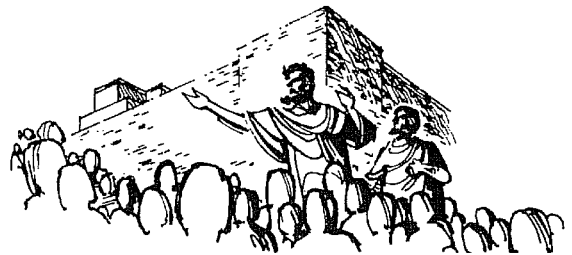
**“OPERATION HOLYLAND”**

**ACTS 1-12**

**The Greater Jerusalem Crusade**

Headed up by **Peter, The Fisherman**

Assisted by **John, Stephen, & Philip**



**“OPERATION WHOLE EARTH”**

**ACTS 13-28**

**The Global Crusade**

Headed up by **Paul, The Tentmaker**

Assisted by **Barnabas, Silas, Mark, Timothy, & Luke**

## NEW TESTAMENT

- Gospels – Lord of the Church
- Acts – Growth of the Church
- Epistles – Edification of the Church
- Revelation – Glorification of the Church



### WHAT WILL WE DO DURING OUR ETERNITY IN HEAVEN?

Heaven will be a place of fellowship and worship. The fellowship of heaven will be fellowship with other believers and, most importantly, with our Lord Himself.

**Will we know and recognize each other in Heaven?** Scripture says that we definitely will. During His transfiguration, our Lord spoke freely with Moses and Elijah. In addition to this, the Apostle John, during his vision of the Revelation sees and recognizes differences between elders, angels, and various redeemed people from all nations of the earth.

Our incomplete understanding of heaven was beautifully expressed by the Apostle Paul in **1 Corinthians 13:12**. Paul said, *"For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."*

In regards to what, if any, memory of this present life we will have in heaven, we cannot be dogmatic. It is our belief that once we enter into eternity with the Lord (at the conclusion of the millennial reign), the things of this life, with all the tragedies and sorrows and sufferings, will be permanently erased from our minds.

In any case, we know that Heaven is a prepared place, for a prepared people. The most important thing you need to know about Heaven is whether or not you will go there when you die.

### PAULINE EPISTLES

- Romans
- 1-2 Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- 1-2 Thessalonians
- 1-2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon



**BOOK OF ROMANS**

- Ch. 1-8    Salvation
- Ch. 9-11    Israel
- Ch. 12-16    Practical



**IF A BABY DIES, WILL HE/SHE GO TO HEAVEN?**

The Bible teaches plainly that little babies are covered by the blood of Christ and they go to Heaven when they die. No baby goes to Hell. 2 Samuel 12 tells us that David's baby, conceived in his adulterous affair with Bathsheba, died.

The servants were afraid to tell David, who had fasted and prayed so earnestly while the baby was still alive. When David saw them whispering, he asked them plainly if the baby had died. They told him it was true.

David then washed himself, changed clothes, anointed his head with oil, and called for something to eat. The servants were puzzled and asked why he prayed and fasted while the baby was still alive, but now did the opposite.

David replied that while the baby was alive, he thought perhaps God would hear his prayer and spare the baby's life, but since the baby had died, he said, "...Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." (2 Samuel 12:23)

We know, according to Scripture; that David is in Heaven. When he said he was going to his baby, he knew that his baby was in Heaven.

Little babies, who are unaccountable — they have not yet reached a place where they understand right from wrong — are covered by the blood of Christ until the time in which they choose to accept or reject Christ.

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

(ROMANS 12)

- Preaching
- Serving
- Teaching
- Exhorting
- Giving
- Ruling
- Mercy

**1 CORINTHIANS**

**THEME:** CORRECTION

- Ch. 1-4    Division in Church
- Ch. 5-6    Disorder in Church
- Ch. 7-16    Difficulties in Church

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## THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is the distinctive symbol of Christian worship instituted by the Lord on the eve of His death; It is a spiritual partaking of bread and the fruits of the vine. These elements are presented as a thankful expression of Christ's sacrifice, taken in fellowship with Him and with one another. It is a memorial conducted in remembrance of Christ's atoning death, and in anticipation of His return to earth. The two symbols of this ordinance are the bread, representing the broken body of Christ, and the cup, representing His shed blood.

Christians are divided as to whether the table should be "open" or "closed." The chief argument supporting open communion is that it is the Lord's Supper, not a ceremony of a particular religious denomination. Those who believe that the table should be restricted argue that the Church should not allow a person to eat unworthily or bring judgment on his own head (1Cor:11-27-30). "Close" (not "closed") communion is an attempt to have the best of both. The pastor reminds everyone of the need for self-evaluation. But after this instruction, the pastor leaves the decision to participate up to the individual.

**Illustration:** God judged some Corinthian Christians with sickness and death for their failure to properly observe this ordinance.

**Application:** Every Christian should use the Lord's Supper to examine his/her own spiritual progress and attitudes before partaking. (Matt.26:26; 1 Cor. 11:20-34; John 13:10.)

