

New Testament Survey

Piney Grove Baptist Church

Session Three

The Acts of the Apostles

Part 2 of the writing of Luke

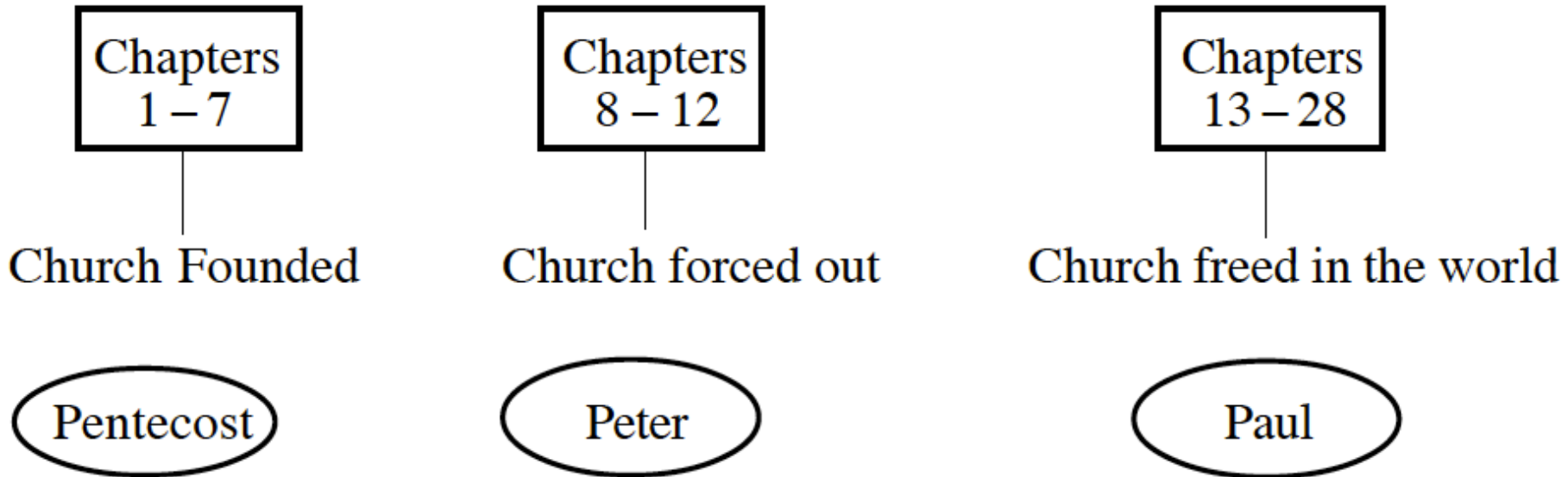
The Ascension of Jesus

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

The Establishment of the Church

The Preaching tours of Peter and Paul

Book of Acts



The Spread of the Gospel



The Council at Jerusalem

- 50 AD most important Date
- 14 years after Pauls conversion (Gal 2)
- Major decisions about Gentiles
 - Refrain from food sacrificed to idols
 - Refrain from Fornication
 - Refrain from animals strangedealed
 - Refrain from blood

Unique to Acts

- Pentecost – Teaching on the Holy Spirit
- Missions – Church Planting
- Preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles
- Power of the Gospel
- Spread of the Gospel
- Persecution of the Church
- Life of the Apostle Paul

The 13 Epistles of Paul

Saul of Tarsus

Raised as a Jewish Pharisee

Taught in School by great Rabbi Gamaliel

Paul Referred to himself as a Pharisee

Not much about family (Nephew Mentioned)

Not Married (at the time of 1 Corinthians)

Powerful and Dramatic Testimony

(3 Times in Bible)

The 13 Epistles of Paul

Written by Paul over a period of roughly 20 years (c. 48 AD–68 AD) at different times and from various places on his three missionary journeys.

The 13 Epistles of Paul

Letters

3 - Pastoral Letters

4 - Prison Epistles

The 13 Epistles of Paul

Who He Wrote to:

9 - Epistles to churches

4 - Epistles to Individuals

Book of Romans

Written in Corinth To believers in Rome.

