WRITERS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

The writers compiled a written record of what God had brought to their remembrance and what he directed them to convey. They wrote with the same authority as they spoke.

Paul wrote:

*If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord's commandment.* 1 Corinthians 14:37

Peter equated his writings and those of Paul to the Scriptures (Holy Writings) of the Old Testament: . . . *and regard the patience of our Lord to be salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.* 2 Peter 3:16-16

John wrote down what he had witnessed, so that all might believe that Jesus was the promised Messiah, the Savior of sinners, and the Son of God; that, by this faith, they might obtain eternal life: *Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.* John 20:30-31

MATTHEW

Also called Levi. Mar.2:14, Luk.5:27 (cf. Mat.9:9)
Son of Alpheus. Mar.2:14
Tax-gatherer (publican) before becoming an Apostle. Mat.9:9
Also mentioned in Act.1:13
Wrote: MATTHEW

MARK

Also called John Mark.
Son of Mary, who lived in Jerusalem. Act.12:12
Cousin to Barnabas. Col.4:10
Traveling companion of Parl and Barnabas. Act.13:5
Also mentioned in Act.12:12,25; 13:13, 15:37-39, 2Ti.4:11, Phm.24; 1Pe.5:13
Wrote: MARK

LUKE

Also called Lucas
Physician. Col.4:14
(Possibly a gentile. Col.4:11,14)
[Not same person as Lucius in Act.13:1.]
Worker with Paul. Phm.24, Act.27:1
Also mentioned in *Act.16:10-17, 20:5-15, 21:1-18. 2Ti.4:11
Wrote: LUKE, ACTS

*Luke included himself in some of the activities by using the pronoun, “we” in Acts.

JOHN

Son of Zebedee and Salome. Mat 4:21
Brother of James the Apostle
Originally a disciple of John the Baptist. Joh.1:35-40
His brother, James, was put to death by Herod Agrippa I. Acts.12:1-2
Wrote: JOHN, 1 JOHN, 2 JOHN, 3 JOHN, REVELATION
PETER
Also called Simon, Simeon, Cephas
Son of Jonas (John) Mat.16:17, Joh.1:42
Brother of Andrew. Joh.1:40
Married. Mar.1:30, 1Co.9:5
Fishing partner with James, John and Andrew, Luk.5:7,10, Mar.1:16
  Wrote: 1 PETER, 2 PETER

JAMES
Hebrew: Jacob
Some think he was a cousin to the Lord; others think he was “James the less.”
Still others think he was a brother of the Lord. Act.12:17, 1Co.15:7, Gal.1:19
  Wrote: JAMES

PAUL
Also called Saul of Tarsus. Act.13:9
Israelite (Jew) 2Co.11:22
Never married. 1Co.9:5
Tentmaker by trade. Act.18:3
  Wrote: ROMANS, 1 & 2 CORINTHIANS, GALATIANS, EPHESIANS, PHILIPPIANS, COLOSSIANS,
  1 & 2 THESALONIANS, 1&2 TIMOTHY, TITUS, PHILEMON (and possibly) HEBREWS

JUDE
Also called Judas
Brother of James. Jde.1
Some think he was a brother of Christ. Luk.6:16, Act.1:13
  Wrote: JUDE
STRUCTURE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

NAME OF THE BOOK

GOSPELS .......................................................... denotes writers
Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

HISTORY .......................................................... describes content
(Acts of the Apostles, particularly Peter and Paul)

LETTERS .......................................................... indicates recipients
TO CHURCHES ..................................................
Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians

TO INDIVIDUALS ..............................................
1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon

GENERAL LETTERS .............................................
Hebrews
(author is uncertain, possibly Paul)
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude

PROPHECY .......................................................... indicates content
Revelation
INSPIRATION

DEFINITION:

Inspiration is “The actions of God leading to the writing, preservation, and collection of His words to His people into the Bible.” It is the influence of the Holy Spirit upon individuals for the purpose of producing an authoritative record of persons, teaching and events.

CLAIMS OF INSPIRATION:

*All scripture is given by inspiration of God.*

2Ti.3:16

*For no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*

2Pe.1:21

*David himself said in the Holy Spirit, “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘sit at my right hand, until I put thine enemies beneath thy feet.’”*

Mar.12:36

*But when they deliver you up, do not become anxious about how or what you will speak; for it shall be given you in that hour what you are to speak. For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.*

Mat.10:19-20

*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.*

Joh.14:26

*For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.*

Gal.1:11-12

Inspiration produces a revelation of what is beyond normal human cognitive and experiential knowledge. It is a disclosure of truth that humans cannot comprehend through their ordinary thought process. It’s a communication from God and of God, delivered through man for mankind.
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The periods of time covered by the New Testament books

**NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER**

*DATE OF WRITING IS APPROXIMATE*

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John ................. 80-90
2 John ................ 90
3 John ................ 90
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... the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. **Jude 3**
MATTHEW

WRITER: Matthew, the Apostle

DATE: Uncertain (37-64 A.D.)

