

Week 49
Galatians 4-II Thessalonians

1. Simple outline of Galatians

- a. Opening: 1:1-5
- b. Defending Paul's Ministry: 1:6-2:14
- c. Defining Paul's Message: Justification by Faith: 2:15-4
- d. Describing Life in the Spirit: 5-6:10
- e. Conclusion: 6:11-18

2. Starting where we left off last week

Defining Paul's Message: Justification by Faith Alone: 2:15-4

1. Paul's Thesis: 2:15-21: Justification by faith alone
2. Paul's Thesis Defended: 3:1-18
 - a. The personal experience of the Galatians: 3:1-5
 - b. The chronology of Israel's history: 3:6-9
 - c. The relationship between Christ and the law: 3:10-14
 - d. The promise of redemption preceded the giving of the law: 3:15-18
3. Paul's Teaching Concerning the Purpose of the Law: 3:19-4:7: The Law points us to Christ by showing that we must place our faith in Him. Faith in Christ makes us Children of God!

I. Day #336: Galatians 4-6

C. Defining Paul's Message: Justification by Faith Alone: 2:15-4

4. Paul's Thesis Defended; Part #2: 4:8-31
 - a. Remember Your Past: The Personal Experience of the Galatians: 4:8-11
 - b. Remember How You Treated Me (Paul) in the Past: 4:12-20
 - c. Remember the Promise and Pattern from the Scripture: 4:21-31

D. Describing Life in the Spirit: 5-6:10

1. Freedom in Christ: 5:1
2. All of Christ or nothing: 5:2-12
3. The Christian Obligation to the Gospel: The Ethical Demands of the Gospel: One Purpose of the Law is to provide moral guidance for Holy Living: 5:13-6:10
 - a. Believers are to love one another: 5:13-15
 - b. Believers are to avoid the desires of the flesh: 5:16-21
 - c. Believers are to embody the fruit of the Spirit: 5:22-26
 - d. Believers are to bear one another's burdens: 6:1-5
 - e. Believers are to exemplify financial stewardship: 6:6-10

E. Conclusion: 6:11-18

Overview of Ephesians

1. Author: Paul
 2. Purpose: To teach Christians at Ephesus the wonderful and practical implications of being the church in Christ.
 3. Date: 60-62
 4. Key Truths
 - a. The church has received wondrous blessings in union with Christ
 - b. The church has been brought from death to life in Christ
 - c. The church will extend worldwide with Jews and Gentiles joined together in Christ
 - d. The church must strive for unity in Christ
 - e. The church is to be holy
 - f. The church is to find strength for spiritual warfare in Christ
 5. Simple Outline
 - a. The Greeting: 1:1-2
 - b. Theology: What Makes Unity in the Church Possible: 1:3-3
 - c. Ethics: What Makes Unity in the Church Actual: 4-6:20
 - d. Closing Greeting: 6:21-24
- II. Day #337: Ephesians 1-3
- A. The Greeting: 1:1-2
 - B. Theology: What Makes Unity in the Church Possible: 1:3-3
 1. United in Praise: Praising the God-head: 1:3-14
 2. United in Prayer: Praying for the Ephesians: 1:15-23
 3. United in Life: the blessings of God: 2:1-10
 4. United in Identity: the person and work of Christ: 2:11-22
 5. United in Purpose: 3
 - a. Paul's ministry: 3:1-13
 - b. Paul's prayer: 3:14-21
- III. Day #338: Ephesians 4-6
- C. Ethics: What Makes Unity in the Church Actual: 4-6:20
 1. Common Empowerment: 4:1-13
 2. Common Pursuit: 4:14-16
 3. Common Behavior Toward one Another: 4:17-21
 4. Common Expectations in Relationships: 5:22-6:9: The Household Code
 - a. Relating to husbands and wives: 5:22-33
 - b. Relating to children and parents: 6:1-4
 - c. Relating to slaves and masters: 6:5-9
 5. Common Struggle: 6:10-20
 - D. Closing Greeting: 6:21-24

Overview of Philippians

1. Author: Paul
2. Purpose: To thank the Philippians for their solidarity with him while he was in prison and to encourage them to unity and humble service toward each other in Christ
3. Date: 61
4. Key Truths
 - a. The gospel of Christ will go forward, even in the face of persecution
 - b. Suffering for Christ is a joy and leads to glory for believers
 - c. Believers are to display the gospel in their lives by serving each other in imitation Of Christ
 - d. Believers are to hold fast to the truth and to avoid the extremes of legalism and license
 - e. Supporting others in ministry is an important Christian practice
5. Simple outline
 - a. Thanksgiving and Prayer: 1:1-11
 - b. Paul's Circumstances: Remembering prison: 1:12-26
 - c. The Philippians Circumstances: Exhortation for Christ-like living: 1:27-2:18
 - d. The Future Circumstances of Paul and the Philippians: 2:19-30
 - e. The Philippians Circumstances: 3:1-4-3
 - f. Paul's Concluding Exhortations: 4:4-9
 - g. Paul's Gratitude: 4:10-20
 - h. Paul's Final Greetings: 4:21-23

