

THROUGH THE BIBLE

IN 12-WEEKS

OT

9/4 LAW (GEN-DEUT)

9/11 HISTORY (JOSH-EST)

9/18 POETRY (JOB-SONG)

9/25 PROPHECY (ISA-MAL)

10/2 OT NARRATIVE

10/9 OT RECAP

NT

10/16 GOSPELS (MATT-ACTS)

10/23 PAULINE (ROM-PHM)

10/30 CATHOLIC (HEB-JUDE)

11/6 APOCALYPTIC (DAN, REV)

11/13 NT NARRATIVE

11/20 NT RECAP

NT

CATHOLIC EPISTLES

HEB-JUDE

FORMATION OF THE CANNON

1. Old Testament Canon: The 39 books recognized during Jesus' time, so Jesus Himself confirms.
2. New Testament Canon: The 27 books mostly recognized before 170 AD, fully affirmed before 367 AD.
3. Deuterocanonical Books: The 12 additional books (Apocrypha) officially recognized by the Roman Catholic in 1546.

CRITERIA FOR CANONICITY

1. Apostolic Authority: Written by an apostle or someone closely associated with an apostle.
2. Self-Identification: The book claims to be divinely inspired or the word of God.
3. Widespread Recognition: The early church recognized it as authoritative and used it in teaching.
4. Theological Consistency: The content is consistent with the overall teaching of Scripture.
5. Historical Accuracy: The content is inerrant and aligns with known historical facts.

HEBREWS



- **Author:**
 - Unknown. Written to an unknown audience, but an audience with a deep understanding of the OT.
- **Lesson:**
 - Jesus, the superior High Priest and fulfillment of the Old Covenant, calls believers to persevere in faith.
- **Key Verse:** Hebrews 12:2

HEBREWS



- 1–2 Jesus, the greatest revelation of God's word
- 3–4 Jesus, the greatest leader of God's people
- 5–7 Jesus, the greatest priest for salvation
- 8–10 Jesus, the greatest fulfillment of God's covenant
- 11–13 Faith in Jesus, through hardship like those before us

JAMES



- **Author:**
 - James, the brother of Jesus, who was a main leader in the early church in Jerusalem. The style is wisdom statements, like proverbs.
- **Lesson:**
 - True faith produces godly actions, marked by wisdom, humility, and compassion for others.
- **Key Verse:** James 2:17

JAMES



- 1 Faith through trials
- 2 Faith through works
- 3 Faith through wisdom
- 4 Faith through humility
- 5 Faith through patience

1 PETER



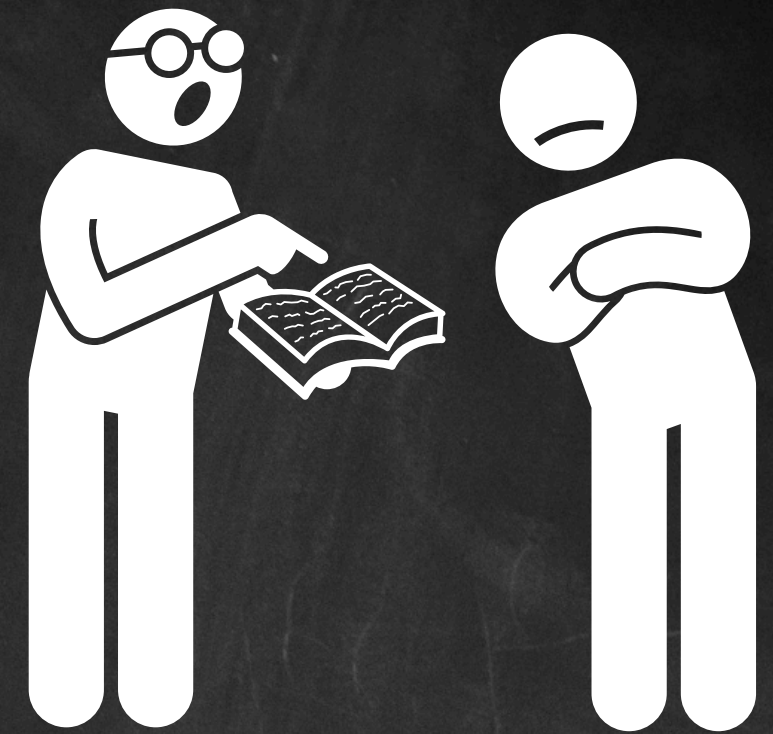
- **Author:**
 - The apostle Peter, with the help of Silas, to the churches in 5 regions near modern day Turkey.
- **Lesson:**
 - Suffering believers are called to live holy lives, set apart by hope in Christ's promise.
- **Key Verse:** 1 Peter 1:15

