

Paul's Letters to the Churches

Set Nine

Session Forty-Five: Romans

Righteousness of God

Homework: Because this is the beginning of a new set, homework review may not be appropriate if time has passed since completion of the last set and students will not have their workbooks with them. If however, they do, then the following questions are good for review.

For the book of Acts:

The bottom of page 125 and all of page 126 (The growth of the church)

Page 128-129 What is taught about the Holy Spirit

Page 132 the last question

Page 138 Middle question (who was the last person you encouraged)

The Story So Far: The New Testament begins after 400 years of silence. There are four gospels and each tell of the life of Christ. Matthew was written to the Jews to show that the long awaited messiah had come. He uses a great deal of prophecy showing that Christ has fulfilled many of them.

Mark is the shortest gospel and was written to the Romans to show that Jesus was the suffering servant. Luke shows Jesus as the perfect man and was written to the Greeks. Those three gospels are called synoptic because they include much of the same material although they are written for different audiences. John was written to all men and shows Jesus as the Son of God. The Book of Acts tell the history of the early church from the time Jesus is raised to heaven until Paul is close to death by execution.

Paul was a persecutor of Christians, brilliant in mind and zealous for Judaism. He saw Christianity as a dangerous cult bent on undermining the Jewish laws. He was a Pharisee, committed to protecting the traditions and laws of the faith.

On the road to Damascus where he was planning to arrest the Christians, he was struck blind and heard the voice of Jesus. That encounter was so dramatically life changing that Paul became one of the strongest proponents of the Christian faith. His audience was predominately Gentiles.

Paul wrote nine letters to various churches, addressing problems and questions the new congregations had and he also wrote four letters to pastors, usually young men who were struggling to lead these new churches. Romans is not the first letter he wrote but it is the longest and highly significant for its content. Therefore it is placed first in the Biblical order.

Written Review: Ask the class if they can reconstruct the history of the Old Testament giving the main ideas for the following sets:

Pentateuch
Kingdom Books
Post Exilic Books
Poetical Books
Major Prophets
Early Minor Prophets
Later Minor Prophets
New Testament History

Have the class work as a team, and when they get hung up, allow them to use their Bibles if necessary. Allow about fifteen minutes.

Watch the DVD: Romans

Teacher: Eleanor Lewis

Testimony: Lani Rae Hughes

Music: Your Love Is deep

Vocalist: North Point Community Church Kids

Learning for Life: In small groups answer the questions at the end of the Romans DVD outline on page 32.

What to Remember in the Book of Romans

Who: Author: Paul

Audience: Believers in Rome

What: Paul's discourse on God's gift of righteousness, which is received by faith and results in right living.

When: Written around AD 57, near the end of Paul's third missionary journey

Where: Written to Rome from Corinth

Why: To combat false teaching regarding righteousness

Wrap Up: Pray that the truths in this profound theological book would reach not only the minds but also the hearts of each person in the class and that they would not be ashamed of the Gospel, understanding that in it the righteousness of God is revealed.

Session Forty-Six: First Corinthians

Correction of Church Problems

Homework for the Book of Romans:

- Question on page 37
- Question at the top of page 40
- Questions at the bottom of page 43
- All questions on page 44
- Question at the top of page 46
- Question at the bottom of page 46

The Story So Far: The four gospels tell about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ the Messiah and Savior. Jesus left heaven and lived among men for approximately 33 years. The last three years of his life he devoted his time to teaching, preaching, healing and challenging the religious order of His day. His virgin birth, life, and death fulfilled many of the Old Testament prophecies and His resurrection from the dead proved He was indeed God. His death was an atonement for the sins of those who would believe in Him.

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Paul wrote the book of First Corinthians to deal with specific problems that church was having

Written Review: The written review is on the following page and can be used following the oral review. This review is optional and can be used if the facilitator feels it is appropriate. Please include a mention that First Corinthians is about Paul dealing with church problems as that will be on the quiz!

