

1  **Lesson 7: Letters from Prison**

**Ephesians, Philippians,  
Colossians & Philemon**

**Unit 2: The 13 Letters of Paul**

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2  **Troublesome Gospel**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and those who \_\_\_\_\_. His \_\_\_\_\_ often \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Peter and the other \_\_\_\_\_ were repeatedly \_\_\_\_\_ in Acts.
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ in Philippi.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ because:
  - A. He \_\_\_\_\_ religious \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. He challenges \_\_\_\_\_
3. Such threats are really
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ of others (Rabbinic jealousy)
  - B. Threats to \_\_\_\_\_ (loss of sin business - idol making, fortune-telling, etc.)

3  **Paul's Imprisonments**

1. Paul wrote his prison letters during \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. When he was arrested in Jerusalem, held in prison in \_\_\_\_\_, and eventually sent to Rome.
  - B. At the \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ when he was beheaded under Nero.
2. Paul wrote most of his \_\_\_\_\_ during his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_

- C. \_\_\_\_\_
3. While in jail Paul \_\_\_\_\_ wrote:
- A. \_\_\_\_\_ – We do not know where Paul was imprisoned.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim. 1:8; 2:9; 4:6-8) – from Rome, while \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 4 Ephesus

1. Paul evangelized \_\_\_\_\_ on his \_\_\_\_\_ missionary \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 19).
- A. There were already Christians in Ephesus (Acts 18:24 – 19:1).
- B. He preached in the synagogues (Acts 19:8).
- C. He stayed \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 20:31).
- D. He \_\_\_\_\_ the silversmiths caused a \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 19:23 – 20:1).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ was the most \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. It was on the Aegean \_\_\_\_\_ and offered \_\_\_\_\_ to other \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Major \_\_\_\_\_ ended in Ephesus that allowed for \_\_\_\_\_ to other \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Like Corinth it was a \_\_\_\_\_, travel, and tourism
- D. Its most \_\_\_\_\_ was the massive \_\_\_\_\_ of the Greek \_\_\_\_\_ (Greek name - Dianna).
3. Ephesus was also \_\_\_\_\_ of many \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ had \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. In Greece: Philippi, Berea, Thessalonica, Corinth, and Athens
- B. In Galatia: Psidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe
- C. In Asia Minor: Colossae & Laodicea (though Paul did not plant these).

#### 5 Paul's Visit to Ephesus

1. Met \_\_\_\_\_ who needed the \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 19:1-7).

2. Preached in the \_\_\_\_\_ until leaders \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel (Acts 19:8-10)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ via \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (19:11-12)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ - Jewish exorcists (19:13-17)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ing of \_\_\_\_\_ (19:18-20)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ by Demetrius the \_\_\_\_\_ over sinking sales of \_\_\_\_\_ (19:23-41).
7. What one thing do these stories have in common? Discuss.
8. This is why Paul addresses \_\_\_\_\_ in Eph. 6:10-20.
9. What does he talk about just before this? How do you think the two themes are related (cf. Eph. 6:12).

## 6 Relationship in Ephesians

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ in Ephesians
  - A. Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 1)
  - B. Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 2-3)
  - C. Relationships \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 4:1 – 5:21)
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_ relationships & masters and slaves (Eph. 5:22 – 6:9)
  - E. \_\_\_\_\_ against relationships (Eph. 6:10-20)

## 7 Review #1

1. Some people are hostile to the gospel because it threatens their power and influence over others.
2. Which of the following is NOT one of Paul's prison letters?
3. Paul stayed in Ephesus
4. Artemis was which of the following?

## 8 Review #1

5. What city was in the center of many of the churches that Paul planted?
6. A major theme in Ephesians is which of the following?
7. In Ephesians 2-3 Paul discusses relationship between

9  **Philippi**

1. Paul visited \_\_\_\_\_ on his \_\_\_\_\_ missionary \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 16).
2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Was named after Alexander the Great's father, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ populated by many \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. It was \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. It was an important city in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts. 16:12).
  - E. There were very \_\_\_\_\_ in the city.
    - 1) 10 male head of house were needed to start a synagogue.
    - 2) There was \_\_\_\_\_ in Philippi.

10  **Paul in Philippi**

1. God directed Paul & company to Macedonia through Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 16:9-10).
  - A. Dreams and \_\_\_\_\_ are often \_\_\_\_\_ in detail.
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ was a \_\_\_\_\_ in Philippi - \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 16:13-15).
2. Paul cast a demon out of a \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 16:16-18)
  - A. Her \_\_\_\_\_ off her fortune-telling (Acts. 16:19).
  - B. They had \_\_\_\_\_ & Silas thrown \_\_\_\_\_ claiming they were stirring up trouble and teaching things that were not lawful for Roman citizens (Acts 16:19-21).

11  **Paul in Philippi**

3. \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ and thrown in jail  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 16:22-24).
- A. While \_\_\_\_\_ praise \_\_\_\_\_, God \_\_\_\_\_  
an \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ all the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Acts 16:25-26).
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ was going to kill himself, but Paul stopped  
him and he and his family \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts  
16:27-34).
4. The city leaders released Paul & Silas, but Paul made them  
come and apologize before leaving prison because it is  
\_\_\_\_\_ and jail \_\_\_\_\_ without a  
trial (Acts 16:35-40).

