

NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITINGS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

LESSON 7

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WRITINGS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

I. NEW TESTAMENT WRITINGS ARE DIFFERENT FROM OLD TESTAMENT WRITINGS

- 1. The Old Testament is the first covenant or the first promise. The New Testament is the last covenant or the last promise.
- 2. The Old Testament says, "If you keep my commandments, I will bless you," Deuteronomy 5:10. The New Testament says, "I have made a way for you to go to heaven. Will you accept it?" John 3:16.
- 3. The Old Testament shows the holiness of God through the Law, Exodus 20:1-17. The New Testament shows the holiness of God through His Son, Jesus Christ, 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:21-25; Hebrews 4:15.

People cannot keep the Law. Therefore they are sinners, Romans 3:10, 11,19,20. Jesus Christ kept the Law. Through His death and resurrection people can be made right with God (righteous), 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 1:18,19; Romans 4:25.

II. WRITINGS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. Biography.

A biography is a story about a person who lived or is living. The four Gospels are the biography of Jesus Christ. These four Gospels tell of the life, work, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

2. History.

The book of Acts tells about the birth and growth of the Church. Most of the book of Acts tells about Paul's missionary trips. (Paul was a missionary. The work of a missionary is to take the good news of salvation to people in different parts of the world.)



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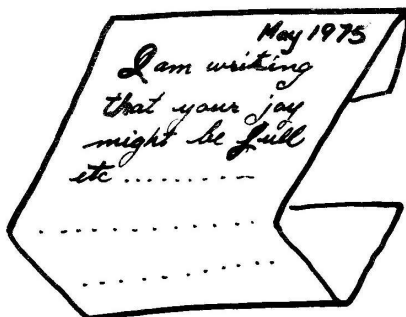
3. Doctrine.

A doctrine is a teaching. Bible doctrines are teachings from the Bible. Example: 1 Corinthians teaches that the Holy Spirit lives in the child of God. The books of doctrine are: Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, Hebrews, James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1 John and Jude.



4. Personal letters.

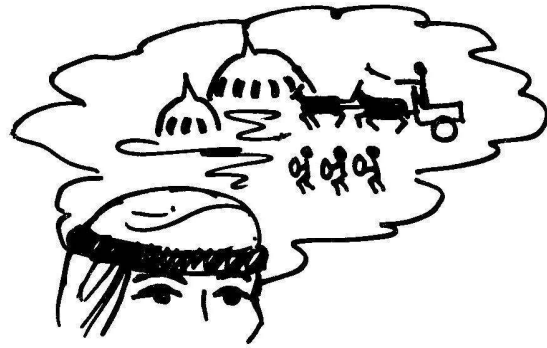
A personal letter is a letter written to a person. These personal letters were written to help people with their problems. Many people have the same problems these people had. That is why these personal letters were given to the churches. The personal letters are: 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, 2 and 3 John.



Example: Philemon owned a slave. The slave had run away and had come to Paul. The slave became a Christian. Paul sent the slave to Philemon with a letter. Paul asked Philemon to accept the slave as a Christian.

5. Prophecy.

The book of Revelation is a book of prophecy. It has many symbols (pictures) and visions in it. In these last days the book of Revelation is getting easier to understand. Some of the things told in Revelation are happening today. Most of the things told in Revelation will happen after Jesus takes the Christians to heaven.



III. IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

Every book in the New Testament has doctrine and prophecy in it. The Bible is the word of God. It is given by God. It is good for everyone. 2 Timothy 3:16,17¹ says,

“All the Holy Writings are God-given and are made alive by Him. Man is helped when he is taught God's Word. It shows what is wrong. It changes the way of a man's life. It shows him how to be right with God. It gives the man who belongs to God everything he needs to work well for Him.”

IV. WORDS TO LEARN

1. biography - a story about a person who lived or is living.
2. personal - belonging to a person.
3. symbol - a picture of something, usually used to explain something.
4. vision - to see something which is not real as if it were real. In the Bible a vision has a meaning.

¹The New Life Testament.

V. ASSIGNMENT

1. Give at least four ways in which the Bible helps those who read it. (2 Timothy 3:16,17)
 - 1) _____ 2) _____
 - 3) _____ 4) _____
2. What do the Gospels tell about Jesus Christ?
 - 1) _____ 2) _____
 - 3) _____ 4) _____
3. In what way was Paul a missionary?
4. A doctrine is a _____
5. What is the doctrine in Romans 3:23?
6. Timothy was to choose pastors for the churches. He had a problem to know whom to choose. How did Paul help Timothy? 1 Timothy 3:1-7
7. What is the prophecy in Revelation 1:7?

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