IV. Day #339: Philippians

- A. Thanksgiving and Prayer: 1:1-11
 1. Greeting: 1:1-2
 2. Thanksgiving and Prayer: 1:3-11
- B. Paul's Circumstances: Remembering prison: 1:12-26
 1. Paul's continuing purpose: 1:12-18a
 2. Paul's continuing hope: 18b-26
- C. The Philippians Circumstances: Exhortation for Christ-like living: 1:27-2:18
 1. Live worthy of the Gospel: 1:27-30
 2. Live consistent with the mind and actions of Christ: 2:1-11
 3. Live the reality of the salvation that you have been given: 2:12-18
- D. The Future Circumstances of Paul and the Philippians: 2:19-30
- E. The Philippians Circumstances: 3:1-4:1
 1. Guard the Faith: Watch out for false teachers: 3:1-11
 2. Press on in your faith: 3:12-16
 3. Stand firm in the faith: 3:17-4:1
- F. Paul's Concluding Exhortations: 4:2-9
 1. A plea for unity: 4:2-3
 2. A plea for peace, prayer, and rejoicing: 4:4-9
- G. Paul's Gratitude: 4:10-20
- H. Paul's Final Greetings: 4:21-23

Overview of Colossians

1. Author: Paul
 2. Purpose: To affirm and explain the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ in opposition to all other powers and attempts to gain salvation.
 3. Date: 60
 4. Key Truths
 - a. Christ supreme over all of creation and the church
 - b. Christ is supreme over all philosophy and religious expression
 - c. Christ is sufficient to bring the newness and fullness of life to all believers
 - d. Christ strength must sustain the believer
 5. Simple outline
 - a. Introduction: 1:1-14
 - b. Theology: 1:15-2:23
 - c. Ethics: 3:1-4:6
 - d. Closing greetings: 4:7-18
- V. Day #340: Colossians
- A. Introduction: 1:1-14
 1. Greeting: 1:1-2
 2. Thanksgiving: 1:3-8
 3. Prayer: 1:9-14
 - B. Theology: 1:15-2:23
 1. The Hymn Concerning Christ: 1:15-20
 2. The Application of the Hymn: 1:21-2:23
 - a. Christ is the Basis for Perseverance: 1:21-23
 - b. Christ is the basis for Reconciliation: 1:24-2:5
 - c. Christ is the basis for all of theology: 2:6-23
 - C. Ethics: 3:1-4:6: Christ is Lord over all relationships
 1. The Call to Holiness: 3:1-17
 2. The Call to Relational Harmony: 3:18-4:1
 3. The Call to Attractive Living Among Outsiders: 4:2-6
 - D. Closing greetings: 4:7-18

Overview of I Thessalonians

1. Author: Paul
 2. Purpose: To assure the Thessalonians of Paul's love and to instruct them on the importance of living for Christ and properly understanding his return
 3. Date: 50-51
 4. Key truths
 - a. God is to be thanked for the faithfulness of his people
 - b. Believers are to be commended for their faithfulness
 - c. Believers are to live lives that please God
 - d. Believers who have died when Christ returns
 - e. Believers must always be ready for the return of Christ
 5. Simple outline
 - a. Introduction: 1:1-10
 - b. Paul's concerns: 2-3
 - c. Paul's exhortations: 4-5
- VI. Day #341: I Thessalonians
- A. Introduction: 1:1-10
 1. Greeting: 1:1
 2. Thanksgiving: 1:2-10
 - B. Paul's concerns: 2-3
 1. Paul's history with the Thessalonians: 2:1-16
 2. Paul's concern for the Thessalonians: 2:17-3:5
 3. Paul's relief concerning the Thessalonians: 3:6-13
 - C. Paul's exhortations: 4-5
 1. What about holiness? 4:1-12
 2. What about dead people? 4:13-18
 3. What about future judgment? 5:1-11
 - D. Final Remarks: 5:12-28
 1. Further instructions concerning relationships in the church: 5:12-22
 2. Final prayer: 5:23-28

Overview of II Thessalonians

1. Author: Paul
2. Purpose: To follow up his previous letter by instructing the Thessalonians further about the return of Christ and importance of responsible daily living
3. Date: 50-52
4. Key Truths
 - a. Believers are to persevere through suffering until the return of Christ
 - b. Followers of Christ must not be misled by speculation about his coming return
 - c. The return of Christ will bring great judgment and reward
 - d. Believers are to live responsibly in their daily affairs in this world as they await the return of Christ
5. Simple outline
 - a. Introduction: 1
 - b. Instructions: 2
 - c. Conclusion: 3

VII. Day #342: II Thessalonians

- A. Introduction: 1
 1. Greeting: 1:1-2
 2. Thanksgiving: 1:3-4
 3. Encouragement: 1:5-12
- B. Instructions: 2
 1. Paul's declaration: 2:1-2
 2. Signs that must take place: 2:3-7
 3. Judgment on unbelievers: 2:8-12
 4. Salvation for believers: 2:13-17
- C. Conclusion: 3
 1. Paul's final request: 3:1-5
 2. Paul's final warnings: 3:6-15
 3. Paul's final greetings: 3:16-18