12  **Philippians**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the midst of \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- How does this theme connect to Paul's experience there?
2. Paul discusses
- A. His \_\_\_\_\_ causing \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Phil. 1:12-20)
- B. An \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by  
having the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ who gave  
up His rights as God and died for us (Phil. 2:1-18).
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_ & counting all  
things loss for the excellency of knowing Jesus (Phil 3).
- D. An appeal to \_\_\_\_\_ to  
\_\_\_\_\_ & thanks for help while he is in prison  
(Phil 4).

13  **Colossae**

1. We have \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Paul may have learned about the church from his disciple  
(Col. 1:7-8; 4:12).
- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ (Col 4:12)
- 2) He was a disciple and fellow missionary with Paul (1:7-8)
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_ lived in  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Col. 4:9).

2. At one time Colossae was a major city, but by Paul's time had shrunk in importance.
3. \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Was \_\_\_\_\_ from the sea
  - B. Was located \_\_\_\_\_ a major \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Was near Laodicea & Hierapolis.
    - 1) Like Colossae, Laodicea & Hierapolis had churches that Paul was familiar with
    - 2) But does not appear to have visited (Col. 2:1; 4:13).

#### 14 Colossian Heresy

1. Paul wrote \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ claimed to teach \_\_\_\_\_ needed \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In Colossae the teachings included:
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (= lowering His status; Col. 2:8-10; cf. 1:15-23).
  - B. Denial of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ (Col. 2:11-15; cf. 1:13-14).
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ of self-denial:
    - 1) Food and drink rules (Col. 2:16).
    - 2) New moon & festival observances (Col. 2:16).
    - 3) Self-abasement & severe treatment of the body (Col. 2:18, 23).
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_ and claims of angelic visitations (Col. 2:18).
  - E. \_\_\_\_\_ (Col. 2:2-4, 18; cf. 1:26-27; 2:2; 4:3)
4. Paul stated these have an \_\_\_\_\_, but are of \_\_\_\_\_ (Col. 2:23).
  - A. "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch" are human commandments as far as the gospel is concerned (Col. 2:21-22).

#### 15 Colossian Connections

1. Like Romans, \_\_\_\_\_ is very \_\_\_\_\_ discussing
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_

- B. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_
2. Colossians \_\_\_\_\_ deals with themes that Ephesians deals with.
- A. \_\_\_\_\_ (4:18-25).
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ relationships (4:1)
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ within the \_\_\_\_\_ and with \_\_\_\_\_ (4:2-6)
3. Paul talks about laying aside "the \_\_\_\_\_" (or "\_\_\_\_\_;" 3:9) and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (or "\_\_\_\_\_;" 3:10)
- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ refers to \_\_\_\_\_ that we engaged in before coming to Jesus (3:5-9).
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a new understanding that \_\_\_\_\_ the image of \_\_\_\_\_ in us (3:10-14).
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ is one clothed with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (3:12).

## 16 Philemon

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was a \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Paul knew him personally (v. 22)
- B. He was fellow-worker, so \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ or missionary himself (vv. 2, 17)
- C. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ for helping others (vv. 4-7).
- D. A \_\_\_\_\_ met \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ was Philemon's \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ & disciplined him (vv. 10-11)
- B. He \_\_\_\_\_ to Philemon (v. 12)
- C. But \_\_\_\_\_ Philemon \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ him as was his right (vv. 17-21).
- D. But to \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (v. 16).
- E. And as though he were Paul himself (v. 17).

## 17 Onesimus

1. \_\_\_\_\_ means "\_\_\_\_\_."
- A. He was not useless to Philemon, he \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11).
- B. His \_\_\_\_\_ made him useful to

both Paul and Philemon (v. 11).

- C. Onesimus' transformation teaches us that the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The letter to \_\_\_\_\_ us that the \_\_\_\_\_ works \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. The gospel \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Transformed individuals \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ they live in.
3. Although the \_\_\_\_\_
- A. It \_\_\_\_\_ and demands better treatment for them.
- B. In the OT Israelites could not be slaves to other Israelites.
- C. The NT seeks to reform and move away from the practice of slavery (v. 16; cf. Col. 3:22 - 4:1; Eph. 6:5-9).

18  **Review #2**

1. After Paul's Macedonian Man vision who was the first convert in Philippi?
2. Having joy in the midst of trials is the main theme of which book?
3. In Philippians, having the same attitude as Jesus is the key to which of the following?
4. Philippi was

19  **Review #2**

5. Philippi was located in which province?
6. Paul visited Colossae during his
7. The false teachers at Colossae claimed to have

8. One characteristic of the Colossian heresy was

20  **Review #2**

9. When Paul speaks of “old clothes” or the “old self” he is referring to which of the following?

10. In Colossians, “putting on new clothes” means

11. The slave Paul sent back to his master was

12. Philemon teaches us how the gospel works in society by showing how it

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