Watch the DVD: First Corinthians

Teacher: Pat Harley

Testimony: Mollianne Elliott

Music: Live Like A King

Vocalist: Verna Law

Learning for Life: The Learning for Life questions are at the end of the DVD outline on page 56 and can be used for small group discussion.

What to Remember in the Book of First Corinthians

Who: Author is Paul

Audience is the believers in Corinth

When: Written in AD 56

Where: Written in Corinth from Ephesus

Why: To answer questions brought to Paul by some church members

Wrap Up: Pray for the church and the people in it, that God would unify the believers and that they would be a living testimony to the greatness of God and the power of Jesus Christ. Pray that the church would have a great influence in the community and represent Christ well as it shows the world Christ's love.

Written Review for the Book of First Corinthians

Match the person or phrase with the book.

| | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Genesis | Paul addressed church problems |
| Exodus | Jesus the Suffering Servant |
| Joshua | Isaiah |
| David | Explains righteousness |
| Solomon | Jesus the King and Messiah |
| The prophet in the lions den | Conquered Jericho |
| The prophet in the well | |
| The prophet who saw the Lord high and lifted up | Second King of Israel |
| The last writing prophet | Moses |
| Matthew | Jesus is God |
| Mark | The birth of the church |
| Luke | Built the first temple in Jerusalem |
| John | Daniel |
| Acts | Jesus is the Perfect Man |
| Romans | Jeremiah |
| 1 Corinthians | Malachi |
| 2 Kings | Uncle Mordecai |
| Esther | Psalms |
| Nehemiah | Suffering and sovereignty |
| Job | Rebuilt the wall |
| Jewish Hymnbook | Judah exiled to Babylon |

Facilitators Answers for First Corinthians Review

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|---|--------------------------------|
| Genesis | Abraham |
| Exodus | Moses |
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| David | Second king of Israel |
| Solomon | Built the temple in Jerusalem |
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| Acts | The birth of the church |
| Romans | Explains righteousness |
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Session Forty-Seven: Second Corinthians Defense of Paul's Ministry

Homework for the Book of First Corinthians:

- Question on page 59
- Question at end of page 62
- Questions on page 67
- Question at the end of page 70

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First Corinthians was written to the church in Corinth to address specific problems the church was having and also to answer questions that had been sent to Paul.

Written Review: A written review is on the following page.

Watch the DVD: Second Corinthians

Teacher: Linda Sweeney

Testimony: Robin Chalk

Music: Help Me Believe

Vocalist: Candi Shelton

Learning for Life: The Learning for Life questions are at the end of the DVD outline on page 79 and can be used for small group discussion.

What to Remember in the Book of Second Corinthians

Who: Author is Paul

Audience is the believers in Corinth

What: Paul's defense of himself against false charges and accusations

When: Written toward the end of AD 56

Where: Written to Corinth from Macedonia

Why: To defend himself against those in Corinth making false accusations regarding his authority and apostleship.

Wrap up: Pray for the pastor and leaders of the church that God would protect them spiritually and from false accusations that can divide and destroy a church. Pray that each participant would see themselves as Christ's bondservant, wholly devoted to Him.

Written Review for the Book of Second Corinthians

Match the phrase with one of the following books:

Romans

First Corinthians

1. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
2. But now faith, hope, love, abide in these three.
3. I have been informed...that there are quarrels among you.
4. I am not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God for salvation.
5. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
6. Now concerning spiritual gifts I do not want you to be unaware.
7. This is My body which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.
8. For God demonstrates His own love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
9. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
10. If Christ has not been raised your faith is worthless.

