

# Bible Survey

## Lesson 19 – 1 Timothy, Titus, 1 Peter,

At the end of our last study it was AD 62 and Paul was in prison in Rome. He had now been a believer for 30 years and he was 64 years old. It had been about 32 years since the crucifixion and resurrection and the establishment of the church at Pentecost, but still only 14 of our New Testament letters had been written.

When Luke concluded his letter to Theophilus (Acts), Paul was still in prison in Rome, so we do not have a detailed account of the final years of Paul's life. We have some idea of his travels from bits of information found in his letters. We do not know when or why, but we do know that he was eventually released from prison. We know that because when he wrote to Timothy he had recently been in Ephesus and had gone on to Macedonia. So we know that Paul visited Ephesus and Macedonia after his release from prison. Apparently Paul intended to make a brief visit to Macedonia (probably Philippi) and return to Ephesus. When he got delayed in Macedonia, he wrote to Timothy.

### 1 Timothy

#### 1. The Background

1 and 2 Timothy and Titus are commonly referred to as \_\_\_\_\_ because of their practical approach to the Christian life, especially as it relates to the local church. These epistles were written to pastors of churches to help them deal with problems in the church. They were written between Paul's first and second imprisonments (2 Timothy was written during the 2<sup>nd</sup> imprisonment). According to our suggested chronology, this would have been between AD 63-65. Paul would have been about \_\_\_\_ years old when he wrote these letters.

Acts 16 tells us that Timothy was born in Lystra of a Greek father and a Jewish mother. He was brought up in the Jewish faith so he had a background in the \_\_\_\_\_ scriptures (2 Tim. 1). When Paul passed through Lystra on his second missionary journey, Timothy

was invited to join the missionary team (Acts 16:1-3). He shared in the evangelization of Macedonia and Achaia and was with Paul during the \_\_\_\_\_ he ministered at Ephesus. About eight years had passed from the time Paul taught in \_\_\_\_\_ and the time he wrote these letters to Timothy who was now ministering there.

Ephesus was a leading city of the Roman province of Asia. It was located about three miles from the sea on the Cayster River. At that time Ephesus was a seaport. It was a strategic place as roads from the city were connected with the north and east. One of the outstanding features of the city was the great temple of Artemis (or Diana). It was considered one of the wonders of the ancient world. According to Acts 19:35, the people of Ephesus believed that the goddess had fallen from heaven and that they were the custodians of this prized possession. Paul came to Ephesus on his second missionary journey (just after Timothy had joined the team). On his third journey, he found that there were people in the city who had a partial knowledge of Christianity but were still following the teaching of John the Baptist. He also encountered \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Some years later, the Apostle John spent his last days in Ephesus, probably giving leadership to the church there. It is interesting that this church which had such a wonderful beginning and such a glorious heritage should receive a rebuke by the Lord in Revelation 2:4 because they had left their first love.

## 2. The Summary

1 Timothy was written to Timothy to assist him in his ministry at Ephesus. The letter takes on the characteristic of an official \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Timothy 1:18). Paul told Timothy he was writing these instructions so that the believers would know how to behave themselves \_\_\_\_\_ . By this time, some of the believers had wavered in their doctrinal stand (1 Timothy 1:19-20). There were others in the church who were putting an improper emphasis upon \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Tim. 1:3-11). Paul warns that there would be those who would be corrupting the true teaching of the Spirit (1 Tim. 4:1-13).

The first three chapters contain general instructions to the church concerning sound doctrine, public worship, and church leaders. The last

three chapters are personal instructions to Timothy concerning false teachers, pastoral duties, and warnings.

### 3. The Theme

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### 4. The Key Verses

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### 5. The Chapter Summaries

- Paul's Charge Concerning Sound Doctrine – 1
- Paul's Charge Concerning Public Worship – 2
- Paul's Charge Concerning Church Leaders – 3
- Paul's Charge Concerning False Teachers – 4
- Paul's Charge Concerning Pastoral Duties – 5
- Paul's Charge Concerning the Christian Minister – 6

# 1 TIMOTHY

## PAUL'S CHARGE TO PASTOR TIMOTHY

<sup>1</sup> General Instructions to the Church	<sup>4</sup> Instructions to Timothy
Paul's Charge Concerning...	
Sound Doctrine - 1	
Public Worship - 2	
Church Leaders - 3	
False Teachers - 4	
Pastoral Duties - 5	
Christian Minister - 6	

# Titus

## 1. The Background

When Paul wrote to Titus he was working with the churches on the island of \_\_\_\_\_. He had been an associate of Paul for fifteen years or more. He was with Paul and Barnabas when they went to \_\_\_\_\_ concerning the controversy over uncircumcised Gentile believers (Gal. 2:1-3). He served as Paul's representative to the church at \_\_\_\_\_ during the time of that church's rebellion. In fact, it was Titus who was successful in bringing them to repentance (2 Cor. 7:6-16). It seems that Paul used him as a "\_\_\_\_\_." He had worked out the difficult problems at Corinth. Now, he had been sent to Crete to *set in order* the things that were lacking there (Titus 1:5).

