



## Adult Education Winter 2018 – Marks of Maturity

### CLASS 3 – FEBRUARY 4: BIBLICAL SURVEY – NEW TESTAMENT

James--A.D. 44-49	Luke--A.D. 60-61	2 Timothy--A.D. 66-67
Galatians--A.D. 49-50	Ephesians--A.D. 60-62	2 Peter--A.D. 67-68
Matthew--A.D. 50-60	Philippians--A.D. 60-62	Hebrews--A.D. 67-69
Mark--A.D. 50-60	Philemon--A.D. 60-62	Jude--A.D. 68-70
1 Thessalonians--A.D. 51	Colossians--A.D. 60-62	John--A.D. 80-90
2 Thessalonians--A.D. 51-52	Acts--A.D. 62	1 John--A.D. 90-95
1 Corinthians--A.D. 55	1 Timothy--A.D. 62-64	2 John--A.D. 90-95
2 Corinthians--A.D. 55-56	Titus--A.D. 62-64	3 John--A.D. 90-95
Romans-- A.D. 56	1 Peter--A.D. 64-65	Revelation--A.D. 94-96

<b><u>Gospels</u></b>	<b><u>Pauline</u></b>	Philippians	Philemon	1 Peter
Matthew	<b><u>epistles</u></b>	Colossians		2 Peter
Mark	Romans	1 Thessalonians	<b><u>Hebrews</u></b>	1 John
Luke	1 Corinthians	2 Thessalonians		2 John
John	2 Corinthians	1 Timothy	<b><u>General</u></b>	3 John
	Galatians	2 Timothy	<b><u>epistles</u></b>	Jude
<b><u>Acts</u></b>	Ephesians	Titus	James	<b><u>Revelation</u></b>

**Canon of New Testament:** The First Council of Nicea (325), Festal Letter of Athanasius (367), the First Council of Constantinople (381), and the Council of Rome (382) established the canon of the New Testament. [Gospel of Thomas (130-250); Gospel of Judas (150); Gospel of Mary (500)]

**Progressive Revelation:** means that God revealed Himself to His people over many centuries, periodically giving new information that built on but did not contradict or deny what came before.

#### Why study the New Testament?

**Matthew 15:6:** So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God. 7 You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: 8 “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; 9 in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”

**II Timothy 3:15** From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**Jeremiah 31:31:** “The days are coming,” says the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,”

declares the Lord. 33 “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 ...“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

**Hebrews 8: 13** By calling this covenant “new,” he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear.

**Matthew 5:17** “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

#### **The New Covenant:**

**John 6:40** For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”

**John 13: 34** “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

**John 15: 9** “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command.

#### **What does it mean to be a Christian?**

**Colossians 1:27** To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

**Ephesians 3:16** I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

**Romans 12** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**John 15:18** “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. 19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

**Book of Revelation:** Revelation is apocalyptic; a kind of writing that is highly symbolic, as sections of the books of Isaiah and Daniel. Apocalyptic literature reveals things yet to come. But, why?

#### **Motivations:**

**II Peter 3** So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, 16 speaking of this as he does in all his letters. There are some things in them hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other scriptures. 17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, beware lest you be carried away with the error of lawless men and lose your own stability.

**Bart Ehrman:** What do we have with the Gospels of the New Testament? Well, unfortunately we’re not as well off as we would like to be. We’d like to be extremely well off because the Gospels tell us about Jesus, and they are our best sources for Jesus. But how good are they as historical sources? I’m not questioning whether they’re valuable as theological sources or sources for religious information. But how good are they as historical sources? Unfortunately, they’re not as good as we would like. The Gospels were written 35 to 65 years after Jesus’ death -- 35 or 65 years after his death, not by people who were eyewitnesses, but by people living later.