THEME: Jesus the Christ, the King from Heaven

BIRTH OF THE KING
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PREPARATION OF THE KING
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RESURRECTION AND REIGN OF THE KING
Resurrection of the king, with all power. ..................... 28:1-20

NOTES:
king used 19 times; kingdom used 53 times; kingdom of heaven used 31 times
There are more than 60 references to the Old Testament.
Matthew wrote to those who believed in God and the coming of the Messiah.
His book establishes that Jesus of Nazareth was sent from God as the Messiah and King.
MARK

WRITER: John Mark
DATE: Uncertain (62-68 A.D.)

THEME: Jesus the Christ, the Son of God Active in Redemption

PREPARATION OF THE MINISTRY OF JESUS
The work of John the Baptist. 1:1-8
The baptism and temptation of Jesus. 1:9-13

MINISTRY OF JESUS IN GALILEE
Call of Simon, Andrew, James and John. 1:14-20
Group of miracles. 1:21-45
- Casts out unclean spirits; heals Peter’s mother-in-law;
- Cleanses a leper
Group of controversies. 2:1-3:35
- Forgiving sins; eating with publicans; fasting;
- Plucking grain on the sabbath; healing on the sabbath
Group of parables. 4:1-34
- The sower; lamp; growing grain; mustard seed
Second group of miracles. 4:35-5:43
- Stilling the storm; casting out demons; raising the dead;
- Rejection of Jesus in His home town. 6:1-6
Twelve sent out on a limited commission. 6:7-13
John the Baptist beheaded (reference to event). 6:14-29
Third group of miracles. 6:30-8:26
- Feeds the 5,000; walks on water; heals deaf mute; feeds the 4,000;
- Heals a blind man
The cost of discipleship. 8:27-38
Transfiguration of Jesus. 9:1-13
Heals a boy that the disciples couldn’t heal. 9:10-32
Settles dispute about power and rank in the kingdom. 9:33-37
Discourses on way to Jerusalem. 10:1-45
- Questions about divorce answered; blesses the children;
- Talks with the rich young ruler

REDEMPTIVE WORK DURING HIS LAST WEEK
Triumphant entry into Jerusalem. 11:1-14
Cleanses the temple of money changers. 11:15-26
Debate in the temple. 11:27-33
Discourses in the temple. 12:1-44
- Parable of the vine grower; tribute to Caesar;
- The resurrection; greatest commandment; widow’s mite
Discourse on Olivet concerning destruction of Jerusalem. 13:1-37
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ARREST, TRIAL AND CRUCIFIXION
In the garden praying; betrayed. 14:32-52
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THE RESURRECTION AND EVENTS AFTERWARD
Jesus comes forth from the tomb. 16:1-13
Apostles commissioned to preach Gospel; given power. 16:14-20
LUKE

WRITER: Luke

THEME: Gospel of Historical Certainty

DATE: Uncertain (37-64 A.D.)

INCARNATION OF THE SON OF MAN

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Miraculous birth and boyhood of Jesus. ....................... 2:1-52

PREPARATION OF THE SON OF MAN

Work of John the Baptist, His forerunner. .................. 3:1-20
Baptism of Jesus, the “son of man”. .......................... 3:21-38
His temptation in the wilderness. ............................. 4:1-13

WORK OF THE SON OF MAN

His rejection at Nazareth, His hometown. .................... 4:14-30
He performs miracles in Capernaum and Judea. ............. 4:31-5:16
His clashes with the Pharisees. ................................ 5:17-6:11
He chooses the Twelve; discourse of the Beatitudes. ...... 6:12-19
He performs more miracles, including raising the dead. .. 7:1-17
He answers John the Baptist's inquiry. ...................... 7:18-50
He speaks in parables; heals many. ........................ 8:1-56
He sends out the Twelve; 5,000 fed. ........................ 9:1-17
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Speaks many parables. ........................................ 10:25-52
He teaches His disciples about prayer. ...................... 11:1-13
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His journey and triumphal entry. ............................. 18:31-19:40
He weeps for the city; cleanses the temple; His authority challenged. 19:41-20:47
He foretells of the destruction of Jerusalem. ............... 21:1-38
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RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION OF THE SON OF MAN

The empty tomb. .............................................. 24:1-35
He appears to the disciples in Jerusalem; ascends. ...... 24:36-53

NOTES:

“Son of man” used 26 times
Jesus, the perfect God/man, who is the savior of imperfect mankind.

Seven great facts:

Incarnation  Crucifixion
Inauguration  Resurrection
Temptation  Ascension
Transfiguration
JOHN

WRITER: John
THEME: Jesus Christ, the Son of God
DATE: 80-90 A.D.

