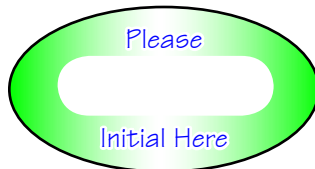


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The apostle Peter wrote two important epistles in the New Testament.

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The Composition of the Bible (4)

I. Overview.

Last week we began to learn about the composition of the New Testament. In this lesson we will complete our brief look into the New Testament. We have seen that the first four books of the New Testament are called the “four gospels”: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The gospels tell us many things about the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.



The Epistles contain many important truths.

Following the gospels is a book called “The Acts” which tells us about the beginning of the church. This week we will learn about “the epistles” and Revelation. The epistles are letters written by men raised up by the Lord to carry out His ministry after He was crucified, resurrected and ascended. These letters are a big help to all the churches. Finally, the New Testament ends with the book of Revelation as the conclusion of God’s divine revelation in the Bible.

II. Memory Verse.

“Paul, a called apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God... grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

(1 Cor. 1:1-3)

III. Lesson.

Although it is somewhat of a strange word, “epistle” simply means a “letter”. There are twenty-one epistles in the New Testament. The epistles are very important to us because they contain many crucial truths about the Lord Jesus and God’s economy, and much instruction on how to live the Christian life and church life.



The New Testament
is a book of life!

The Epistles of Paul

The apostle Paul, who we first see in the book of The Acts as an opposer of the church, eventually became the writer of fourteen epistles to various churches and individuals. In Paul’s epistles we can see some of the highest truths in the entire Bible. Paul speaks clearly about God’s purpose and economy and he also speaks many high truths about the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Paul wrote one epistle to the church in Rome, called “Romans”, two to the church in Corinth, called “First and Second Corinthians”, and one to the churches in the province of Galatia in Asia Minor, called “Galatians”. He also wrote epistles to the churches in Ephesus, Phillipi and Colossae, two to the church in Thessalonica, and one to the Jewish believers which is called “Hebrews”. In addition to writing to churches, Paul also wrote epistles to individuals. He wrote two to Timothy, and one each to Titus and Philemon.

The Epistles of John, Peter and Others

The apostles John and Peter also wrote epistles. Their epistles are also contained in the New Testament. John wrote three and Peter wrote two. Additionally, there is one epistle by James

and one by Jude. The epistles form a large part of the New Testament and they are very important.

The Book of Revelation

The last book in the New Testament, and in the entire Bible, is the book of Revelation. Revelation was written by the apostle John when he was quite old. The Lord Jesus showed him many visions about the future of the church and of the world. The book of Revelation shows God’s judgment on the world and the completion of His eternal plan or economy. At the end of the book of Revelation is the New Jerusalem.

--- QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION ---

1. How many epistles are in the New Testament?

2. Who wrote the most epistles than any other writer in the New Testament?

3. What other writers also wrote epistles?

4. What kind of things are in the book of Revelation?

