

KINGDOM OF GOD VS. KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

- I. The Gap between Jesus and Disciples' Concept of Kingdom
 - A. The Timing of the Kingdom: Immediate vs. Delayed
Luke 19:11 Parable of 10 Minas
 - B. Scope of the Kingdom: Kingdom of God vs. Kingdom of Israel
Acts 1:3-9
 - 1) Disciples: Kingdom of Israel – Nationalistic Kingdom
 - 2) Jesus: Kingdom of God – Universal Kingdom
- II. Jesus' Answers (Acts 1:7-8)
 - A. From Particular to Universal expansion of the Kingdom (Rom 4:13)
 - B. Kingdom of God Jesus had in mind: Timeless Aspect of Kingdom (Dan 7:13-14)
- III. Disciples Understanding of Kingdom After Pentecost
 - A. Peter (Acts 3:19-21)
 - B. John (Rev 21:1-2)
- IV. Kingdom of Israel?
 - A. Jesus' Answer (Acts 1:7)
 - B. Jesus' Teachings on Times
 - Luke 21:24
 - Rom 11:25
 - Matt 23:39
- V. Relationship between Restoration of Israel and Restoration of the Kingdom of God
Rev 21:1-3
Isa 65:17-18
- VI. Implication - Consummation of the Kingdom of God at hand

PAUL'S JOURNEY IN ACTS

- I. 1st Missionary Journey
- II. 2nd Missionary Journey
- III. 3rd Missionary Journey

PAULINE LETTERS

GALATIANS

- I. Introduction
 - A. Where is Galatia?

- B. Time and Date
 - C. Religious & Socio-political Background
 - D. Occasion: Problem
 - E. Who are the Opponents of Paul in Galatia? (Acts 15:5)
- II. Paul's Main Thesis
- A. The Freedom of Paul's Apostleship (1:11–24)
 - B. Paul's Main Argument: Justification by Faith Alone (Gal 2:15-21)
- III. Basis for His Arguments (3:1-4:31)
- A. 3:1-5 Appeal to Experience
 - B. 3:6-14 Appeal to Scripture – Gen 12, 15; Deut 27:26; Hab 2:4
 - C. 3:15-29 Appeal to Scripture – Limitation & The Purpose of the Law
- IV. Ethical Exhortation (5:1-6:10) – Life in Freedom (Gal 5:16-18)
- V. Boasting of Jewishness (Gal 6:13-15)
- VI. Did Paul's letter win the majority in the end? (1 Cor 16:1-3)
- VII. Conclusion
- A. Intelligence & Experience
 - B. Radical Nature of Paul's Presentation of the Law

JERUSALEM COUNCIL

Acts 15:1-35, Gal 2:1-21

- I. Socio-political Background
- II. Immediate Backgrounds
- A. Time & Location
 - B. Gentiles coming to Faith
 - C. Pharasaic Party's Argument (Acts 15:5)
- III. 2 Main Issues
- A. Circumcision
 - B. Food Laws
 - C. Implications
- IV. Speech of Peter – experience of Cornelius, one person (Acts 15:8, 11)
- V. Paul & Barnaba's Speech – experience of Gentiles (Acts 15:13)
- VI. Speech of James – Scripture (Acts 15:16-18) quoting Amos 9:11-12
- VII. The Nature of James' Solution / Outcome: Concession by both Jews and Gentiles
Acts 15:20
- A. Gentiles respect Jewish scruples.
 - B. Jewish concede the law requirements.
 - C. Nature of Decree: normative or occasional?

- VIII. Agreement & Letter
- IX. Importance of Jerusalem Council
- X. Implication for Today

1 THESSALONIANS

- I. Background
 - Acts 17:2-3

- II. Information about the church in Thessalonica
 - 1 Thess 1:4-9
 - 1 Thess 2:13-16

- III. Paul's Message
 - A. Perseverance: Paul's wish-prayer (1 Thess 3:1-13)
 - B. Purity: Exhortation to Holy Living (1 Thess 4:1-12)
 - C. The Destiny of the Dead (1 Thess 4:13-18)

NB) Pre-tribulation Rapture?