JESUS, THE WORD OF GOD
He is God; co-creator of all things; God in the flesh. 1:1-18
The testimony of John the Baptist. 1:19-34
Some of John's disciples turn to follow Jesus. 1:35-51

PUBLIC MINISTRY OF THE SON OF GOD
Turns water into wine—disciples believe. 2:1-11
Cleanses the temple; performs miracles—many believe. 2:12-25
Declarations “new birth” to Nicodemus who believes. 3:1-36
Jesus with the woman at the well—Samaritans believe. 4:1-54
Jesus declares that one must believe in Him. 5:1-47
Father bears witness with signs
John the Baptist bears witness
Scriptures bear witness
Multitudes follow him because of the miracles. 6:1-71
He declares “I am the bread of life” causing many to leave him.
Jews divided about believing in Him. 7:1-53
Jesus declares “I am the light of the world”—many believe. 8:1-58
Claims equality with God.
He heals a blind man—blind man believes; Jews refuse to believe. 9:1-41
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Preaches beyond Jordan—many believe. 10:40-42
Declares “I am the resurrection and life”. 11:1-57
Raises Lazarus—many believe.

PREPARATION FOR THE DEATH OF THE SON OF GOD
Symbolic anointing for burial by Mary, thereby infuriating Judas. 12:1-11
Many believe because of Lazarus being brought back to life.
Triumphal entry into Jerusalem. 12:12-43
Many rulers believed, but were refusing to acknowledge it.
Equates believing in the Son with belief in the Father. 12:44-50

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He washes the disciples’ feet; predicts Judas’ betrayal and Peter’s denial. 13:1-38
He speaks of His coming again; being one with the Father;
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NOTE: No parables in this book.
KEY WORDS: Father (God) 121, love 57, world 78, Son (Christ) 42, believe 98, life 52.
ACTS

WRITER: Luke

DATE: 63 A.D.

THEME: The Beginning of the Church

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WRITER: Paul          DATE: 57-58 A.D.
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2 CORINTHIANS

WRITER: Paul

DATE: 57-58 A.D.

THEME: Follow-up Letter to 1 Corinthians

SALUTATION
Thanksgiving for divine comfort. .................................................. 1:1-11

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Explanation for postponing his visit. ........................................... 1:12-2:4
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Credentials of a true apostle:
   Makes known the knowledge of Him. ...................................... 2:14-17
   Their existence certifies his Apostleship. ............................... 3:1-5
   He has the true ministry (which is far superior to the old covenant). 3:6-18
True ministry versus false ministry
   The power is in the message, not the man. ............................... 4:1-6
   Willingness to suffer part of the true ministry. ....................... 4:7-15
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The good example of the brethren in Macedonia. .......................... 8:1-8
The supreme example of Jesus Christ.......................................... 8:9
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The happy result of cheerful, liberal giving.................................. 9:6-15

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Defense against charges of weakness and cowardice. ....................... 10:1-11
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Reason for asserting his Apostolic authority................................ 11:1-6
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Visions, miracles and “thorn in the flesh” proof of his Apostleship........ 12:1-13
His unselfish love for them is additional proof of his Apostleship........ 12:14-18

HIS PLANS TO COME, EXERCISING FULL APOSTOLIC AUTHORITY
He hopes the letter produces repentance among the disobedient minority. 12:19-13:10
   Thus harshness would not be necessary when he arrives

CONCLUSION
Farewell, exhortations and benediction........................................ 13:11-14

NEW TESTAMENT BOOK-BY-BOOK

– Ron Adams
GALATIANS

WRITER: Paul
THEME: Defense of the One True Gospel
DATE: 57-58 A.D.

OPENING SALUTATION

1:1-5

PROBLEM OF SOME TURNING AWAY FROM THE GOSPEL

There is no other; only some distort the gospel.

1:6-10

PAUL’S DEFENSE OF THE TRUE GOSPEL HE PREACHED

Received it by revelation of Jesus Christ. 1:11-24

Not the product of Jewish background
He did not receive it from other men

His apostleship acknowledged by “pillars” in the church. 2:1-10

They added nothing to his teaching
They extended the “right hand of fellowship”

Paul’s rebuke of Peter; and his declaration of justification by faith. 2:11-21

FOLLY OF RELAPSING TO BEING UNDER LAW

Compares the results of faith and of law. 3:1-14

Holy Spirit given by faith, not law.
Righteousness comes by faith, not law.

