

NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

Lesson Four

EPISTLES OF GALATIANS, EPHESIANS, PHILIPPIANS & COLOSSIANS

GALATIANS

Galatians was written by the Apostle Paul about A.D. 58. Gal. 1:3&4 say, "**...our Lord Jesus Christ...gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world.**"

In explanation of Paul's status as the apostle to the Gentiles, Gal. 1:11&12 say, "**...the gospel which was preached of me...I neither received it of man, neither was taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.** Jesus said, "**...he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles...**" (Acts 9:15)

Paul in Galatians 2:7 says, "**...the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter;**"

A verse that would be beneficial to memorize is Galatians 2:20. Paul says, "**I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.**"

Gal. 3:22 says, "**...the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.**"

In Gal. 5:16 we are told, "**...Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**"

Now comes the absolutely irrefutable evidence that the King James Holy Bible is the word of the living God, Jehovah. There is none other! According to Matthew 13:3-8 & 18-23, the seed sown is the word of God that bringeth forth fruit. The number **nine** is the number of fruit in scripture - There are **nine fruit of the Spirit**. The list begins in **Gal. 5:22 (5+2+2=9)**. Galatians just happens to be the **ninth book** of the New Testament. "King James" has **nine letters**. "Holy Bible" has **nine letters**. It was first published in the year **1611 (1+6+1+1=9)** - UNDENIABLE! Gal. 6:9 says, "**...let us not be weary in well doing...**"

EPHESIANS

The epistle to Ephesus was written by the Apostle Paul approximately A.D. 62.

In Eph. 1:13 we read, "**...ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.**"

In the next chapter are another two verses well worthy of memorizing: Eph. 2:8-9: "**For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.**"

Eph. 3:20 tells us that God is: "**...able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.**"

Eph. 4:4-6 say, "**There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.**"

Ephesians 5:20 tells us we should be "**Giving thanks always for all things unto God...**"

God gives some very sound advice in Eph. 5:25: "**Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;**"

Eph. 6:11 says, "**Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**"

PHILIPPIANS

The city of Philippi was in Macedonia, just north of Greece. Paul wrote this epistle about the same time as the epistle to Ephesus in A.D. 62.

Philippians 1:6 says, "**...he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:**"

Phil. 2:5 says, "**Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:**"

In Phil. 2:8 we read: **"...he (Jesus) humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

Phil. 3:3: **"...rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh."**

Philippians 3:8 reveals Paul's amazing mindset: **"...I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: "**

Phil. 4:8 contains life-changing wisdom: **"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true...honest...just...pure...lovely...of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.**

Phil. 4:19 is another verse well worth memorizing: **"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."**

COLOSSIANS

The epistle to Christians in Colosse was written around 64 A.D.

Colossians 1:5-6 says, **"...the word of the truth of the gospel...bringeth forth fruit...the grace of God in truth:"**

Col. 1:13-15 declares details of our deliverance from darkness: **" (God/Who) hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:"**

Col. 1:27: **"...Christ in you, the hope of glory:"**

Col. 2:8: **"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."**

"The operation of God" mentioned in Col. 2:12 speaks of a *spiritual* "circumcision" of Col. 2:11, which cuts away and separates our spiritual body (soul) from our physical body (the flesh) and sets a man "free" so that sin can no longer affect his *eternal security!*

"...ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:"

Col. 3:2: **"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."**

Col. 3:16: **"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom..."**

Col. 3:23-24: **"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."**

Col. 4:5 **"Walk in wisdom...redeeming the time."**

These four epistles are full of practical instruction for Christian life in this Laodicean (lukewarm, **"present evil"**) world in which we live. Happiness will never be found in the pleasures of this world. The Laodicean attitude is all about personal satisfaction and civil rights. It's all about me. **It should be all about Him!**