- 1) Rapture (1 Thess 4:17)
- 2) Pre-tribulation Evidences
 - ① secret vs. public (Acts 1:9-11; Matt 24:27, 30)
 - ② 2 stages vs. 1 time event
 - ③ 3 resurrections vs. 2 resurrections (Rev 20:4-6)
 - ④ wrath as 7 year tribulation vs. final judgment (1 Thess 1:10; 5:9 vs. John 3:36 Rom 5:9)
 - ⑤ Gentiles will be raptured; Jewish will remain elect as Jews vs. believers (Matt 24:20-22 - context 24:3)
 - ⑥ escape from vs. escape out of the midst of (Luke 21:36)
 - ⑦ keep from vs. keep in the midst of (Rev 3:10)
- 3) Post-tribulation Evidences
 - Dan 7:21, 25; Matt 10:22; 24:9, 13, 21-22, 29-31; Acts 14:22; 1 Cor 15:51-52; Rev 7:14; 12:6; 13:7; 20:4
- 4) Conclusion - Jesus' Prayer John 17:15

- D. Preparedness until the Lord's Coming (1 Thess 5:1-11)

- IV. The essence of faith in Thessalonian church (1 Thess 1:9)

2 THESSALONIANS

- I. Setting
- II. Paul's Messages
 - A. Dealing with the Disorderly People (3:6-15)
 - B. Dealing with Eschatological Turmoil and Apostolic Instruction (2:1-12)
 - 1) 2 Events preceding Jesus' Second-Coming
 - a. rebellion
 - b. The Man of Lawlessness
 - 2) Holy Spirit
 - 3) Lie

III. The importance of the Doctrine of Last Days

1 CORINTHIANS

I. Introduction

II. Division around Leadership (ch 1-4)

- 1 Cor 1:12; 3:4; 5-9
- Paul's exhortation 1 Cor 1:10

III. Immorality in the Community (ch 5-7)

- A. Incest
- B. Lawsuit
- C. Sexual Immorality
- D. Marriage and Divorce 1 Cor 7:1

IV. Division around Meats offered to Idols (ch 8-10)

1 Cor 8:1-13

- A. occasion – disagreement on meat consumption
- B. meat in ancient Corinth - meat connected with idolatry in ancient world
- C. Theological Dimension for Meat Consumption (1 Cor 8:4, 7)
- D. Social Dimension for Meat Consumption - why they ate.
- E. Paul's Knowledge on Meat (1 Cor 8:4, 7, 8, 9-13)
- F. Ch. 9 Paul's apostleship & right to material support (1 Cor 9:11-12)
- G. Ch. 10 Negative Example (1 Cor 10:1-13, 14-22)
- H. Paul's Conclusion & Summary (1 Cor 10:23-11:1) - Freedom but Love should rule
- I. Application Today

V. Division around Worship (11-15)

- A. On Covering (1 Cor 11:2-16)
 - 1) Veil in Greco-Roman World
 - 2) Paul's acceptance of Roman Conventions and Beyond
- B. On Women's speaking at the church (1 Cor 14:26-40)

VI. Final Greetings

2 CORINTHIANS

I. Introduction (2 Cor 2:1, 4)

II. Super-Apostles Boasting & Attack on Paul

- A. Accusaion on Paul (2 Cor 10:1-11)
- B. Super-Apostles Boasting

III. Corinthians' Response

IV. Paul's Response (2 Cor 11:16-12:10) Foolish Discourse

- A. Foolish Boasting – Response to Super-apostles and Corinthian Church
 - B. I will boast my weakness
 - C. The Reason why he boasts weakness & sufferings
- V. Examples of Power through Weaknesses
- VI. The way churches are operating today
- VII. Paul's Collection of Offering

ROMANS

I. Introduction

- A. Traditional Understanding
- B. Current Understanding
- C. Purpose
 - 1) to fix relationship bet. Jews & Gentiles
 - 2) to fix misunderstanding of Paul's theology

II. Romans 1-4

- A. Justification by faith alone for both Jews and Gentiles
 - Rom 1:32
 - Rom 2:9-11, 14–15 (cf. Jer 31:31-33), 27-29
 - Rom 3:9, 22, 28
 - Paul's Main Thesis: Rom 3:30; 1:17