Answers for Facilitators for the Book of Second Corinthians

Match the phrase with one of the following books:

Romans

First Corinthians

1. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
Romans 3:23
2. But now faith, hope, love, abide in these three.
First Corinthians 13:13
3. I have been informed...that there are quarrels among you.
First Corinthians 1:11
4. I am not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God for salvation.
Romans 1:16
5. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
Romans 8:1
6. Now concerning spiritual gifts I do not want you to be unaware.
First Corinthians 12:1
7. This is My body which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.
First Corinthians 11:24
8. For God demonstrates His own love for us in that while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us. **Romans 5:8**
9. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Romans 8:35
10. If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.
First Corinthians 15:14

Session Forty-Eight: Galatians

Freedom in Christ

Homework for the Book of Second Corinthians

- Top three questions on page 84
- The questions on page 87
- Top two questions on page 88
- Questions on page 93
- Question at the top of page 91

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Written Review: See the following page.

Watch the DVD: Galatians

Teacher: Margie Ruether

Testimony: Farah Naghib

Music: Free Indeed

Vocalist: Katy Slade

Learning for Life: The Learning for Life questions are at the end of the DVD outline on page 103 and can be used for small group discussion.

What to Remember in the Book of Galatians

Who: Author is Paul

Audience is the believers in Galatia

What: An explanation of the difference between liberty of faith in Christ Jesus and bondage to law and works.

When: Written in AD 49 (best assumption) or AD 53-56

Where: Written to Southern Galatia from Antioch (best assumption) or to northern Galatia from Ephesus or Macedonia.

Why: To free the Galatian churches from the false teaching of the law and works and to bring them back to the gospel of grace and faith, which they had learned from Paul.

Wrap Up: Pray that the students would enjoy liberty in their faith and would not be in bondage to the law or works. Pray that they would have a clear understanding of grace as the Bible defines it and have joy not bondage in their service to Christ. .

Written Review for Galatians

Name the New Testament book that most clearly fits the statement below.

1. What two gospels have a genealogy of Jesus Christ?
2. What book is the longest of Paul's Letters to the Churches?
3. Which gospel was written to everyone?
4. What books explain salvation and justification?
5. What book shows Jesus as King of the Jews?
6. What books address sexual immorality in the church?
7. What book shows that Jesus is God?
8. What book uses the word "immediately" in describing the active life of Jesus?
9. In what book did Paul encounter Jesus on the road to Damascus?
10. What book describes Jesus ascending into heaven?
11. What book has a chapter on love?
12. What book tells us there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus?
13. What book includes many women in the gospel narrative?
14. Which book tells us that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"?
15. What book gives the history of the beginning of the church?
16. Who wrote none letters to the churches?
17. Which book is about Paul's defense of his ministry and apostleship.
18. "But now faith, hope, love abide these three..."
19. "I am not ashamed of the gospel"
20. "We do not preach ourselves but Jesus Christ"

Facilitators Answers for the Quiz for the Book of Galatians.

1. What two gospels have a genealogy of Jesus Christ? **Matthew and Luke**
2. What book is the longest of Paul's Letters to the Churches? **Romans**
3. Which gospel was written to everyone? **John**
4. What books explains salvation and justification? **Romans**
5. What book shows Jesus as King of the Jews? **Matthew**
6. What books addresses sexual immorality in the church? **First Corinthians**
7. What book shows that Jesus is God? **John**
8. What book uses the word "immediately" in describing the active life of Jesus?
Mark
9. What book tells of Paul's encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus? **Acts**
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Romans
15. What book gives the history of the beginning of the church? **Acts**
16. Who wrote nine letters to the churches? **Paul**
17. Which book is about Paul's defense of his ministry and apostleship.
Second Corinthians
18. "But now faith, hope, love abide these three..."
First Corinthians
19. "I am not ashamed of the gospel"
Romans
20. "We do not preach ourselves but Jesus Christ" **First Corinthians**

Session Forty-Nine: Ephesians

Riches in Christ

Homework for the Book of Galatians:

- Question on page 106
- Question at the top of page 108
- Question at the bottom of page 108
- Question in the middle of page 109
- Question at the end of page 112
- Question at the bottom of page 117 and top of page 118

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Written Review: Written review is on the following page.