## GOSPEL MESSAGE

- Death
- Burial
- Resurrection

## 2 CORINTHIANS

### THEME: ENCOURAGEMENT

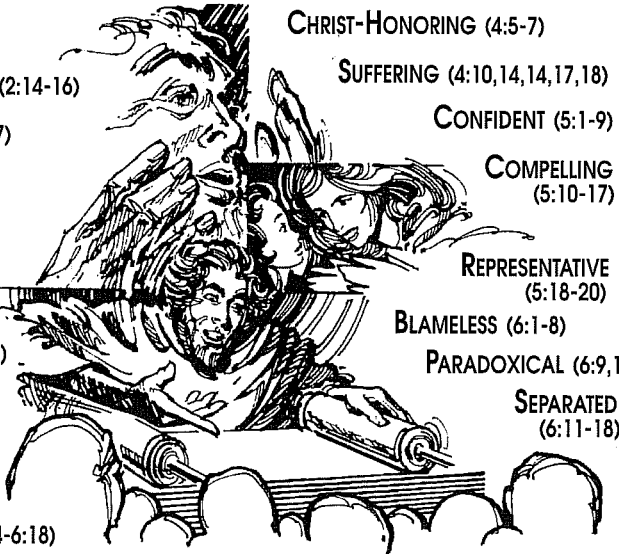
- Ch. 1-7      Character
- Ch. 8-9      Collections
- Ch. 10-13      Conflicts

## GALATIANS

### THEME: FREEDOM IN CHRIST

- Ch. 1-2      Foundation of Gospel
- Ch. 3-4      Freedom of Grace
- Ch. 5-6      Fruit of Spirit

*Characteristics of the Gospel Ministry*



TRIUMPHANT (2:14-16)  
SINCERE (2:17)  
APPROVED (3:1,2)  
DEPENDENT (3:4,5)  
SUPERIOR (3:6-18)  
OPEN (4:2)

CHRIST-HONORING (4:5-7)  
SUFFERING (4:10,14,14,17,18)  
CONFIDENT (5:1-9)  
COMPELLING (5:10-17)  
REPRESENTATIVE (5:18-20)  
BLAMELESS (6:1-8)  
PARADOXICAL (6:9,10)  
SEPARATED (6:11-18)

2 CORINTHIANS (2:14-6:18)

**PRISON EPISTLES**

- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- Philemon



**WHAT WILL WE LOOK LIKE IN HEAVEN?**

In **Philippians 3:21**, we read, "Who (Jesus) shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself."

Additionally, in **1 John 3:2** we read, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

These verses tell us that those of us who die, having trusted Christ as our personal Savior, will be given bodies like that of the Lord Jesus Christ. It will be a body that is not subject to disease and death any longer. It will be in all points as perfect as the Lord Jesus Christ's body is also perfect.

**EPHESIANS**

**THEME: COMPLETE IN CHRIST**

- Ch. 1-3      Our Beliefs
- Ch. 4-6      Our Behavior

**PHILIPPIANS**

**THEME: JOY IN CHRIST**

- Ch. 1-2      Mind of Christ
- Ch. 3          Knowledge of Christ
- Ch. 4          Peace of Christ



**CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MATURE CHRISTIAN**

**BASED ON JAMES**

**SUFFERING** (1:1-20)

*"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations."* **1:2**

**SCRIPTURE STUDY** (1:12-17, 19, 20, 22-25)

*"Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls."* **1:21**

**SINCERITY** (2:1-13)

*"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."* **2:10**

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE** (2:14-26)

*"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."* **2:26**

**SOUND SPEECH** (3:1-18; 1:26, 27)

*"For we all stumble in many ways. If any one does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well."* **3:2**

**SUBMISSION TO GOD** (4:1-17)

*"Submit yourselves therefore to God."* **4:7**

**SELF-SACRIFICE** (5:1-6)

**STEADFASTNESS** (5:7-11)

**SUPPLICATION** (5:12-18)

**SOUL-WINNING** (5:19,20)

**JAMES**

**THEME:** BALANCE OF FAITH & WORKS

- Ch. 1-4 Test of faith

- Ch. 5 Triumph of faith

**1-2 PETER**

- 1 Peter Triumph over suffering

- 2 Peter Tragedy of false teachers

**EPISTLES OF JOHN**

1. Fellowship with Christ

2. False Teachers

3. Faithful Service

## START TAPE 5

**LIVING BY FAITH**

The Bible defines faith as an expression of trust in God. It never refers to faith as simply a blind leap in the dark. Biblical faith is confidence in what is known — whether I fully understand or not.

Biblical faith is proved by our actions. What we do with our lives proves what we really believe. For example, if one really believed that eating vegetables would benefit his health, he would eat more vegetables. The same principle is true in the Christian life. What we really believe, we will do. If we really believe that we have sinned, we will seek a Savior. If we believe that He asks His followers to be baptized, we will be baptized.

If you want to live a successful Christian life, you must learn to live by faith. The Christian life is begun by faith, and it is continued as a walk of constant faith.

**GENERAL EPISTLES**

- Hebrews
- James
- 1-2 Peter
- 1-2-3 John
- Jude

**HEBREWS**

**THEME: CHRIST IS A BETTER . . .**

- Priest
- Sacrifice
- Covenant
- Atonement

**COLOSSIANS**

**THEME: PREMINENCE OF CHRIST**

- Ch. 1-2      Our position in Christ
- Ch. 3-4      Our service to Christ



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**1-2 THESSALONIANS**

**THEME: COMING OF CHRIST**

- 1 Thess      His coming for the Church
- 2 Thess      His coming with the Church

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**PASTORAL EPISTLES**

- 1-2 Timothy
- Titus