Law cannot invalidate the prior promise made to Abraham. 3:15-18

True purpose of Law: to lead them to Christ. 3:19-25

Faith in Christ is what makes one a child of God. 3:26-4:7

Problems encountered in returning to the Law (observing forms and days). 4:8-20

They are again enslaved to the Law.
They are turning away from the truth, as taught to them by Paul

Allegory: True sons of Abraham (by faith) are the sons of promise. 4:21-5:1

ADMONITIONS TO BELIEVERS

Not to seek justification by Law, but by obeying truth. 5:2-12
Not to use new freedom as opportunity to serve the flesh. 5:13-21
Walk by the Spirit, have “fruits of Spirit”. 5:22-26
Help one another. 6:1-5
Help the one caught in a trespass and the one with a heavy load
Help others by carrying your own load
Principle of “sowing and reaping” applied to them. 6:6-10

FINAL COMMENTS

Contrast between Judaizers’ boastful pride and Paul’s humiliating persecutions. 6:11-18
EPHESIANS

WRITER: Paul

THEME: Spiritual Blessings and Responsibilities in Christ

DATE: 63-64

SALUTATION
Addressed to saints (the faithful in Christ Jesus). 1:1-2

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS OF TRUE BELIEVERS
Possess all spiritual blessings in Christ. 1:3-14
- Originated with the Father’s plans
- Realized in Son’s accomplishments
- Provided by Spirit’s activity

Thanksgiving and prayer on behalf of true believers. 1:15-23
- That they understand and appreciate all that God made available through His Son

Made alive in Christ Jesus. 2:1-10
- Contrasts former life to life in Christ
- Emphasizes the greatness of the “riches of His grace”

Made to be one (with Jews) living temple of God. 2:11-22

PAUL’S STEWARDSHIP IN PROCLAIMING CHRIST
Revealing the mystery of Christ. 3:1-5
Proclaiming Gentiles as fellow-heirs. 3:6-7
Considered it a privilege to proclaim the gospel. 3:8-13

Prayer: That they fully comprehend all that God has provided for them in Christ 3:14-21

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUE BELIEVERS
Maintaining Christian unity. 4:1-16
- Proper conduct to maintain unity of Spirit
- Use gifts (abilities) to build up the church

Live the Christian life by putting away old way of life; renewing the mind. 4:17-32
- Put away lying; speak truth
- Put away uncontrolled anger; control anger
- Put away stealing; work to share with needy
- Put away unwholesome words; edify with speech
- Put away improper feelings; have right attitude

Be imitators of God. 5:1-14
- Do not listen to the disobedient
- Do not partake with the disobedient
- Expose their evil

Be filled with the Spirit (praise and thanksgiving). 5:15-21

Be in submission to one another. 5:22-6:9
- Wives in subjection to their husbands; obligations of husbands
- Children obedient to parents; obligations of parents
- Slaves (servants) to be obedient to masters; obligations of masters

Spiritual warfare requires spiritual armament. 6:10-20
- Loins girded with truth
- Breastplate of righteousness
- Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace
- Shield of faith
- Helmet of salvation
- Sword of the spirit (which is the word of God)
- With all prayer and petition

CONCLUDING REMARKS
The coming of Tychicus; final greetings and benediction. 6:21-24
PHILIPPIANS

WRITER: Paul (“Prison Letter”)  DATE: 63-64
THEME: Rejoice in the Lord

SALUTATION .................................................. 1:1-2

REJOICING IN THE PROGRESS OF THE GOSPEL
Thanksgiving and supplications for the saints at Philippi. .................. 1:3-11
Progress of the Gospel, in spite of persecution, envy and strife. .......... 1:12-18
Paul’s determination to exalt Christ in his body (by living or dying). .... 1:19-26

EXHORTATION TO ‘WORTHY’ CONDUCT
Importance of humility. ........................................... 2:1-11
   Needed for unity.
   Christ exhibited humility; which we are to emulate
Work out own salvation with fear and trembling. .......................... 2:12-18
   Prove yourselves blameless
   Hold fast to the Word
Examples of worthy conduct. ...................................... 2:19-30
   Timothy’s genuine concern for the saints at Philippi
   Epaphroditus, who became sick while bringing aid to Paul

REJOICE IN THE LORD, NOT THE FLESH
Not rejoicing in the flesh as Judaizing teachers do. ....................... 3:1-3
Paul could express confidence in the flesh, but didn’t. ..................... 3:4-16
   Counted all things “rubbish” to gain Christ
   His righteous based on faith; put confidence in Christ
   Pressed on to the goal of the upward call
Contrasts enemies of the cross with followers of Christ. .................... 3:17-4:1
   Destruction versus salvation (resurrection)
   Minds on earthly things versus minds on Christ

EXHORTATION TO PEACE
Euodia and Syntyche to be at peace. .................................... 4:2-3
Exhorted to trust completely in God for peace. ............................ 4:4-6
Urged to maintain a pure mind, and righteous life promoting peace. .... 4:7-9

JOY OVER ASSISTANCE OF PHILIPPIANS
Not that he spoke from want. ........................................ 4:10-13
   He had learned to be content in all circumstances
It’s not the first time they had provided for his needs. ................... 4:14-16
The gift sought, not for personal benefit, but their benefit. ............ 4:17-20

CLOSING SALUTATIONS. .......................................... 4:21-23

NOTES:
“Joy” and “rejoicing” found 16 times (NASB version)
Very little rebuking and correction is contained in the letter.
COLOSSIANS

WRITER: Paul ("Prison Letter")

DATE: 62-64 A.D.

