

VIII. The Imprisonment Epistles of Paul.

Written from Rome during the first imprisonment.

A. Colossians.

1. Genuineness.
2. Occasion.
3. Purpose.
4. Main theme: The Supreme Glory of Christ.
5. General outline.
 - a. Introduction, 1:1-12.
 - b. Doctrinal portion on the Person of Christ, 1:13-2:3.
 - c. Paul's warnings to the Colossians, 2:4-23.
 - d. Exhortations and injunctions, 3:1-4:6.
 - e. Personal messages, 4:7-18.

B. Philemon.

1. Genuineness.
2. Occasion.
3. Purpose.
4. Main theme: An Ideal Christian Brother.
5. General outline.
 - a. Salutations, vv. 1-3.
 - b. Christian character and usefulness of Philemon, vv. 4-7.
 - c. Paul's intercession for Onesimus, the runaway slave, vv. 8-21.
 - d. Paul announces his hope of coming to Philemon, v. 22.
 - e. Greetings and benediction, vv. 23-25.

C. Ephesians.

1. Genuineness
2. Occasion
3. Purpose
4. Main theme: The Church as the Body of Christ.
5. General outline.
 - a. Salutation, 1:1-2.
 - b. Doctrinal portion, 1:3-3:21.
 - c. Practical portion, 4:1-6:20.
 - d. Conclusion, 6:21-24.

D. Philippians.

1. Genuineness.
2. Occasion.
3. Purpose.
4. Main theme: Christian Joy
Note the words "joy" and "rejoice" in the Epistle.
5. General outline.
 - a. Salutation and thanksgiving, 1:1-11.
 - b. Paul's present condition and future prospects, 1:12-26.
 - c. Exhortation to unity, 1:27-2:18.
 - d. The mission of Timothy and of Epaphroditus, 2:19-30.
 - e. Warning against opponents, 3:1-4:1.
 - f. Final exhortations, 4:2-9.
 - g. Personal matters and final greetings, 4:10-23.