1 PETER



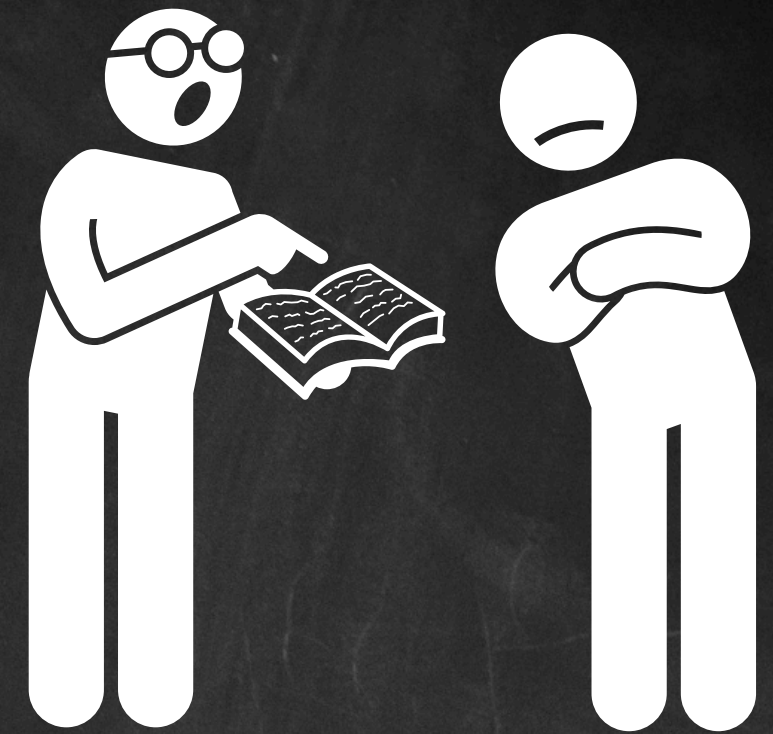
- 1:1–2:10 Godly representatives: chosen as temporary residents serving in obedience
- 2:11–3:13 Godly relationships: demonstrating Christ's love through submission
- 3:14–4:19 Godly suffering: the good work God does through our trials
- 5:1–14 Godly leadership: humbly shepherding the church to resist the Devil

2 PETER



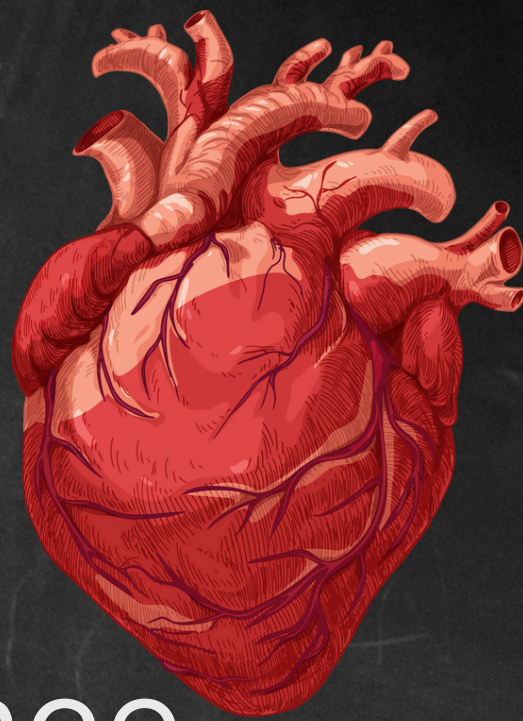
- **Author:**
 - The apostle Peter. A goodbye before being martyred, warning of false teaching that will come when he's gone.
- **Lesson:**
 - Believers must grow in knowledge and guard against false teachings while waiting for Christ's return.
- **Key Verse:** 2 Peter 3:18

