



Master Plan • G2R Bible Survey • 1 Corinthians to Philemon • SS5231

Letters: 1 Corinthians to Philemon

	<i>Lesson & Title</i>	<i>Bible Truth</i>	<i>Lesson Aims</i>	<i>Memory Work</i>
1	Paul's Life and Letters	Paul wrote 13 books of the New Testament. They were letters written to teach, encourage, and correct the early churches and their members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To explore the form of Paul's letters. To find out <i>when, where, and why</i> Paul wrote his letters. To ask God to help us treasure God's Word and hide it in our hearts. 	If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 1 Corinthians 13:1
2	God's Call to Holy Living	1 Corinthians Paul wrote to the church in Corinth to correct bickering, wrong doctrine, immorality, rebellion, and lack of love. He emphasizes the centrality of the cross in preaching the gospel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discover the <i>who, what, when, where, and why</i> of 1 Corinthians. To learn that pride divides a church and love builds it up. To identify attitudes and actions that build up my church or tear it down. 	And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 1 Corinthians 13:2
3	Christ's Strength in Our Weakness	2 Corinthians Paul used his own life and ministry as examples of how Christ comforts his people in suffering and how Christ shows his grace and strength when they are weak.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discover the <i>who, what, when, where, and why</i> of 2 Corinthians. To learn that God comforts us in suffering and shows his strength in our weakness. To believe that Christ's grace and strength are sufficient when I am weak. 	If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. 1 Corinthians 13:3
4	Justified by Faith Alone	Galatians Paul warns the churches in Galatia to resist false teachers who insist that salvation comes by faith in Christ plus obeying the law. Paul says believers are to be filled with the fruit of the Spirit rather than behave according to sinful desires.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discover the <i>who, what, when, where, and why</i> of Galatians. To understand salvation is by faith in Christ alone. To learn that when we trust in Christ, the Holy Spirit comes to live within us and continues to produce his fruit in our lives. 	Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5a
5	Putting on the New Self	Ephesians Paul celebrates the Church's blessings in Christ. He tells the Ephesians to live out their new life in Christ by putting off the old self and putting on the new.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discover the <i>who, what, when, where, and why</i> of Ephesians. To identify the blessings believers have received in Christ. To understand what it means to put off the old self and put on the new self. 	It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful. 1 Corinthians 13:5b
6	Rejoicing in the Lord	Philippians Paul encourages the Philippians to stand strong despite opposition, to maintain their unity, and to rejoice in the Lord always. They are to have the same attitude as Christ in humility and service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discover the <i>who, what, when, where, and why</i> of Philippians. To learn what it means to have the same attitude as Christ. To apply Paul's instructions about rejoicing in the Lord. 	It does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 1 Corinthians 13:6
7	Christ Is Supreme and Sufficient	Colossians Paul affirms that Christ is supreme over all. Christ is completely sufficient to bring full salvation, and Christians must live in dependence on Christ alone.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discover the <i>who, what, when, where, and why</i> of Colossians. To learn Christ is supreme in all things. To acknowledge that Jesus is all we need for salvation. To apply Christ's rules for holy living. 	It does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:6-7
8	Living for Christ's Return	1 and 2 Thessalonians Paul offers the Thessalonians words of encouragement, instructs the believers to live responsible lives pleasing to God, and teaches them concerning the return of Christ.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discover the <i>who, what, when, where, and why</i> of 1 and 2 Thessalonians. To learn about the return of Christ. To let Christ's return motivate us to live lives pleasing to him. 	Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 1 Corinthians 13:8
9	Life in God's House	1 Timothy Paul wrote young Timothy, his coworker in the faith, to encourage and instruct him in leading the church in Ephesus. Paul deals with false teaching, sound doctrine, and godly living.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discover the <i>who, what, when, where, and why</i> of 1 Timothy. To find out what Timothy needed to learn to be an effective church leader. To learn that right teaching must result in right living. 	For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. 1 Corinthians 13:9-10
10	Guarding the Gospel	2 Timothy Paul wrote Timothy to encourage him as a pastor and to urge him to guard the gospel, live a godly life, teach God's Word, and persevere through hardship.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discover the <i>who, what, when, where, and why</i> of 2 Timothy. To learn what enduring hardship for Christ means. To pray for Christians around the world who are suffering for Christ. 	When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 1 Corinthians 13:11
11	Practicing the Faith	Titus and Philemon Paul encouraged Titus in his ministry to churches in Crete. Paul asked Philemon in Colossae to receive his runaway slave, Onesimus, as a brother in Christ.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To explore the <i>who, what, when, where, and why</i> of Titus and Philemon. To learn how God's Word teaches us to ask for forgiveness and forgive those who wrong us. 	For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. 1 Corinthians 13:12
Review	12	God Used Paul's Life and Letters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review: 1 Corinthians to Philemon God led Paul to write letters of instruction, encouragement, and warning to believers in new churches throughout the Roman Empire. These letters are part of the New Testament. To review the form of a New Testament epistle. To recall and apply the main messages of Paul's letters to churches and individuals. 	So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13
	13	God's Story from Genesis to Philemon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review: Genesis to Philemon The Bible is God's story of redemption through Christ. It teaches us what to believe about God, why we need a Savior, how God met that need in Christ, how we may be saved, and how God wants us to live. To recite the books of the Bible in order from Genesis through Philemon. To review main events and people in the Old and New Testaments. To understand why God gave us the Bible and to thank him for it. 	Review 1 Corinthians 1-13