

## *The New Testament Letters: Part I*

### *The Early Letters of Saint Paul*

The information below is to help you use the recordings for this series.

The following list includes the primary text for each lesson along with key topics corresponding to the questions of the lessons (indicated by the letter *Q*). The time-mark shows where that topic can be found in the recording. The phrase following the time-mark indicates the start-place for that segment.

#### LESSON 1: 1 Thessalonians (53:24)

- Q. 1a, 1b, Evangelizing: In the Footsteps of St. Paul
- Q. 1c, An Apostle's Work: To Make Up What Is Lacking 20:34 "Saint Paul, shortly..."
- Q. 2a, The Second Coming 26:32 "Through Timothy..."
- Q. 2b, Holiness: God's Will for Us 33:11 "We turn now..."

#### LESSON 2: 2 Thessalonians (56:04)

- Q. 1a, 1b, Christ's Second Coming
  - Q. 1b (II) 25:24 "Towards the end of..."
- Q. 2a, Being a Model of Holiness for Others 28:00 "Now, Saint Paul talks..."
- Q. 2a, 2b, Sacred Tradition and Its Relationship to Scripture 35:14 "In this second letter..."

#### LESSON 3: Galatians 1 – 3 (57:08)

- Q. 1a, The Content and Tone of Galatians
- Q. 1b, Introduction to St. Paul's Defense of Himself 05:44 "Now, what has..."
  - St. Paul's Defense of Himself 12:32 "So we begin, then..."
- Q. 2, The Doctrine of Justification by Faith 37:09 "Finally, in question..."

#### LESSON 4: Galatians 4 – 6 (50:03)

- Q. 1, The Purpose of the Law
- Q. 1, Hagar and Sarah: Figures of Two Covenants 13:28 "He goes further..."
- Q. 2, Faith Expresses Itself Through Love 30:44 "So we begin, then..."

#### LESSON 5: 1 Corinthians 1 – 4 (57:11)

- Q. 1a, Division in the Church: We All Belong to Christ
- Q. 1b, Christians Are Entrusted with the Mysteries of Christ 08:04 "Tied to this..."
- Q. 2a, The Power and Wisdom of God Revealed in the Weak 19:09 "Saint Paul continues..."
  - Q. 2a (II) 36:02 "So he continues in..."

- Q. 2b, We Are God’s Field and God’s Building 44:32 “Saint Paul speaks in...”

LESSON 6: 1 Corinthians 5 – 6 (53:11)

- Q. 1, Scandal in the Church
- Q. 2, Seeking Worldly Wisdom 17:06 “At the beginning of...”
- Q. 3, Sexual Immorality and Chastity 32:34 “In the last section...”

LESSON 7: 1 Corinthians 7 (56:15)

- Q. 1, Introduction
- Q. 2, Conjugal Love and Marriage 07:09 “Now we go to question...”
- Q. 3, Marriage Between Christians and Non-Christians 26:19 “In the middle of this...”
  - Q. 4 32:52 “Question number four...”
- Q. 5, Virginity for the Sake of the Kingdom 42:12<sup>1</sup> “It’s the thing that happens...”

LESSON 8: 1 Corinthians 8 – 10 (56:24)

- Q. 1, Love and the Fulfillment of the Law
- Q. 2, Freedom and the Demands of Love 24:17 “Which brings us into question two...”
- Q. 3a, The Old Testament as Divine Instruction 36:59 “He turns then to...”
- Q. 3b, The Usefulness of Trials and Temptation 43:32<sup>2</sup> “We have to be careful...”

LESSON 9: 1 Corinthians 11 (56:34)

- Q. 1, In the Presence of God Woman Is Veiled Though Man Is Not
- Q. 2, True Communion (the Eucharist) Insists on Charity 36:02 “Now, in the second...”

LESSON 10: 1 Corinthians 12 – 14 (51:18)

- Q. 1a, Charisms in the Life of the Church
  - Q. 1b (Charisms continued) 24:55 “The reason that Saint...”
- Q. 1c, Love Is the Goal and Measure of All Things 30:50<sup>3</sup> “So, after Saint Paul clarifies this...”
- Q. 1d, Prophecy 42:29 “Saint Paul talks about...”

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<sup>1</sup> Question 5 begins by way of a transition connected with the content covered in question 4 regarding the freedom and power we find in Christ to serve in every situation, place, and vocation.

<sup>2</sup> Question 3b is a continuation of the material addressed in question 3a, regarding lessons the Israelites needed to learn in the desert.

<sup>3</sup> Question 1c begins by way of a transition from questions 1a and 1b covering charisms or gifts in the Church.

LESSON 11: 1 Corinthians 15 – 16 (56:21)

- Q. 1a, If Christ Has Not Been Raised Our Faith Is in Vain
- Q. 1b, What Do We Know About How the Dead Rise? 30:52 “After Saint Paul...”
- Q. 1c, A Final Note Written in Paul’s Hand 49:38 “Finally, we come to...”

LESSON 12: 2 Corinthians 1 – 2 (57:24)

- Q. 1a, The Paraclete Uses Our Suffering to Good Purpose
- Q. 1b, Changing One’s Mind 15:06 “In the second half of...”
- Q. 1c, Obedience to the Voice of Christ in the Apostles 34:03 “Then, in chapter two...”
- Q. 2, The Fragrance of Christ 45:42 “Finally, the last question...”

LESSON 13: 2 Corinthians 3 – 7 (43:55)

- Q. 1, A Covenant Not of Written Letters but of the Spirit
- Q. 2a, The Image of Tent in Scripture 10:37 “Saint Paul goes on...”
- Q. 2b, We Are a New Creation in Christ 33:03 “This is the beauty of...”

LESSON 14: 2 Corinthians 8 – 9 (50:00)

- Q. 1a, Collection for the Poor in Jerusalem
- Q. 1b, Almsgiving 21:48<sup>4</sup> “So in examining...”
  - Q. 1b, God’s Providence 33:32 “Saint Paul, at the middle...”
  - Q. 1b (II) 42:06 “In the last part...”

LESSON 15: 2 Corinthians 10 – 13 (53:08)

- Q. 1a, God’s Jealous Love for Us
- Q. 1b, Loyalty to the Teachings of the Apostles 30:48<sup>5</sup> “In the second...”
- Q. 1b (II), The Foolishness of Human Measure

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<sup>4</sup> At 21:50 there is a transition from Question 1a concerning the Collection into Question 1b on almsgiving. The content of the two questions is closely connected.

<sup>5</sup> The two parts of Question 1b are interwoven throughout the second portion of the recording.