

SCRIPTURE TRACK

Week 5 Notes (answers included):

Key takeaways from Acts-Jude

- All New Testament Books, with the exception of John's 5 books, were written during the events in Acts
- Acts shows history
- Letters give instructions and examples for Christian living and Church doctrine

Acts

- Purpose – Report the events of the apostles and the church to Theophilus (Gentile seeking truth)
- Author – Luke
- Date Written – early AD 60's. Prior to destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD

Major Events in Acts

- Chapter 2 - Holy Spirit given to disciples
- The apostles began performing miracles
- Chapter 6 – Church leaders chosen and sent out
- Chapter 7 – Steven's speech
 - First martyr for the Gospel
- Chapter 8 – Gospel spreads beyond Jerusalem (Samaritans and Gentiles who followed Israel's God)
- Chapter 9 – Conversion of Saul (to become Paul)
- Chapter 10 – Cornelius conversion (Gentile)
- Chapters 11-28 – Primarily follow Paul as he takes the Gospel to the world
 - Three main missionary journeys'
 - Takes place over many years
 - Most of the New Testament was written during this time

Romans

- Written to a new church in Rome
- Paul's longest letter
- Overview of church doctrine
- Focus heavily on the doctrine of salvation and God's sovereignty
- Death through Adam, life through Christ
- Key point - We are free in Christ, but freedom in Christ is not an invitation to sin

WARNING – Be careful with commentaries on Romans.

Romans is often where people impose their view on the text

Corinthians

- Paul wrote multiple letters to Corinthians, we have two
- Turned communion to a drunken party
- Divisions within the church (“I follow Paul, I follow Apollos”) (I Cor 4:3)

Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians – Letters to other churches

I and II Thessalonians – A church experiencing persecution

- Paul is writing to encourage them and give them hope in the future
- Discussed the return of Christ and the end of time

Timothy – Young evangelist Paul closely mentored

- Gives instruction how to build churches
- Discusses church leadership
- How to deal with false teachers

II Timothy, Titus and Philemon – Additional personal letters

General Letters – Hebrews through Jude

- Hebrews – Shows the superiority of Jesus to the Old Law and explains how Jesus is the Messiah
- James – Relationship between faith and works

Revelation – For another class 😊

DISCUSSION

Memory Verse

- ROMANS 1:16-17 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”