THEME: Preeminence of Christ in Doctrine and in Life

OPENING REMARKS
Salutation. .......................................................... 1:1-2
Words of thanksgiving. ........................................... 1:3-8
Apostle's prayer for them. ........................................ 1:9-12

PREEMINENCE OF JESUS CHRIST IN DOCTRINE
Supreme glory of the person of Christ. ......................... 1:13-18
Supreme glory of the work of Christ. ........................... 1:19-23

PAUL'S LABOR IN PROCLAIMING CHRIST
Paul's stewardship of the gospel for their benefit. ........... 1:24-2:5

WARNS OF TEACHINGS AGAINST THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST
Warning against philosophies, empty deceptions, traditions of men, elementary principles of the world. ............................ 2:6-8
Fulness of the deity of Christ makes one complete. ............. 2:9-15
Warning against teaching of the Law, which are mere shadows. 2:16-17
Warning against worship of angels; against mysticism. ......... 2:18-19
Warning against asceticism* ...................................... 2:20-23

CHRIST IS TO BE PREEMINENT IN LIFE
Set mind on things above; remove sin. .......................... 3:1-9
Put on righteous actions; do all things in His name. .......... 3:10-17
Gives instructions to various classes: ................................
Wives and husbands
Children and fathers
Slaves and masters**
Exhortation to prayer, for self and others. ..................... 4:2-4
Exhortation to proper conduct among outsiders. ............... 4:5-6
Speak with grace ("seasoned as with salt").

CONCERNING PAUL'S FELLOW WORKERS
Tychicus being sent to Colossae with Onesimus. ............... 4:7-9
Greetings from Aristarchus, Mark, Jesus (Justus), Ephaphras, Luke and Demas. 4:10-17

CLOSING SALUTATION. ........................................... 4:18

* asceticism: doctrine that through self-torture or self-imposed denial, one can discipline himself to reach a higher state, spiritually or intellectually. The belief that the ascetic life releases the soul from bondage to the body and permits union with the divine.

** compare Ephesians 5:22-6:9
1 THESSALONIANS

WRITER: Paul
DATE: 52 A.D.

THEME: Exhortation Toward Further Progress, With a View Toward the Second Coming of the Lord and the Resurrection

SALUTATION ................................................................. 1:1

PAUL'S PAST AND PRESENT DEALINGS WITH THE CHURCH IN THESSALONICA

Thanksgiving for their reception of the Gospel. ........................................ 1:2-10
Paul's conduct towards them. .......................................................... 2:1-12
  Doing the Lord's work brings opposition
  Recalls his conduct while among them
Opposition of the Jews. ........................................................... 2:13-16
  It was the Jews who killed Christ and the prophets
  It is the Jews who hinder the Gospel being preached to the Gentiles
Paul desires to know their present condition. .................................. 2:17-3:10
  Unable to come in person, he sent Timothy
  Timothy returned with a good report


INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

Holiness, sexual morality, purity. ................................................. 4:1-8
Love of brethren. ................................................................. 4:9-10
Proper conduct towards outsiders. ................................................. 4:11-12
Don't grieve over deceased brethren. .......................................... 4:13-18
Don't be concerned with "when" Christ will return. ......................... 5:1-11
  Rather be ready and prepared at all times
Various instructions. ................................................................... 5:12-22
  Appreciate those who labor, watch over you
  Admonish the unruly
  Help the weak
  Be patient with all men
  Do not repay evil with evil
  Rejoice always
  Pray without ceasing
  In everything give thanks
  Do not quench the Spirit
  Do not despise prophetic utterances
  Examine everything carefully
  Abstain from every form of evil

CLOSING BENEDICTION AND SALUTATIONS. ...................................... 5:23-28
2 THESSALONIANS

WRITER: Paul (written soon after first letter)  
DATE: 50-54 A.D.  
THEME: Dispels False Notions Concerning the Coming of the Lord

SALUTATION ................................................................. 1:1-2

PROGRESS AMID PERSECUTION ...................................... 1:3-12
Thankful for their growth in faith and love
Thankful for their perseverance and faith
Promised retribution for those who afflict Christians
Relief will be given to those who are persecuted
Paul prays for them

