

The Next Seven

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Great Chapters of the New Testament

1 The New Birth – The Testimony of John the Baptist

Reading: John 3:1-36; Cf. Titus 3:3-7; 1 Peter 1:18-25

2 Farewell Discourse of Jesus with his Disciples

Reading: John 14:1-17:26

3 The Day of Pentecost

Reading: Acts 2:1-47; Cf. Acts 4:23-31

4 The Conversion of Saul

Reading: Acts 9:1-31; Cf. Acts 22:1-26:32

5 Who Shall Lay Any Thing to the Charge of God's Elect?

Reading: Romans 8:1-39; Cf. 1 Peter 1:1-5; Ephesians 1:1-14

6 Love Never Passes Away

Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Cf. John 13:34-35; Col. 3:12-14; 1 Peter 4:8

7 Saved by Grace

Reading: Ephesians 2:1-22; Cf. Romans 3:24-26

General Knowledge of Bible Books, Chapters, Verses

Lesson 9

Overview

As we continue this review our focus turns now to general knowledge of the New Testament. The New Testament begins with a record of the life of Christ as contained in the four gospels.

Following the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ the book of Acts follows. As recorded in Acts chapter one Jesus ascended into heaven and shortly thereafter the Father sent the promise of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

One of the great events recorded in the Acts of the Apostles is the conversion of Saul of Tarsus. Saul was soon known as Paul the apostle to the gentiles. Paul was a choice servant of the Lord and through him the Holy Spirit gave most of the New Testament books.

Beyond the history of the early church as contained in the book of Acts, the remaining content of the New Testament is primarily doctrinal in nature. The focus is upon the details of the great salvation provided in Christ, as well as, the practical outworking of that salvation in the Spirit filled life.

Perhaps the greatest chapter in the New Testament is Romans chapter eight. It begins with a summary of the teaching found in chapters three through seven with the statement, *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.”*

Praise the Lord! The believer is free from the condemnation of the law and can rest in the assurance he now possesses eternal life. This great chapter goes on to show us our relationship to the Spirit, our adoption into God’s family, our position

with Christ as a joint heir, and the powerful truth that nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Another central chapter of the New Testament is first Corinthians chapter thirteen. This chapter presents the necessity of love in the Christian walk. In fact, all the other fruit of the Spirit flows out of this one great characteristic of a true believer. A maturing love for one another is to be the outstanding trait of a disciple of Jesus Christ!

In conclusion, a brief review of the New Testament would be incomplete without calling attention to Ephesians chapter two and the essential doctrine of grace. The salvation of which the New Testament speaks is by grace alone and by faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are saved by the work of Christ on our behalf, not by any work we perform prior to salvation or following our salvation. Thus salvation is by pure grace from the beginning until its consummation.

Our salvation is by faith that it might be by grace (Romans 4). If human works of any kind could provide a standing with God, then the cross of Christ was totally unnecessary. However, the righteousness produced by works are as filthy rags in his sight! Thus, we are granted the gift of righteousness by faith in Christ.

Of course, it is the graciousness of a loving Father who extends such mercy to those who have no merit in themselves for the least of his blessings. Indeed, we are saved by his marvelous grace and are to the praise of his glory!

Key Passage this Week

- 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Key Verse

- 1 Corinthians 13:8a: "Charity never faileth."

Family Discussion/Devotion

General Knowledge of Bible Books, Chapters, Verses

Which book and chapter of the New Testament records our Lord's conversation with Nicodemus concerning the new birth?

- A. 1 John 3
- B. Luke 10
- C. John 3
- D. Romans 3

Which gospel records the appearance of an angel of the Lord in a dream to Joseph:

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

Which gospel records the appearance of Gabriel to the Virgin Mary announcing the birth of Jesus?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

Which book and chapter of the New Testament records the famous declaration by Jesus that he is the way, the truth, and the life?

- A. Hebrews 9
- B. 2 John
- C. Luke 14
- D. John 14

Which New Testament book contains our Lord's famous "Sermon on the Mount?"

- A. Romans
- B. 1 Corinthians
- C. Mark
- D. Matthew

Which book of the New Testament records the details of the Day of Pentecost?

- A. Luke
- B. Galatians
- C. Acts
- D. Revelation

Which New Testament book contains the following verses: *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast?"*

- A. 1 Peter
- B. Colossians
- C. Ephesians
- D. Titus

In which gospel does our Lord's cry from the cross, "It is finished," appear?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

What chapter in the New Testament first records the conversion of Saul, who later was known as Paul?

- A. Acts 9
- B. Hebrews 9
- C. Jude
- D. Acts 19

Which gospel begins with the following verse: *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God?"*

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

Which of the following apostles is responsible for writing the majority of the New Testament?

- A. Peter
- B. Paul
- C. James
- D. John

Jesus alone has the words of eternal life. Please quote the following verses:

John 1:12

John 3:15-16

John 5:24

John 6:37

John 6:47

John 10:27,28

John 11:25,26

John 20:30-31

In which New Testament book do we find the following verse: *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved?”*

- A. Galatians
- B. Acts
- C. James
- D. 1 Timothy

In what chapter and book do we find the answer to the question: *“Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect?”*

- A. 1 Thessalonians 4
- B. Titus 3
- C. Romans 8
- D. 2 Corinthians

What chapter in the New Testament is commonly referred to as the “love” chapter?

- A. 1 Corinthians 13
- B. 1 John 4
- C. Hebrews 10
- D. Romans 1

In what book do we find the famous question, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

- A. Luke
- B. Romans
- C. Ephesians
- D. Acts