

Student Make Up Work

April 27, 2022 - Lesson "Paul and The Early Church"

Parents this make-up work should be done together with you and your student. There will be questions to discuss verbally and question to answer in written format. Students, please have your Confirmation Bible nearby. Please sign the bottom of the sheet and return to the sermon note drop off box.

Passion of Jesus Review:

1. What event do we recognize on Maundy Thursday? (Luke 22:7-20/John 13:1-20)

2. On Good Friday, we remember Jesus' crucifixion. Use your NLT Bible to put these events, leading up to Jesus' death in order by numbering which came first: (Luke 22 and 23)

_____ The Resurrection of Jesus
_____ Peter Denies Jesus
_____ The Burial of Jesus
_____ Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives
_____ The Crucifixion
_____ Jesus is Betrayed and Arrested
_____ Jesus' Trial Before Pilate
_____ The Death of Jesus

3. Where did Jesus appear to two followers after his resurrection? (Luke 24:13)

4. From your understanding, why did Jesus die?

Who is Paul:

Please watch this video to learn more about the life of Paul:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HLeYBYISsEY>

Answer the following questions based on the video:

- What was Saul/Paul's career? _____
- Saul was a Pharisee. How did he treat Christians before his conversion? _____

- On the road to Damascus, who spoke to Saul/Paul?

Read Acts 9:1-19

- Who is the believer that helped heal Paul? (Acts 9:10)

Paul began to travel from place to place spreading the Gospel and helping the church grow. Check out this map of his travels:



As he traveled, Paul would preach and help support the churches that were growing in these places. Paul would keep in touch with these churches by writing letters. He spoke them out loud, someone would write down what he was saying, someone would travel to the place where Paul wanted the letter to go, and someone would read Paul's words out loud to the church. We still reach these letters today in church. We call them *Epistles*.

Did you catch in the video how many of Paul's letters are in the New Testament? _____

They are: Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon

***1 Thessalonians is believed to be the first letter Paul wrote. He wrote it between 50-51AD, just under 20 years after Jesus' died. This book was written even before the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.**

This first letter was written to the people of Thessalonica to encourage them to stand strong in their faith, despite the persecution they face. Open your Bible to 1 Thessalonians and follow along:

Greeting: 1 Thessalonians 1:1

This letter is from Paul, Silas, and Timothy.

We are writing to the church in Thessalonica, to you who belong to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God give you grace and peace.

Thanksgiving: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Body: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-2 and 5:9-11

4:1-2

Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more. For you remember what we taught you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

5:9-11

For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us. Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

Closing: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28

Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.

Dear brothers and sisters, pray for us.

Greet all the brothers and sisters with a sacred kiss.

I command you in the name of the Lord to read this letter to all the brothers and sisters.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

The Format of Paul's Letters

Paul used a common Greek letter format of his time when writing the letter to these churches. This is the typical format of Paul's letters:

1. Greetings/Salutation (From) (To) (Grace and Peace to you from God our Father)
2. Thanksgiving and prayers
3. Body: Addressing Problems or Encouragement
4. Closing: Blessing

For your last part of this make-up assignment, please write a letter to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in the style of Paul. You will need to include the following:

1. **Greeting:** “Dear Cross of Christ...
2. **Words of Thanks:** “I thank God for you because... (two reasons you are thankful for this church)
3. **Name a struggle for this church:** “I see a problem you are having with.... (name one struggle you see at Cross of Christ right now)
4. **Encouragement:** Words of hope or encouragement you can offer to this problem or words of God’s promises
5. **Sign your name**

Close in Prayer with one another.

Parent Signature: _____