

BREAKING



BREAD

Lesson 13: NT Survey pt3

“The Pastoral Epistles
& Hebrews”

“Neglect not the gift that is in thee... Meditate upon these things, give thyself wholly to them... Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.”

- Paul the apostle (1 Timothy 4:14-16)

Survey of the Epistles:

Paul's Epistles (14 Epistles, Romans - Hebrews)

ii) 4 Pastoral Epistles (1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon)

❖ These are POWER LETTERS and vital for those who want to serve Christ!

15. 1 Timothy

Written around A.D. 65

A miniature church manual for a young bishop (overseer of a church) on topics such as church doctrine, discipline, conduct of men and women, ordination of bishops and deacons, and care of widows. Paul charges Timothy to stay true to the doctrine of Christ and warns about straying from the truth and the love of money (problems for leaders).

16. 2 Timothy

Written around A.D. 68

Paul's final letter before he died in which he pours his heart, soul, spirit, mind and strength into one powerful little letter to pass the torch to his dearly beloved son in the faith, Timothy. He challenges him to endure hardness as a good soldier of Christ and to fight until the end as Paul had, no matter what the cost.

Survey of the Epistles:

17. Titus

Written around A.D. 65

Almost a smaller version of 1 Timothy where Paul constantly stresses the need of believers to live righteous lives with good works to combat the lazy, "I'm saved, so I can do what I want" false convert mentality that Titus had to deal with in Crete. This is called sound doctrine.

18. Philemon

Written around A.D. 62

A beautiful little letter about forgiveness, reconciliation and restoration following true repentance between brothers in the Lord (Philemon and Onesimus). This is all made possible because of the godly example Paul gave and because of Jesus Christ himself.

Survey of the Epistles:

ii) 1 Epistle to the Jewish Believers (Hebrews)

19. Hebrews

Written around A.D. 64??

Perhaps the richest NT book. It is written to show the Jewish people that Jesus is the Messiah from the OT by proving that he is the Son of God, and the high priest after the order of Melchizedec as promised in the Psalms. It shows the superiority of the NT to the OT. It also shows that Christ's work and sacrifice are complete, and teaches that the Jewish people must follow Christ by faith until the end no matter what the cost.

“Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus... Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.”

- Hebrews 3:1 & 12