Pastoral Epistles A Preview A Review

Time Context of Pastoral epistles

	New Testament								
Epistles									
Paul's Letters General / Other					R e				
Early – Periods	After arrest and imprisonment Heb				e				
Galatians 1 Thess	First Imprisonment	Release	Second Imprisonment	1 Peter 2 Peter	1 a				
2 Thess 1 Cor 2 Cor Philippians Colossians Philemon	1 Timothy Titus (AD 62-64)	2 Timothy (AD 66-67)	2 John 3 John	t i o n					
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Paul, Timothy & Titus

- In 1 Timothy and Titus
 - Paul was out of 1st Roman imprisonment
 - (AD 62-64)
 - Timothy was in Ephesus
 - Titus was in Crete
- In 2 Timothy
 - Paul was in Roman dungeon and expecting to be beheaded (AD 66-67)

TIMOTHY – an Evangelist

- -And may be considered as an ELDER at Ephesus
- (Act 16:1) Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek.
- (Act 16:2) He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium.(Act 16:3) Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him....

Pastoral epistles

They are unique in teaching

- -Personal letters
 - Mostly directives / instructions
 - Actions to be taken in the Church
 - Church Administration
 - Pastoral duties

Pastoral epistles

- They give explicit and complete instructions:
 - -Concerning ALL Believers
 - behavior in the household of God
 - -Concerning Ministers (Those in various ministries):
 - Qualifications
 - Ministry (Shepherd, Teach, exhort, rebuke, serve in love)
 - -Need for Dedication and equipping themselves for ministry

Few underlaying concepts that may help us in understanding these epistles

- 1. The company of believers is a family [Household]
- 2. The families must have proper leadership to teach, serve and protect them
- 3. The families must be taught the true family values
- 4. The family values will be attacked
- 5. Teaching and protecting the family values is the responsibility of the family leaders

What is taught in these epistles?

Major elements of teaching:

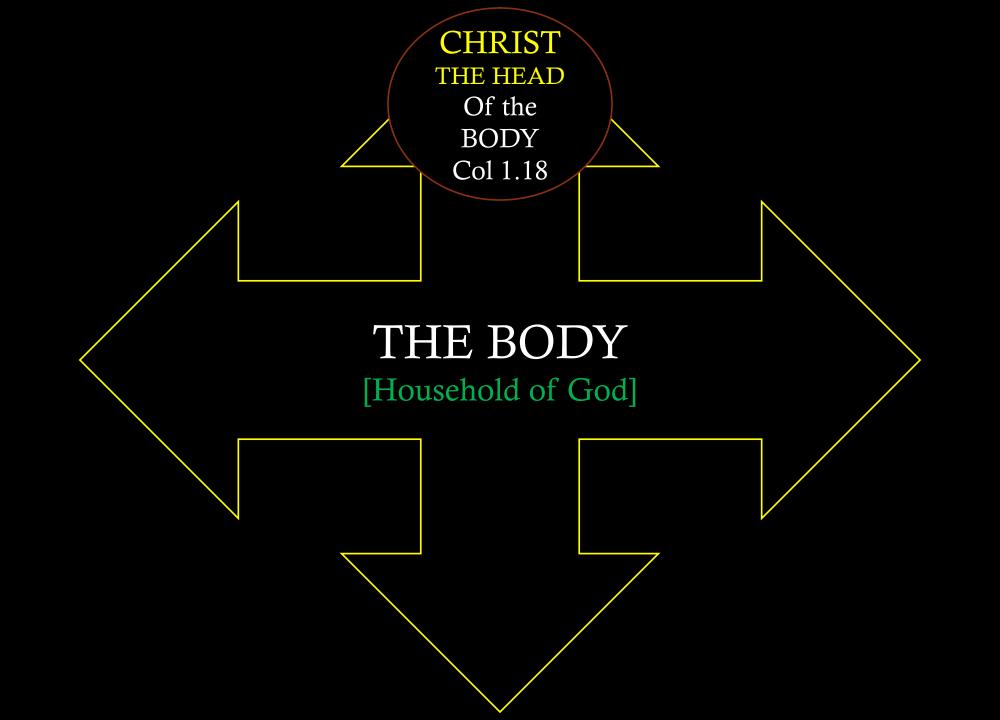
- Refute false (different) doctrine (1 Tim 1:3)
- Teach the good doctrine (1 Tim 4:6)
- Believers behavior in <u>His family (church)</u> (various chapters interactions, interpersonal)
- ➤ God's Household's behavior leading to Good works (various: 1 Tim, Tit)
- Elder/Deacon qualifications (1 Tim 3, Tit 1)
- Leaders (and all believers) preparation (discipline) for ministries (2 Tim 2)

