

45-53 – The first 9 epistles to the church

What are God's interests for the new relationship? – the way explained

- 45. Romans – Gospel** “*the gospel of God*” 1:16
Person of the gospel – “Concerning His Son, **Jesus Christ** our Lord...the son of God” 1:3-4
Purpose of gospel – “To declare his **righteousness** [justice]” (how He judges & saves) 1:17,3:25
Problem for the gospel – “The **wrath** of God is revealed from heaven...worthy of death” 1:18, 32
Performance of the gospel – “It is Christ that **died**, yea rather, that is **risen** again” 8:34
Promise of the gospel – “By His blood...we shall **be saved** from wrath through him” 5:9
Principle of gospel – “Freely by...**grace**...justified by **faith** without the deeds of the law” 3:24-28
Parental relationship of gospel – “Spirit of adoption...cry, Abba, father...**children** of God” 8:15
Power of the gospel – “ye have your **fruit** unto holiness...**power** of the Holy Ghost” 6:22, 15:13
- 46. 1 Corinthians – Local Church** “*the church of God*” 1:2
The unifying identity of the church – “By the **name** of our Lord Jesus Christ...same mind” 1:10
The glory of the church – “He that glorieth, let him **glory** in the Lord” 1:31
The purity of the church – “**Put away** from among yourselves that wicked person” 5:13
The matrimony for the church – “...**Let not** the wife depart from her husband: but and if she depart, let her remain unmarried...and **let not** the husband put away his wife” 7:10-11
The liberty of the church – “Take heed lest by any means this **liberty** of yours becomes a stumbling block...all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not” 8:9, 10:23
The authority of the church – “That the **head** of every man is Christ; and the **head** of the woman is the man; and the **head** of Christ is God” 11:3
The festivity of the church – “As often as ye **eat** this bread, and **drink** this cup” 11:26
The charity in the church – “**Charity** [love]...rejoiceth not in iniquity but...in the truth” 13:6
The plurality in the church – “Ye may **all** prophesy one by one, that all may learn” 14:31
The theology of the church – “If **Christ** be not risen, then is our preaching vain” 15:14
- 47. 2 Corinthians – Apostle's Authority** “*Paul, an apostle...by the will of God*” 1:1
To lose confidence in Paul as an apostle is to lose confidence in his word - which was from the Lord Jesus
Credentials of caring – “Ye might know the **love** which I have more abundantly unto you” 1:3
Credentials of them – “**Ye are**...the epistle of Christ...by us...written...with the Spirit” 3:2
Credentials of walk – “We...renounced...things of dishonesty...not **walking** in craftiness” 1:3
Credentials of suffering – “We are troubled...perplexed...**persecuted**... for Jesus' sake” 4:8-11
Credentials of giving – “Receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship...**to the saints**” 8:4
Credentials of signs – “The **signs** of an apostle were wrought among you in...wonders” 12:12
- 48. Galatians – Spirit** “*that we might receive the promise of the Spirit*” 3:14
Terms of the Spirit – “Received ye the **Spirit** by...the law...or by the hearing of faith” 3:2
Home of the Spirit – “God hath sent forth the **Spirit** of his Son in your hearts” 4:6
Battle of the Spirit – “Flesh lusteth against the **Spirit**, and the **Spirit** against the flesh” 5:17
Walk of the Spirit – “Walk in the **Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh” 5:16
Leading of the Spirit – “But if ye be led of the **Spirit**, ye are not under the law” 5:18
Fruit of the Spirit – “Fruit of the **Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness...” 5:22
Reaping of the Spirit – “Soweth to the **Spirit** shall of the **Spirit** reap life everlasting” 6:8

49. Ephesians – the Body *“the church... His body...there is one body”* 1:22-23, 4:4
 Head of the body – *“Gave him to be the head over all things to the church...his **body**”* 1:22-23
 Fullness of the body – *“His **body**, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all”* 1:23
 Members of the body – *“Hath made **both** [Jew & Gentile] one...of twain one new man”* 2:14,15
 Formation of the body – *“He might reconcile both unto God in **one body**, by the cross”* 2:16
 Equality in the body – *“Gentiles should be fellowheirs and of the **same body**...in Christ”* 3:6
 Gifts for the body – *“He...gave gifts unto men...for the edifying of the **body** of Christ”* 4:8,12
 Growth of the body – *“May grow up into Him...the head...whole **body** fitly joined ”* 4:15-16

50. Philippians – Christ for Living *“for me to live is Christ”* 1:21
 Christ our fruit – *“Filled with the **fruits** of righteousness, which are **by** Jesus Christ”* 1:11
 Christ our example – *“Let this mind be in you, which **was also** in Christ...**he humbled**”* 2:5,8
 Christ our joy – *“We...**rejoice** in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh”* 3:3
 Christ our righteousness – *“Not...mine...**righteousness**...but...through the faith of Christ”* 3:9
 Christ our peace – *“The **peace** of God...keep your hearts and minds through Christ”* 4:7
 Christ our power – *“I can do all things through Christ which **strengtheneth** me”* 4:13
 Christ our provision – *“My God shall **supply** all your need...his riches...by Christ Jesus”* 4:19

51. Colossians – Wisdom *“teaching every man in all wisdom”* 1:28
Knowledge knows the facts, understanding knows why the facts, wisdom knows what to do with the facts
 Filled with wisdom – *“Ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all **wisdom**”* 1:9
 Reason for wisdom – *“In all **wisdom**...that ye might walk worthy of the Lord...pleasing”* 1:9-10
 Source of wisdom – *“Christ; In whom are hid all...treasures of **wisdom** and knowledge”* 2:2-3
 Counterfeit wisdom – *“Beware lest any man spoil you through **philosophy**”* 2:8
 Signs of counterfeit wisdom – *“Touch not; taste not; handle not...a shew of **wisdom**”* 2:21-23
 Means of true wisdom – *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all **wisdom**”* 3:16
 Walk of wisdom – *“Walk in **wisdom** toward them that are without, redeeming the time”* 4:5

52. 1Thessalonians – Christ’s Coming to the Air *“the coming of the Lord”* 4:15
 Reason for His coming – *“To wait for His Son...delivered us from the wrath to come”* 1:10
 Joy of His coming – *“Our...joy...ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus...at his coming”* 2:19
 Goal for His coming – *“Hearts unblameable in holiness before God...at the coming”* 3:13
 Place of His coming – *“The Lord...descend from heaven...meet the Lord in the air”* 4:16-17
 The dead at His coming – *“The dead in Christ shall rise first”* 4:16
 The living at His coming – *“We which are alive...shall be caught up...in the clouds”* 4:17
 Comfort of His coming – *“So shall we ever be with the Lord...Wherefore comfort”* 4:17-18

53. 2Thessalonians – Coming Wrath to Earth *“the brightness of His coming”* 2:8
 Vengeance at His coming – *“Lord Jesus...revealed...in flaming fire taking vengeance”* 1:7-8
 Glory at His coming – *“He shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired”* 1:10
 Timing of His coming – *“That day shall not come, except...that man of sin be revealed”* 2:3
 The enemy at His coming – *“Man of sin...who...exalteth himself...that he is God”* 2:3-4
 Victory at His coming – *“The Lord...shall destroy with the brightness of his coming”* 2:8
 Blinding for His coming – *“God shall send them strong delusion...who believed not”* 2:11-12
 Patience for His coming – *“And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God,
 and into the patient waiting for Christ”* 3:5