

Scripture Narrative

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BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

CLASS SCHEDULE		
WELCOME + CLASS INTRODUCTION	5 MIN	7:00PM – 7:05PM
SESSION 1: ACTS + LETTERS TO THE CHURCH	50 MIN	7:05PM-7:55PM
BREAK	10 MIN	7:55PM-8:05PM
SESSION 2: HEBREWS, REVELATION + THE NARRATIVE	50 MIN	8:05PM-8:55PM
DISMISSAL	5 MIN	8:55PM-9:00PM

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Introduction to Acts

- Acts 1:8 is a guiding verse: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in _____, and in all _____ and _____, and to the _____.”
- _____ wrote the book of Acts after being a fellow traveler and laborer with Paul

Early Church: Pentecost & Community

- Pentecost fulfilled _____’s prophecy that in the last days, God’s _____ would be poured out on all flesh with visions, prophecies, signs, and wonders, and that all who _____ the name of the Lord would be saved
- They devoted themselves to the apostles’ _____, the _____, the breaking of _____, and _____

Church Growth: Persecution & Spread

- Many were stoned, beaten, imprisoned, and killed for their faith, but we often read about them _____ over their suffering because they had been “counted _____ for the name” (Acts 5:41)
- Even so, walking in the _____ of the Lord and in the _____ of the Holy Spirit, the church multiplied (Acts 9:31)

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Paul's Early Life & Conversion

- Saul was _____ the church
- In Damascus, a disciple named Ananias was sent by God to find Saul and lay hands on him in prayer that Saul might _____ his sight and be _____ with the Holy Spirit
- God said Saul was “a _____ of mine to carry _____ before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel” and that Saul “must _____ for the sake of my name”

Paul's Journey, Imprisonments & Epistles

- Paul completed _____ missionary journeys and was beaten, flogged, imprisoned, and even shipwrecked
- In his final letter before decapitation in prison, Paul said his aim through it all was to _____ the good fight, to _____ his course, and to _____ the faith (2 Tim. 4:7-8)

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App. Date	Events	Books Written
10 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul's birth 	
33 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus' death, resurrection & ascension Pentecost 	
35 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stoning of Stephen Paul's Damascus Road conversion 	
35-36 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul's first visit to Jerusalem 	
46-47 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barnabas & Paul take famine relief to Jerusalem 	
48-49 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul's 1st missionary journey 	
50 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jerusalem Council 	_____ James*
50-52 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul's 2nd missionary journey 	1 & 2 Thessalonians
53-57 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul's 3rd missionary journey 	1 Corinthians
57 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul takes offering to Jerusalem 	— _____ , _____
57-59 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul's arrest in Jerusalem Paul's two-year Caesarea imprisonment Paul's journey to Rome 	
60-62 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul's two-year house arrest in Rome 	Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon
63-66 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul's release from prison and additional missions 	1 Timothy, Titus
67 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul's final imprisonment and martyrdom in Rome 	— _____ , 1 & 2 Peter*
67-96 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apostles continue traveling, teaching, and writing letters to the Church 	Hebrews*, Jude*, 1/2/3 John*, Revelation*

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Hebrews Simple Outline

- Hebrews 1-10: The superiority of _____
- Hebrews 11-13: The superiority of _____

Jesus > 7 Major Areas of the Jewish or Traditional Faith

1. _____
2. Angels
3. Moses + Joshua
4. The old priesthood
5. _____
6. The old sanctuary
7. The old sacrifices

Hebrews 1:1-3

- The author of Hebrews reveals that Jesus is: the Son of God, Heir of all things, Creator of all things.
- He (Jesus) is the _____, the Revealer of God's essence, the sustainer of all things
- He (Jesus) is the redeemer, the sacrifice of our sins, the purifier. The victor at the Father's right hand.

Implications of Hebrews 7

- Implication #1: _____
- Implication #2: _____
- Implication #3: _____

The Superiority of Faith in Christ

- Hebrews 11: The _____ of faith
- Hebrews 12: We apply faith to our lives through the ways we endure in the face of suffering.
- Hebrews 13: Exercise faith in love.

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Revelation Simple Outline

- Revelation 1: _____
- Revelation 2-3: _____
- Revelation 4-22: _____

Four Pillars of Orthodox Eschatology

- Literal visible return of Christ
- Bodily resurrection
- Final judgment
- Literal heaven and hell

What we Hold to:

- Jesus Christ is _____, _____, to Earth at the end of days.
- He has not returned yet, but his return will happen ____ ____ and when he returns, there will be a resurrection of the dead and a _____ of every soul, either to eternal life or eternal separation from God.
- There will be a ____ _____ and a ____ _____ as all of creation, including humanity, is redeemed and restored.

The End of the Narrative Story

Revelation presents, in colorful language and imagery, the ending of our story, in which God:

1. Defeats the powers of evil
2. Reverses the curses of sin
3. Fulfills His _____ and restores His _____
4. Lives among His people forever

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	State of the Church	Jesus' Command	Reward for Conquerors
Ephesus (Loveless)	Doctrinally vigilant and enduring, but abandoned their first love for Jesus	Remember, repent, and do the works done at first, lest their lampstand be removed	Given the tree of life to eat from in paradise
Smyrna (Loyal)	Spiritually rich and faithful in persecution	Be faithful unto death	Given the crown of life and will not be hurt by the second death
Pergamum (Lax)	Holding fast to Jesus, but compromising beliefs and permitting false teaching	Repent, lest they face the sword of Jesus' mouth	Given hidden manna and a white stone with a new name
Thyatira (Liberal)	Growing in loving acts of service, but lacking discernment, following false prophets	Hold fast and keep Jesus' works to the end	Given the morning star and authority over nations
Sardis (Lifeless)	Pure and loyal, but had fallen asleep as though spiritually dead	Keep the Word and repent, because Jesus will come like a thief	Given white garments and assured their name would never be blotted out from the book of life
Philadelphia (Laboring)	Patiently enduring despite weaknesses, keeping God's word, not denying His name	Hold fast what they had	Made a pillar in God's temple
Laodicea (Lukewarm)	Spiritually blind, bankrupt, and lukewarm	Be zealous and repent, or they will be spit out of Jesus' mouth	Will dine with Jesus and sit with Him on His throne

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The Beginning	Genesis	The End	Revelation
"In the beginning, God..."	1:1	"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End."	21:6
God creates first heaven and first earth, eventually cursed by sin.	1:1	God creates a new heaven and earth where sin is nowhere to be found.	21:1
Water symbolizes unordered chaos	1:2	There is no longer any sea	21:1
Satan introduces sin into the world	3:1-7	Satan and sin are judged	19:11-21; 20:7-10
Death enters the world.	3:3; 4:6-8; 6:3	Death is put to death.	20:14; 21:4
Community forfeited.	3:8; 4:8	Genuine community experienced.	21:3-7
Sinful people ashamed in God's presence	3:8-11	God's people will "see his face."	22:4
Sinful people are sent away from the garden.	3:23-24	New heaven/earth includes a garden.	22:2
Sinful people are forbidden to eat from the tree of life.	3:22-24	God's people eat freely and live	22:2, 14

Revelation 22:18-19

- "I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book."
- This is God's _____ and this is how He _____.