CONCERNING THE COMING OF THE LORD ......................... 2:1-17
The Lord has not yet come
Don’t be disturbed by erroneous teachings
The apostasy (falling away) must precede that event
The Man of lawlessness to be revealed:
Claiming to be divine
Presently restrained; afterwards to be revealed
He will be brought to an end by the coming of the Lord
God will send a deluding influence to those who believe not
Hold fast to the truth
As taught by Paul in word and letter
Be comforted in every good work and word

EXHORTATIONS TO PROPER CONDUCT WHILE WAITING FOR THE LORD ............................................ 3:1-15
Paul requests their prayers
Paul expressed confidence in them
Urges separation from unruly members
Admonishes them not to grow weary in well-doing
Instructed to make note of disobedient; not to associate with them
However, do not treat them as an “enemy,” but as a “brother”

CONCLUDING REMARKS ............................................... 3:16-18
Mark of authenticity (Each of Paul’s letters bear a mark of authenticity)*

*References to the other letters written by Paul:
Rom.16:24  Phi.4:23  2Ti.4:22
1Co.16:21-23  Col.4:18  Tit.3:15
2Co.13:14  1Th.5:28  Phm.25
Gal.6:18  1Ti.6:21  Heb.13:35
Eph.6:24
1 TIMOTHY

WRITER: Paul (after first imprisonment)  DATE: 64-65 A.D.
THEME: Proper Order in the Church

GREETING ................................................................. 1:1-2

MAINTAINING SOUNDNESS
Maintaining sound doctrine in the church. ............................ 1:3-11
  Warnings against myths and endless genealogies
  Warnings against misuse of the Law
Paul's personal thanksgiving for being put into service. .............. 1:12-17
  "Christ came to save sinners" is an important point
  Salvation reflects both the mercy and patience of God
Timothy warned to maintain a sound faith. ............................ 1:18-20
Sound instructions for the church. .................................... 2:1-15
  Pray for all in authority
  Spells out proper conduct of men
  Enjoins modesty and subordination of women
Proper oversight of the church. ....................................... 3:1-13
  Qualifications of men desiring to be bishops (elders, overseers)
  Qualification of deacons
Reason for giving instructions. ........................................ 3:14-4:5
  The church is to be the "pillar and support of truth"
  Some will fall away from the faith

PROPER CONDUCT IN THE CHURCH
Conduct of the evangelist. ............................................ 4:6-5:2
  Preach and teach sound doctrine continually
  Be an example to other believers
  Conduct oneself properly towards men and women, young and old
Disposition of widows. ................................................ 5:3-16
Proper conduct towards elders. ........................................ 5:17-21
Personal comments to Timothy as an evangelist. ....................... 5:22-25
Proper conduct of slaves............................................... 6:1-2

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS
Beware: Some have a distorted view of godliness. ................. 6:3-8
Beware of the peril of pursuing riches. ............................... 6:9-10
Proper course for the "man of God". .................................. 6:11-16
Instructions for those who are rich. .................................. 6:17-19
Final charge to Timothy. ............................................. 6:20-21
2 TIMOTHY

WRITER: Paul (during second imprisonment)  DATE: 67 A.D.
THEME: A Good Minister of Christ Jesus

SALUTATION .......................................................... 1:1-2

TIMOTHY, A GOOD MINISTER OF CHRIST JESUS
Thanksgiving for his “sincere faith”. ........................................... 1:3-5
Reminders for Timothy.......................................................... 1:6-14
  Kindle afresh the gift of God
  Do not be ashamed of the testimony of Lord
  Join Paul in suffering for the gospel
  Retain “sound” teachings
Reminders of the conduct of others. ....................................... 1:15-18
  Phygelus and Hermogenes, who turned away
  Onesiphorus, who was not ashamed of Paul

TIMOTHY ADMONISHED TO CONTINUE AS A GOOD MINISTER
Be strong soldier of the Lord. .............................................. 2:1-4
Be like a competitive athlete. ............................................ 2:5
Be like the hard-working farmer. ....................................... 2:6
Remember, the way of salvation has hardships. .................... 2:7-13
Be unashamed workman. .................................................. 2:14-19
  Charge others not to wrangle over words
  Avoid worldly, empty chatter
Be a vessel of honor by proper conduct. ............................. 2:20-26

TIMOTHY WARNED OF APOSTASY
Description of difficult times. .......................................... 3:1-9
  Some will have only the “form of godliness"
  Some will oppose the truth
Timothy to avoid such by following Paul’s example. ............. 3:10-13
Timothy to continue preaching the things he has learned. ..... 3:14-17

FINAL CHARGE TO TIMOTHY
Preach the Word “in season and out”. ................................. 4:1-4
  Some will want their “ears tickled”
Do the work of an evangelist. .......................................... 4:5
Paul sees the finish of his own work. ................................. 4:6-8

PERSONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO TIMOTHY
Requests Timothy to come soon. .................................... 4:9
Disposition of those who had been with Paul. ...................... 4:10-18
Final words; further plea for Timothy to come. .................. 4:19-21

CLOSING BENEDICTION ........................................... 4:22
TITUS

WRITER: Paul
THEME: Instructions for the Church
DATE: 64-65 A.D.