Chapters 1 -11 Deal with Doctrine

Chapters 12- 16 Deal with Practice

The Book of Romans

Romans is included first in the canonical order since it is the longest and most comprehensive presentation of the truth of the Gospel and the principles of living by faith in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Book of Romans

The theme of **Romans** is set forth in chapters **1:16-17**:

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘But the righteous man shall live by faith.’ ”

1 Corinthians

- A Letter written by Paul from Ephesus on his third missionary journey. Most likely 56 AD.
- The majority of the letter is used to answer specifics about problems in the local church.
- Well loved Scripture of Chapter 13

2 Corinthians

Written after Paul had sent the Lost “sorrowful letter” most likely from Ephesus After he had visited a second time. About 57 AD.

A book about the Nature of Ministry

Paul wrote **2 Corinthians** to defend his gospel ministry and to demonstrate that true ministry focuses on being a servant of Jesus Christ under the NewCovenant of the Spirit.

Galatians

Paul's First Letter written at the end of the first Missionary Journey Before the Council of Jerusalem about 48-49 AD.

Great work on Salvation by faith alone.

Great work on Sanctification by faith alone.

Ephesians

The Letter to his beloved church at Ephesus was from Rome while under house arrest around 66-67 AD.

Christ in the Church and the Church in Christ

Well loved passages on Spirit filled living.

Philippians

Prison Epistle from Rome 67 AD

The book theme could be:

“Have the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus”

It is a book that leads us to have great joy.

Colossians

Written from first imprisonment in Rome 62 AD to a church he never visited .(Col 2:1) To deal with heresy in the church.

Written to the church to focus on Jesus Christ

The person of Jesus Christ

His priority over everything

His practice through everything

1 Thessalonians

Written on Second Missionary Journey to assure the church that Jesus is coming again.

Several thoughts TO BE:

Waiting, Hopeful, Strengthened, Encouraged
and Thankful

2 Thessalonians

The Theme is perseverance

- Be faithful
- Stand Firm
- Keep working

Follow up letter for the first dealing with second coming but very much a letter of encouragement.

1 Timothy

Personal letter to a young pastor who needs encouragement.

Christian guidebook on correct character, creed and conduct in the church.

Directions for church polity.

2nd Timothy

Probably 3 to 4 years after 1 Timothy one of Paul's Last letters, but some say Paul did not write it.

A personal letter to Challenge, encourage and command the young pastor to persevere.

Hymn in Chapter 2:11-13

Titus

Titus is Pastoral – Titus ministry was to the island of Crete.

The letter is instructional and encourages good deeds much like 1 Timothy

Encouragement in how to deal with others.

Philemon

Shortest of all Paul's letters and most personal

It is an appeal from Paul to Philemon as a brother in Christ to take back a believing runaway slave named Onesimus.

Paul's Love and compassion are on display.

The 8 General Letters

What makes these letters General letters:

Not written by Paul

Intended for a general audience or everyone.

Hebrews

Uncertainty of who is the author.

Brilliant in its work and writing by obvious scholar of the Old Testament

Written before the fall of the Temple in Jerusalem

Hebrews

Written to a Jewish audience.

Jesus is superior to all others.

There are five stern warnings on falling away.

The need to persevere.

Book of James

A Book about Genuine Faith

Written by James the brother of the Lord.

A circular letter for Jewish Audience.

A controversial book to say the least.

1 Peter

Written during time of persecution 63-65 AD when Nero was intensely persecuting the Christians. Written to stress the Grace of God.

Peter wrote to believers everywhere who were suffering unjustly for Christ's sake to encourage them to continue to be faithful and trust God

2 Peter

Written by Peter no long before his death.

Quotes from Jude

Warns of false teaching.

Refers to Pauline Espistles as “Scripture” Ch 3

1 John

The Truth is found in Jesus Christ

Continue in Love and walk in the truth.

Written by Apostle John Late Apostolic period
about 90 AD

2 and 3 John

Follow up notes by the Apostle

Continue in the Truth

Shortest of letters

Jude

Written by Jude the brother of James

Contend for the faith

Share in common with 2 Peter 2

Dispute about canon due to use of Apocryphal Books

The Revelation of Jesus

What you have seen..... Chapter 1

What is now.....Chapters 2-4

What will take place later.....Chapter 5-22

John wrote **Revelation** on the command of God to set forth the revealing of Jesus Christ in His second coming to judge sin, rule on earth for 1000 years and usher in the eternal state.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Christ describes Himself as—

- Alpha and Omega.
- First and Last.
- Beginning and End.
- The Root.
- The Offspring of David.
- The Bright Morning Star.