Watch the DVD: Ephesians

Teacher: Eleanor Lewis

Testimony: Ellen Stetler

Music: How Deep Is the Father's love

Vocalist: Elise Norman

Learning for Life: The Learning for Life questions are at the end of the DVD outline on page 127 and can be used for small group discussion.

What to Remember in the Book of Ephesians

Who: Author is Paul

Audience is the believers in Ephesus

What: An instruction book on Christian living

When: Written in AD 60 during Paul's first Roman imprisonment

Where: Written to Ephesus from Rome

Why: To explain the mystery of the church

Wrap up: Pray that the students would gain a clear grasp of what it means to walk in a manner worthy of the calling of Jesus Christ, that their lives would reflect their love and devotion to Him.

Review for the Book of Ephesians

Place the following events or people in chronological sequential order.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Birth of the church | Abraham | Temple built |
| Crucifixion | Fall | Tabernacle built |
| Built and ark | David | Flood |
| Creation | Virgin birth | Fall of Israel |
| Jacob | Swallowed by fish | rebuilt temple |
| Paul's first missionary journey | Exile | Lion's den |
| The Exodus | Paul' conversion | resurrection |
| Paul wrote Galatians | Paul wrote Romans | Last writing prophet |

**Review for the Book of Ephesians
Answers for the Facilitators**

- 1. Creation**
- 2. Fall**
- 3. Built an ark**
- 4. Flood**
- 5. Abraham**
- 6. Jacob**
- 7. Exodus**
- 8. Tabernacle built**
- 9. David**
- 10. Temple built**
- 11. Swallowed a fish**
- 12. Fall of Israel**
- 13. Exile**
- 14. Lions den**
- 15. Rebuilt temple**
- 16. Last writing prophet**
- 17. Virgin birth**
- 18. Crucifixion**
- 19. Resurrection**
- 20. Birth of the Church**
- 21. Paul's conversion**
- 22. Paul's first missionary journey**
- 23. Paul wrote Galatians**
- 24. Paul wrote Romans**

Session Fifty: Philippians

Joy in Christ

Homework for the Book of Ephesians:

Question at the of page 132-133

Questions on page 135

Questions on 138-9

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Written Review: Have the students write the names of the books we have studied so far in the New Testament (Five New Testament History books and five Paul's Letters to the Churches). By each name write the theme of that book. Do not work as a team for this but

allow each to do their own. Then give the answers and have each student correct their own work.

Answers for Facilitators:

Matthew: Jesus is King of the Jews
Mark: Jesus is the Suffering Servant
Luke: Jesus is the Perfect Man
John: Jesus is the Son of God
Acts: The birth of the Church
Romans: God's Righteousness described
First Corinthians: Churches problems corrected
Second Corinthians: Paul's ministry defended
Galatians: believer's freedom in Christ
Ephesians: Believer's holy walk

Watch the DVD: Philippians

Teacher: Pat Harley

Testimony: Sharon Longbottom

Music: God Will Open Up A Window

Vocalists: Babbie Mason and Jennifer Carozza

Learning for Life: The Learning for Life questions are at the end of the DVD outline on page 151 and can be used for small group discussion.

What to Remember in the Book of Philippians

Who: The author is Paul

The audience is the believers in Philippi

What: A thank you letter to the Philippian church

When: Written in AD 62

Where: Written to Philippi from a Roman prison

Why: To give thanks for the Philippians and to encourage them

Wrap Up: Pray that each one of the students would come to know the true joy of the Lord, that they would be able to “see others as more important than themselves “ and that they would reflect that joy to those they meet.

Session Fifty-One: Colossians

Supremacy in Christ

Homework for the Book of Philippians:

Question at the bottom of page 153

Questions on page 154

Question at the top of page 159

Top two questions on Page 163

Additional question: What robs your joy and makes you discontent?