SALUTATION ................................................................. 1:1-4

APPOINTMENT OF ELDERS TO OVERSEE THE CHURCH
Qualifications and work. ........................................... 1:5-9

SUPPRESSION OF FALSE TEACHING IN THE CHURCH
The destructive work of false teachers; the disastrous effect
on the church.......................................................... 1:10-16

INSTRUCTIONS TO VARIOUS GROUPS IN THE CHURCH
Older men. ................................................................. 2:1-2
To be temperate, dignified, sensible
To be sound in faith and love
Older women. ............................................................ 2:3-4
To be reverent in behavior
Not to be malicious gossips; not enslaved to much wine
Teaching what is good; encouraging the young women
Young women. ............................................................ 2:5
Love husbands and children
Be sensible, pure, workers at home; kind
Be subject to own husbands
Young men. ................................................................. 2:6-8
Be sensible; example of good deeds
Be pure in doctrine; dignified; sound in speech
Servants. ..................................................................... 2:9-10
Be subject to own masters; well-pleasing
Not argumentative; not pilfering
Showing all good faith
Basis for the instructions. ............................................ 2:11-15

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS
Proper conduct towards rulers; all men............................ 3:1-2
Show kindness to others, as God has done..................... 3:3-8

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS TO TITUS
Shun foolish controversies. ....................................... 3:9
Reject the factious man if he does not heed warnings........ 3:10-11
Come to Nicopolis. .................................................... 3:12
Help Zenus, Apollos and the brethren......................... 3:13-14

CLOSING SALUTATION AND BENEDICTION ..................... 3:15
PHILEMON

WRITER: Paul (Prison Letter)  DATE: 62 A.D.
THEME: Appeal to Philemon on Behalf of Onesimus

SALUTATION ................................................................. :1-3

THANKSGIVING FOR PHILEMON’S GOOD CONDUCT. ......................... :4-7
  His love and faith towards the Lord Jesus
  His love and fellowship extended to others

APPEAL ON BEHALF OF ONESIMUS. .................................. :8-20
  Appeals as “Paul the aged,” a prisoner of the Lord
  Paul had desired to keep Onesimus with him
    But would not do it without Philemon’s consent
  Onesimus is to be considered more than a slave. He now is a “brother”
  Paul offers to repay any loss suffered by Philemon

PAUL EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE. .................................. :21-22
  He believes Philemon will do more than asked

CLOSING SALUTATION. ........................................... :23-25

NOTE: Three people involved:
  Philemon: master of Onesimus
  Onesimus: runaway slave converted by Paul’s preaching while in Rome
  Paul: apostle of the Lord who wrote this intercessory letter
HEBREWS

WRITER: Paul (?)  
DATE: 63-68 (?)  
THEME: Superiority of Christ and the New Covenant

GOD’S FINAL WORD
Spoken through His Son. .................................................. 1:1-4

SUPERIORITY OF CHRIST AS GOD’S SON
Superior to angels. .......................................................... 1:5-14

[Warning against apostasy: If words spoken by angels are to be heeded, so much more the words of God’s Son]. .......... 2:1-4
Jesus, having been in the flesh, qualifies as high priest. ........ 2:5-18

Superior to Moses. .......................................................... 3:1-1
Moses was a servant in God’s house; Jesus is Son over God’s house
[Warning against apostasy: The peril of unbelief: not entering the Heavenly rest, as Israel failed to enter Canaan because of unbelief]. ................................................. 3:7-4:13

Superior to Levitical priesthood. ........................................ 4:14-5:14
Superior qualifications (order of Melchizedek)
[Warning against apostasy: Know the perils of falling away; keep hold of hope, which is secured by God’s oath]. .......... 6:1-20
Superiority of Melchizedek to Abraham. .......................... 7:1-10
Superior order of priesthood; change in law required. ........ 7:11-22
Jesus is a superior high priest (eternal). ............................ 7:23-8:4

SUPERIORITY OF THE NEW COVENANT
Better covenant with better promises. ............................... 8:5-13
Covenants contrasted: .................................................... 9:1-10:18
First: earthly sanctuary, continual sacrifice, blood of animals
Second: heavenly sanctuary, one sacrifice; blood of God’s son
First was incomplete, temporary; second is complete, permanent
First taken away in order to establish the second
[Warning of apostasy: Hold fast to confession of hope; stimulate one another to good works; don’t forsake assembling; don’t cast off previously demonstrated confidence]. ............. 10:19-39