- B. The Question of Law - nullification?
 - Rom 3:31

- C. Abraham as evidence of Paul's argument
 - Rom 4:3, 6, 13 (Ps 2:8), 16

- D. Application of Justification by Faith Today

III. Romans 5-8 Life under the Law & Life in the Spirit

- A. Life in the Spirit
 - Rom 8:2

- B. How does the law fit in the salvation history after Christ?
 - Rom 7:1-4 Illustration through marriage

- C. How the OT law relate to Christians now?
 - Continuity vs. Discontinuity
 - Rom 7:6
 - Rom 8:12–13 Human responsibility

IV. Romans 9-11

A. Question 1 - Does God's Word fail?

- Paul's Answer

- Reason:

1) Israel is not natural children but children of promise. (Rom 9:6, 8, 13)

- Jacob and Esau - Like Jacob as the child of faith, Gentiles are children of faith.

2) There are remnants of Israel. (Rom 11:1-5)

- Did God reject Israel? No

3) Gentiles' acceptance is the way by which Israel will be restored to the promises. (Rom 11:11-15)

4) Israel's rejection is only temporary. (Rom 11:25)

5) there will be time that Israel will be restored in faith to God. (Rom 11:26-27)

B. God's salvation plan - Mystery (Rom 11:25)

- Summary of Chronology of End Time Events

C. Doxology (Rom 11:33)

D. Implication – Defense of God's faithfulness

V. Romans 12 – 16 Life in Believing Community

A. Rom 14 The Strong and the Weak

B. Rom 15:7-13 Climax of Paul's Theology - Accept one another!

VI. Conclusion – Unity over Doctrinal Issues

PRISON EPISTLES

Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, Philemon

EPHESIANS

I. Introduction

Theme: Unity

1. Family

2. The **church** as the universal body of Christ,

3. the reconciliation of all people into one new **humanity** in Christ, and

4. the final unification of **all creation** in Christ

II. Heavenly Realm

1:3; 2:6

III. Predestination – God's Plan of Salvation in Christ

1:4-5; 11-12

1:9-10

Predestination only from the point after salvation

IV. Main Theme: Church as The Body of Christ

- A. Body 1:22-23
- B. Building 2:19-22
- C. Temple
- D. Change of Gentile Status 2:11-22

V. Ch 4 onward – How to live
4:1
ch 5 Marriage Relations

VI. Ch 6 Spiritual Warfare
6:10-20

COLOSSIANS

- I. Introduction
 - A. Greek elements:
 - B. Jewish: Sabbath, new moon, & festivals
 - C. Asceticism
 - D. Syncretistic Christian: Jesus as the object of faith
 - E. Paul's Response
- II. Supremacy of Christ (1:15-20)
- III. Paul's exhortation against hollow and deceptive philosophy (2:8, 20–23)
- IV. Paul's exhortation against Jewish elements (2:16–19)
Heb 8:5; 10:1
- V. Conclusion

PHILLIPIANS

- I. Introduction
- II. Internal Tensions (2:1-11; 4:2-3)
- III. Paul's exhortation: Unity (2:1-8)
- IV. Paul's response to Offering (4:11-20)

PASTORAL EPISTLES

1, 2 Timothy, Titus

1 TIMOTHY

- I. Introduction
 - 1 Tim 1:3-4
 - 1 Tim 3:14-15
- II. Gender Expectations
 - 1 Tim 2:9-15
 - A. Nature of False Teachings
1 Tim 1:3-5; 4:1-5; 5:13-15; 5:6
 - B. Antidotes to False Teachings

- 1) on Ostentation 2:9-10
- 2) on Myths 4:7
- 3) on Spiritual Formation 11-12
- 4) on Marriage 5:14-15

C. Conclusion

III. Church Structures

2 TIMOTHY

I. Introduction

II. Encouraging Timothy as Pastor (2 Tim 1:3-18)

A. Gift of God in You (6)

B. Do not ashamed of gospel (8, 12, 16)

III. Paul's Will & Warning (3:1-17)

continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of (14)