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Philippians was also written from prison. Paul clearly reveals the secret to joy and contentment: to live is Christ to die is gain.

Written Review: Put the names of the books that have been covered so far on cards. You may wish to begin with Genesis or if the group is small and there is a time restriction begin with the New Testament books. Have them work as a group and put the cards in the order they appear in the Bible. If using only the New Testament, have each person choose a card and tell what that book is about and what it teaches about God. If the person gets stumped then have the group help out.

Watch the DVD: Colossians

Teacher: Linda Sweeney

Testimony: Shella Black

Music: Magnificent Obsession

Vocalist: Verna Law

Learning for Life: The Learning for Life questions are at the end of the DVD outline on page 176 and can be used for small group discussion.

What to Remember in the Book of Colossians

Who: The author is Paul

The audience is the believers in Colossae

What: A letter to correct false teaching in Colossae

When: Written in AD 60-61

Where: Written to Colossae from a Roman prison

Why: To respond to concerns shared by Epaphras, the pastor of the church in Colossae who visited Paul in Rome and informed him that heresy was being taught in the church.

Wrap Up: Pray that the students would grow in their knowledge and love for Jesus Christ as the perfect man and as God and Lord of all.

Session Fifty Two: First Thessalonians

Coming of the Lord

Homework for the book of Colossians:

All questions on page 181

Question in the middle of page 184

Last question on page 187

What one great truth have you taken away from the book of Colossians?

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Colossians was also written from prison and in it Paul emphasizes that Christ is supreme over all in His person, work, role in the church, and His teachings and in Him we are complete.

Written Review: Have each student write down what difference “Christ in you the hope of glory has made in their lives.” Colossians 1:27 Choose three or four people to read what they have written.

Watch the DVD: First Thessalonians

Teacher: Margie Ruether

Testimony: Gaye-Lynn Smith

Music: No More Night

Vocalist: Jeanine Davis

Learning for Life: The Learning for Life questions are at the end of the DVD outline on page 199 and can be used for small group discussion.

What to Remember in the Book of First Thessalonians

Who: The author is Paul

The audience is the believers in Thessalonica

What: A letter of encouragement for the new converts during their trials and charge to stay faithful concerning godly living and daily work.

When: Written in AD 51

Where: Written to Thessalonica from Corinth

Why: To exhort believers to grow in their faith and love while they continue in their labor for the Lord.

Wrap Up: Pray for the students that God would “establish their hearts without blame in holiness before our God and father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.”

Session Fifty Three: Second Thessalonians

Day of the Lord

Homework for the Book of First Thessalonians:

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The Story So Far: : The four gospels tell about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ the Messiah and Savior. Jesus left heaven and lived among men for approximately 33 years. The last three years of his life he devoted his time to teaching, preaching, healing and challenging the religious order of His day. His virgin birth, life, and death fulfilled many of the Old Testament prophecies and His resurrection from the dead proved He was indeed God. His death was an atonement for the sins of those who would believe in Him.

The book of Acts tells of Christ's ascension into heaven, the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church of Jesus Christ. Through Christ's disciples, especially Peter and Paul, the gospel of Jesus Christ spread through much of the known world at that time and churches were established in many of the larger cities. The book also includes Paul's three missionary journey.

Paul wrote the letter to the Romans to clearly explain righteousness, sin, salvation, justification and glorification. It is a formal and most thoroughly theological letter and lays a foundation for the rest of Paul's letters to the churches.

First Corinthians was written to the church in Corinth to address specific problems the church was having and also to answer questions that had been sent to Paul.

Second Corinthians was written as a defense of Paul's ministry, his authority, apostleship and describes all he had been through for the sake of the gospel. He points the way to living victoriously by the grace of God.

Galatians was written to the church in Galatia and clearly and passionately clarifies the gospel; we are saved by faith and not by the law. We have freedom through Christ alone from enmity with God and from the heavy burden of trying to do good enough to win God's approval.