EXHORTATIONS TO DEMONSTRATE FAITH
Roll call of those who gained approval “by faith”. ................. 11:1-40
Endure hardships and discipline, as others have done. ......... 12:1-29
Demonstrations of faith. .................................................. 13:1-17
Let brotherly love continue
Do not be carried away by strange teachings
Offer appropriate sacrifices unto God
Don’t neglect doing good
Obey your leaders who watch for your souls

CLOSING COMMENTS, BLESSING ....................................... 13:18-25

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JAMES

WRITER: James
THEME: Faith Working in Everyday Life

SALUTATION ................................................................. 1:1

INSTRUCTIONS IN FAITHFULNESS
How to view trials. ...................................................... 1:2-4
Secure wisdom through prayer. ..................................... 1:5-8
The uncertainty of riches. .............................................. 1:9-11
Temptations are not from God. ....................................... 1:12-18
Obedience to the Word. ............................................... 1:19-27
  Receive the Word; “do” the Word
Love without partiality. ............................................... 2:1-13
Justified by a working faith. ........................................ 2:14-26
  A misconception of faith
  Works are the life-blood of faith
  Faith without works is dead.

EXPRESSIONS OF WISDOM
Concerning the tongue. .............................................. 3:1-12
  Warning for teachers
  Power of the tongue
  Proper use of the tongue
Meekness and good behavior (wisdom from above). ............ 3:13-18
  Bitter jealousy and selfish ambition condemned
Worldliness (wisdom from below). .................................. 4:1-10
  Lusts produce conflicts
  Friendship with world makes one the enemy of God
Submit to God; resist devil
Avoid speaking evil of, judging brother. .......................... 4:11-12
Include God in your plans. ......................................... 4:13-17
Sinful to acquire riches wrongly. .................................. 5:1-6
Endure patiently. ...................................................... 5:7-11
Do not swear oaths. ................................................... 5:12
Effectiveness of fervent prayer. .................................... 5:13-18
Reclaim erring Christians. ......................................... 5:19-20

KEY WORDS:
  works, working: 13
  faith: 16
  brethren, brother: 18
1 PETER

WRITER: Peter

DATE: 63 A.D.

THEME: Suffering Christians Are to Live Holy

SALUTATION ................................................................. 1:1-2

OUR LIVING HOPE AND IMPERISHABLE INHERITANCE IN CHRIST

Hope, the anchor for persecuted Christians. ................................. 1:3-9
They have what the prophets and angels desired to know. 1:10-12

EXHORTATION TO PERSONAL HOLINESS

Be holy, like the Holy One who called you. ................................. 1:31-21
As those who are born again, love one another. ............................ 1:22-25
As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word. ................... 2:1-3
As living stones of a spiritual house, offer acceptable sacrifices. ........ 2:4-10

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation

EXHORTATION TO HOLINESS IN A NON-CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT

Maintain excellent behavior among non-Christians. ....................... 2:11-12
Submission to civil rulers who are not Christians. ......................... 2:13-17
Submission of servants to masters who are not Christians. ............... 2:18-25
Submission of wives to husbands who are not Christians. ............... 3:1-7
Summation of exhortations to holiness. .................................. 3:8-12

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE INNOCENT CHRISTIANS WHO SUFFER

Do not fear or be troubled.................................................. 3:13-15
Maintain a good conscience. ................................................. 3:16-22
  Christ, who was innocent, suffered for us
  We are saved by baptism, like Noah was saved by water
Suffering as a Christian.................................................... 4:1-19
  Prepare for suffering in the flesh
  Suffer joyfully for the name of Christ
  Entrust your soul to God in doing right

EXHORTATIONS IN VIEW OF RECEIVING AN IMPERISHABLE INHERITANCE

Elders to care for those under their charge. ................................ 5:1-5
Christians to cast cares upon God who cares for them. .................. 5:6-11

CLOSING REMARKS

Greetings from Babylon. ................................................. 5:12-14
2 PETER

WRITER: Peter

THEME: Grow in True Knowledge; Warnings Against False Teachers

SALUTATION ........................................ 1:1-2

TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND JESUS OUR LORD

His precious and magnificent promises. ........................................ 1:3-4
We are made partakers of the divine nature. ................................ 1:4-11
    Add to faith: moral excellence, knowledge, self-control
    perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love
Desires to remind them of the truth. ....................................... 1:12-21

RISE OF FALSE TEACHERS

Their appearance among believers. .......................................... 2:1-3
Their future punishment. ...................................................... 2:4-10
    Examples of God punishing:
    angels who sinned, ungodly of Noah's day, inhabitants of
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WRITER: John

DATE: 68-90 (?)

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WRITER: John
THEME: Walk in Truth; Beware of False Teachers

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WRITER: John
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