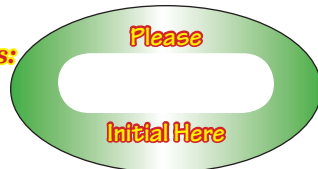


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Titus was a faithful co-worker with the apostle Paul. Paul wrote one epistle to him.

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The Epistles of Paul (2)

I. Overview.

The apostle Paul wrote fourteen epistles, or letters. In last week's lesson we looked at the first seven of his epistles. In this week's lesson we will look at the remaining seven epistles of Paul.



Paul's letters are an important part of the Bible.

In addition to the epistles that we looked at last week, Paul also wrote two letters to the church in the city of Thessalonica, which are called First and Second Thessalonians and two epistles to his younger co-worker named Timothy, which are called First and Second Timothy.

Paul also wrote an epistle to a co-worker named Titus, which is simply named Titus, and to Philemon, who lived in Colossae, which is simply named Philemon. Finally Paul also wrote a lengthy letter to the Jewish believers which is called Hebrews. All together, Paul's epistles account for over half the number of books in the New Testament.

II. Memory Verse.

"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God according to the promise of life, which is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, beloved child..."

(2 Tim. 1:1-2)

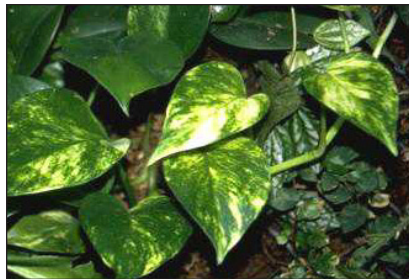
III. Lesson.

First and Second Thessalonians

Paul wrote two letters to the church in Thessalonica. They are called First and Second Thessalonians. These two epistles are sweet. They are the earliest of Paul's writings. The letters to the Thessalonians were written to believers who were very young in the Lord. In these epistles Paul teaches the believers how to live a holy life for the church life. After Paul went into Europe, he passed through Philippi and Thessalonica on his way to Corinth. He raised up the church in Thessalonica, only staying with them a brief time. When he arrived at Corinth, he wrote these two precious letters to the saints in Thessalonica to teach them and to encourage them.

First and Second Timothy

The apostle Paul wrote two epistles to his younger co-worker named Timothy. Timothy was a young believer in Asia Minor



Timothy was Paul's Young Co-worker.

who joined the apostle Paul in the work of the ministry. Timothy became Paul's closest and most faithful co-worker. Timothy always stood with Paul, even in the difficult times. He did as Paul instructed him. Therefore Paul was able to entrust Timothy with important things.

Paul wrote his two letters to Timothy at the very end of his ministry, while he was in prison in Rome. In these letters Paul strengthened and encouraged Timothy to remain in the things that he had taught him. It is in these letters that we see many important things about God's economy and the church life.

Titus and Philemon

Paul also wrote epistles to Titus and to Philemon. Like Timothy, Titus was a younger co-worker. Philemon was a brother in the church in Colossae.

The Epistle to the Hebrews

Finally, Paul also wrote an epistle to the Jewish believers which is called Hebrews. This epistle is very important because of the many unique things it shows us about Jesus Christ. Without Hebrews our knowledge of Christ would be incomplete.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. Which epistles were Paul's earliest writings?

2. Who was Paul's most faithful co-worker and how many epistles did Paul write to him?

3. Who was the book of Hebrews written to?

4. Where was Paul when he wrote to the Thessalonians?