Ephesians was written from prison and calls believers to a holy walk because of who they are in Jesus Christ and the great blessings we receive through Him.

Philippians was also written from prison. Paul clearly reveals the secret to joy and contentment: to live is Christ to die is gain. Christ is central to all of life

Colossians was also written from prison and in it Paul emphasizes that Christ is supreme over all in His person, work, role in the church, and His teachings and in Him we are complete.

In First Thessalonians Paul encourages the believers that Christ is coming back, He will return, not like the first time but this time in all his glory and tells us how we are to act while we wait.

Written Review: review quiz follows on the next page.

Watch the DVD: Second Thessalonians

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Learning for Life: The Learning for Life questions are at the end of the DVD outline on page 223 and can be used for small group discussion.

What to Remember in the Book of Second Thessalonians

Who: The author is Paul

The audience is the believers in Thessalonica

What: A letter of encouragement for the new converts during their trials and charge to stay faithful concerning godly living and daily work

When: Written in AD 51

Where: Written to Thessalonica from Corinth

Why: To exhort believers to grow in their faith and love while they continue in their labor for the Lord

Wrap Up: Pray that the students will live expectantly for the Lord's return and that they will reflect the love of Christ and His character while they wait for Him.

Review Quiz for First Thessalonians Over Paul's Letters to the Churches

1. How were the letters named?
2. What book describes God's righteousness?
3. Where was Paul when he wrote the book of Roman's?
4. What was the theme of First Corinthians?
5. Which gospel tells of Jesus the Suffering Servant?
6. Which gospel tells of Jesus as the Perfect Man?
7. Which gospel tells of Jesus as the King of Kings?
8. Which gospel tells of Jesus as the Son of God?
9. In the first part of the book of Acts, what happened to Jesus?
10. What happened to Paul on the road to Damascus?
11. Describe one problem the church in Corinth was having.
12. What does Paul say happens when we die?
13. What is the greatest thing: Faith, hope or love?
14. Tell one attribute of love.
15. Finish the statement, " For I am not ashamed of the gospel...for in it the righteousness of God is _____."
16. What book deals with our " walk in a manner worthy of our calling"?
17. "For in Him all the fullness of _____ dwells in _____ form."
18. What book tells about Jesus return?
19. In what book does Paul give a defense of his ministry, apostleship and authority?
20. "For to _____, to live is _____ and to die is _____."

Facilitators answers to the Quiz for Second Thessalonians

1. How were the letters named? **The name of the city the church was in.**
2. What book describes God's righteousness? **Romans**
3. Where was Paul when he wrote the book of Roman's? **In Corinth**
4. What was the theme of First Corinthians? **Church problems corrected**
5. Which gospel tells of Jesus the Suffering Servant? **Mark**
6. Which gospel tells of Jesus as the Perfect Man? **Luke**
7. Which gospel tells of Jesus as the King of Kings? **Matthew**
8. Which gospel tells of Jesus as the Son of God? **John**
9. In the first part of the book of Acts, what happened to Jesus? **He ascended into heaven**
10. What happened to Paul on the road to Damascus? **Jesus spoke to him from heaven, blinded him and he was converted.**
11. Describe one problem the church in Corinth was having. **Immorality, taking sides, they did not understand the work of the cross, the Holy Spirit, etc.**
12. What does Paul say happens when we die? **We will have bodies that are imperishable**
13. What is the greatest thing: Faith, hope or love? **Love**
14. Tell one attribute of love. **See 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 for complete list.**
15. Finish the statement, " For I am not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God for **Salvation** ".
16. What book deals with our "walk in a manner worthy of our calling"? **Ephesians**
17. "For in Him all the fullness of **deity** dwells in **human** form.
18. What book tells about Jesus return? **First Thessalonians**
- 19 In what book does Paul give a defense of his ministry, apostleship and authority?
2 Corinthians.
20. "For to **me**, to live is **Christ** and to die is **gain** .