The situation in Crete must have been \_\_\_\_\_. The church was unorganized (no elders), and its members were quite careless in Christian behavior. If the injunctions of chapter two are any indication of what the churches needed, then the men were lax and careless, the older women were gossips and winebibbers, and the young women were idle and flirtatious. Perhaps the preaching of the gospel of grace had given the Cretans the impression that salvation by faith was unrelated to an industrious and ethical life. \_\_\_\_\_ are urged upon Christians no less than six times in this short epistle (1:16; 2:7, 14; 3:1,8,14). Although Paul says that salvation cannot be earned by good works (3:5), he affirms with equal fervor that believers must be careful to maintain good works.

We don't know for certain just how old these churches in Crete were because we have no Scriptural record of Paul's first visit there. But we do know that elders were appointed in other churches just months after they were established. So, apparently. These churches in Crete were quite new.

## 2. The Summary

Paul's instructions concerning leadership of the church – 1

Paul's instructions concerning conduct among believers – 2

Paul's instructions concerning conduct among the world – 3

### 3. The Theme

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### 4. The Key Verses

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### 5. The Highlights

# TITUS

## PAUL'S INSTRUCTIONS TO PASTOR TITUS

1 Doctrinal	2 Practical	3
Paul's Instructions Concerning...		
1 Leadership of the Church	2 Conduct Among Believers	3 Conduct Among World

# 1 Peter

## 1. The Background and Purpose

This Epistle has been appropriately called “The Epistle of the Living Hope.” It sets forth the hope of the believers in the midst of a hostile world. It is addressed to those who stood in the midst of an antagonistic and oppressive world and who realized their need for endurance and unswerving loyalty to Christ.

The purpose of this epistle is stated in verse 12 of chapter 5. “I have written unto you briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.”

## 2. The Theme of the Letter

The theme of this letter goes beyond that of “trials and suffering.” *Trial* is a major theme but Peter gives more space to the theme of *behavior among the unsaved*. To reflect this we view the theme as ***How to live in this world and bear up under suffering***. That statement seems to best express the purpose and theme of this letter. To be even more accurate we might state the theme as *A Message to strangers or aliens in a foreign land on how to live and bear up under suffering*.

This is a very practical book. The relevance of this letter to our day is evident. We too are aliens charged with living like Christians in the world and we too are under pressure, subtle as it may be, to conform to the world’s way of doing things.

## 3. The Key Verses

1:3, 13-15

## 4. The Outline

- I. The Introduction 1:1-12
  - A. The Nature of Our Inheritance 1:3-5
  - B. The Joy of Our Inheritance 1:6-12
  
- II. Exhortations in View of Our Salvation 1:13-2:10
  - A. How to Behave in Relation to God 1:13-21
  - B. How to Behave in Relation to the Brethren 1:22-2:3
  - C. How to Behave as Living Stones 2:4-10
  
- III. Exhortations in View of Our Position 2:11-3:12
  - A. How to Behave Before the Unsaved 2:11-12
  - B. How to Behave Toward Civil Authority 2:13-17
  - C. How to Behave Toward Your Boss 2:18-25
  - D. How to Behave Toward Your Mate 3:1-7
  - E. How to Behave Toward Other Christians 3:8-12
  
- IV. Exhortations In View of Our Suffering 3:13-5:11
  - A. How to Behave in the Midst of Trials 3:13-4:6
  - B. How to Behave in General 4:7-11
  - C. How to Behave in the Midst of Trials (continued) 4:12-19
  - D. How to Behave in the Church 5:1-11
  
- V. The Conclusion 5:12-14
  - This is the true Grace of God in which you stand

## 5. The Highlights

# 1 PETER

## HOW TO LIVE IN THIS WORLD AND BEAR UP UNDER SUFFERING

<p>1:13 Exhortations In View of Our Salvation</p>	<p>2:10 Exhortations In View of Our Position</p>	<p>3:12 3:13 Exhortations In View of Our Suffering</p>	<p>5:9 Exhortations In View of Our Suffering</p>
<p>How to Behave...</p> <p>As Living Stones 2:4-10</p> <p>In Relation to Brethren 1:22-2:3</p> <p>In Relation to God 1:13-21</p>	<p>How to Behave...</p> <p>Toward Other Christians 3:8-12</p> <p>Toward Your Mate 3:1-7</p> <p>Toward Your Boss 2:18-25</p> <p>Toward Civil Authority 2:13-17</p> <p>Before the Unsaved 2:11-12</p>	<p>How to Behave...</p> <p>In the Church 5:1-9</p> <p>In General 4:7-11</p> <p>In the Midst of Trials 3:13-4:6</p>	

## Things to Know

### 1 Timothy

- One of the Pastoral Epistles
- Theme – “Paul’s Charge to Pastor Timothy”
- Chapter 2 – Instructions for public worship
- Chapter 3 – Qualifications for elders

### Titus

- One of the Pastoral Epistles
- Theme – “Paul’s Instructions to Pastor Titus”
- Chapter 1 – Qualification of elders

### 1 Peter

- 1 Peter is a message to strangers or aliens in a foreign land on how to live and bear up under suffering
- Theme – “How to live in this world and bear up under suffering”