



Module Description

Module: The Pastoral Letters – 1 Timothy, Titus, 2 Timothy (BT80313)
18 Units (36 Study Hours) 6 Credits
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Introduction

This module is a study of Paul the apostle's 'settled canon' as, towards the end of his life and ministry he hands on the flaming torch of the Gospel to his trusted co-workers Timothy and Titus and through them seeks to correct the leadership in Ephesus and the believers in Crete respectively. Throughout these units we shall – primarily, though not exclusively – study *The 'Pastoral' Letters* with the help of only one commentary: The Bible.

"A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't... Visit many good books, but live in the Bible." (Charles H. Spurgeon)

Objectives

The aim of this module is to:

- Demonstrate – on the principle that 'the Bible is its own best commentary' – the possibility and the absolute necessity of illuminating **part** of Scripture – in this case the Pastoral Letters – by means of **"all Scripture"** (Luke 24:27; 2 Timothy 3:16)
- Discover why Paul's "dungeon flamed with light" – even on death row!

As a result of the student's successful participation in this Module, s/he will:

Head Grasp the primacy of the Biblical revelation for both Church and personal life, adopting a 'Berean integrity' that will 'test all things' – even excellent scholarship – against the ultimate plumb-line

Heart Engage with Paul's passionate commitment to the 'non-negotiable' Gospel

Hands Develop confident use of Scripture to illuminate Scripture

Reading

Required

Donald Guthrie - *The Pastoral Epistles* (Tyndale New Testament Commentaries)

Recommended

The Bible Knowledge Commentary – 2 volumes covering the entire Bible, pub. Victor Books (digital editions available). Within the limits of 66 books per 2 volumes, and its bold dispensational / pre-millennial (Dallas Theological Seminary) stance, it does a solid conservative job of 'joining up the Bible' – and Bible history. Interpretation is literal – though comfortable with metaphor and symbol – inerrancy is assumed, liberal fictions are rejected and Israel is not confused with the Church!

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Schedule:

Jan 13	1 Timothy	Week 1	Context!	Jesus: "...in all the scriptures"
20		Week 2	Mercy mission (1:1 – 3:16)	Jesus: Paul's unusual greeting
27		Week 3	God – and faith – incarnate (3:17 – 6:21)	Jesus: Visible
Feb 3	Titus	Week 4	Holy God, holy children (1:1 – 2:1)	Jesus: Firstborn
10		R E A D I N G W E E K		
17		Week 5	Trained – by Grace (2:2 – 3:15)	Jesus: The Discipler
24	2 Timothy	Week 6	Business as usual (1:1-14)	Jesus: Unstoppable
Mar 3		Week 7	No Civilians (1:15 – 2:26)	Jesus: Commander
10		Week 8	Fight on (3:1 – 4:5)	Jesus: Mighty Weakness
17		Week 9	Coronation ready! (4:6-22)	Jesus: Crowned and crowning

Assignment: (Optional for non EBC Diploma students)

Moses, Isaiah, Jesus and Paul were all agreed about the value of the Law! (cf. Isaiah 8:20; Matthew 23:1-3; Romans 7:12; 1 Timothy 1:8)

Imagine you are Timothy, visiting Paul in Rome before his execution. The reunion is 'sweet sorrow' but Paul's preoccupation is not with the end of his life but the continuity of his mission – and yours. You have a short window of opportunity to reassure him that his wise counsel (in both letters) was not only 'received' but 'understood'. In 750 words, demonstrate a) how you understand the key issues for your ministry and b) how you would protect Ephesian believers from those who use the law 'unlawfully' – and that you understand it's 'lawful' use! (1 Timothy 1:8). **NB: Since your principal required 'bibliography' (apart from Guthrie) is the 66 books of the Bible, be prayerfully careful to demonstrate your support from "all Scripture".**

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