2 PETER



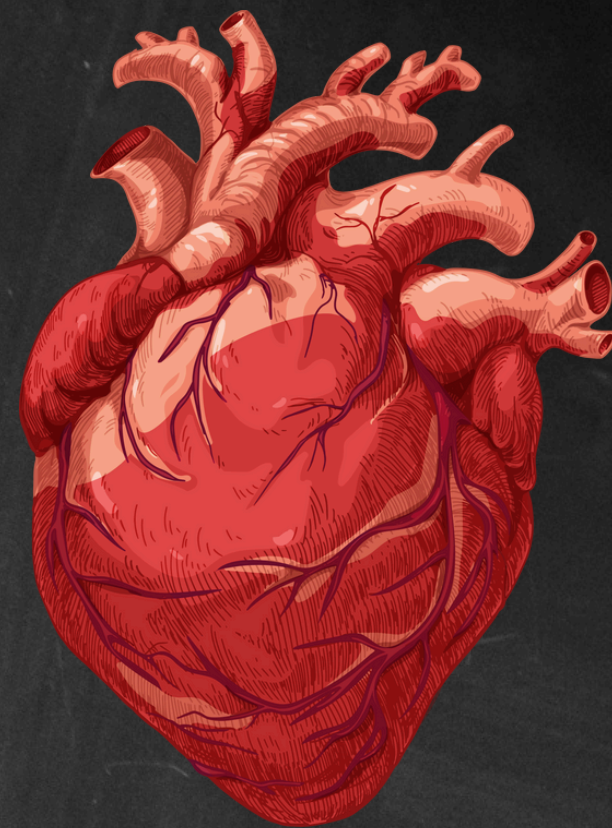
- **1 Growth in Faith**
 - Foundation in faith and virtues to pursue
- **2 Warnings Against False Teachers**
 - Their characteristics, corruption, and fate
- **3 The Day of the Lord**
 - Confidence, patience, and expectance

1 JOHN



- **Author:**
 - The Apostle John to an unknown audience.
 - Shares themes with the Gospel of John.
- **Lesson:**
 - Genuine fellowship with God is marked by love, obedience, and belief in Jesus as the Son of God.
- **Key Verse:** 1 John 3:18

1 JOHN



- 1 Life is in the light
- 2 Love is in obedience
- 3 God's children live righteously
- 4 Know God in truth and love
- 5 Assurance of faith through obedience

2 JOHN



- **Author:**
 - The Apostle John “to the elect lady and her children,” referring to a local church.
- **Lesson:**
 - Walk in truth and love, holding fast to Christ’s teachings to avoid deception.
- **Key Verse:** 2 John 1:5

2 JOHN



- v1–6 Walking in Truth and Love
 - v1–3 Greeting and Emphasis on Love
 - v4–6 Command to Love and Obey
- v7–13 Warning Against Deceivers
 - v7, 10–11 Identifying Deceivers
 - v8–9 Guarding the Faith
 - v12–13 Closing Encouragement

3 JOHN



- **Author:**
 - The Apostle John to a believer and possible church leader named Gaius.
- **Lesson:**
 - Show hospitality and support to those spreading the gospel, while rejecting divisive behavior.
- **Key Verse:** 3 John 1:11

3 JOHN



- v1–8 Encouragement for faithfulness
 - v1–4 Commendation of Gaius
 - v5–8 Support for Missionaries
- v9–15 Condemnation for divisiveness
 - v9–10 Critique of Diotrephes
 - v12 Commendation of Demetrius
 - v13–15 Final Farewell

JUDE



- **Author:**

- Jude, the brother of Jesus. Little is known about Jude, or the audience of the letter.

- **Lesson:**

- Contend for the faith by resisting false teachers and building up your faith in Christ.

- **Key Verse:** Jude 1:3

JUDE



- v1-4 Call to contend for the faith
 - Defend the faith against false teachers
- v5-16 Warning against ungodly men
 - Examples and characteristics of false teachers
- v17-25 Exhortations to persevere
 - Build your faith, help the weak, praise to God