Paul's main objectives here

"... I am writing these things to you so that, ... you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth." 1 Tim 3:15-16

"Command and teach these things". 1 Tim 4:11

"Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you." Tit 2:15



Why Study Pastoral epistles –

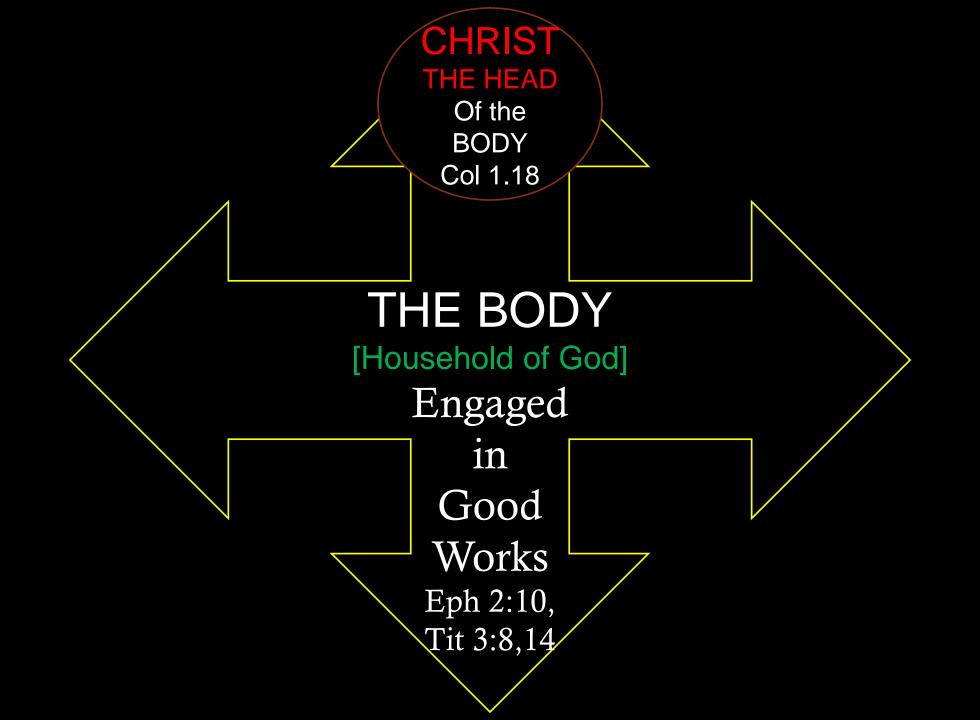
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The Family's Importance

- ... a pillar and buttress [foundation] of the truth (1 Tim 3:15b)
- The function and duty of the family (church)
 - To be a testimony [witness] to God's truth
 - God's Family has a responsibility
 - Israel failed and is now set aside
 - The new covenant church is entrusted with duty of being a Pillar and foundation

Overall Summary

- 1 Timothy A Charge
 - Guard the TRUTH (the doctrine, the teachings)
 - Not to lose the purity
 - Protect doctrinal purity
- 2 Timothy A Challenge
 - Teach the truth in purity and authority
 - To those who can pass it on to following generations
 - *Proclaim* (teach) the doctrine as taught by Jesus
- Titus A Change
 - Evidence the truth
 - *Practice* the truth in daily life



A spiritually functioning church of God

Spiritual
Leadership
Elders:

Shepherding,
Teaching, Leading,
guarding,
Caring &
disciplining with
authority

CHRIST
THE HEAD
and
CHIEF
SHEPHERD
of THE BODY
which is the
Household of God

Engaged in Good Works
Submitting to and
supporting
Spiritual authority

"Care & Service"
Ministries
Deacons:

Serving the household in Care, Help and Mercy ministries and in Assisting Shepherds

2 Timothy

A Review

2 Timothy

A Challenge: To continue on with the ministry "Fan into Flame" [Rekindle]

Chapter	1

Purpose and plan

Fan into Flame -

• The Gift in YOU

Follow the pattern

- of Christ
- of Paul
- of others

Chapter 2

Disciplines for the plan

Disciplines

• For the disciples

Perpetuate the teachings:

to those who can teach

Chapter 3

Difficulties for the preacher

In the last days

- Evil men
- Evil doctrine

Expect persecution

• But continue on

Chapter 4

Final Directive to the preacher

Be ready!

Always

In opposition,

- Stay calm
- Endure suffering

Chapter 1

Chapter 1	Verses	Key statement (s)
Intro & Thanksgiving	1-4	"life that is in Christ Jesus"
The remembrances	5	Timothy's sincere faith and heritage
Energizing the minister	6-11	-Fan into flame the gift in you (6) -Do not be ashamed of (a) the Lord, or (b) of Paul
Examples to the minister	12-18	Christ, Paul & Onesiphorus