I & II CORINTHIANS, I & II THESSALONIANS, I & II TIMOTHY, TITUS

Adult Bible Course

I. <u>BIBLE STUDY DESCRIPTION</u>

These works of the Apostle are important for today's Christian, for they point to where the Church should be heading, Christian living and teaching on topics that have split the Church of Jesus, in the past. We shall look into what God says and then apply it to our lives.

II. BIBE STUDY OBJECTIVE

Our basic objective is to bring each individual to a basic understanding and knowledge of the content of these important New Testament books and how it applies to Christians today. In this way, we will grow in Christ as we grow in knowledge and change our behavior to conform to His will.

III. <u>ASSIGNMENTS</u>

The purpose of these assignments is: to give you as much opportunity as possible to read and study the Bible and let it become a part of your life. By hiding God's Word in our hearts, it will help prevent us from sinning against Him.

- A. Read the Commentary and answer the questions on the Study Guides.
- B. Look at how this material can be applied to your life.

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IV. <u>LESSONS</u>

Lesson 1: Introduction and background

Lesson 2: I Corinthians 1-5
Lesson 3: I Corinthians 6-10
Lesson 4: I Corinthians 11-16
Lesson 5: 2 Corinthians 1-5
Lesson 6: 2 Corinthians 6-10

Lesson 7: 2 Corinthians 11-13

Lesson 8: I Thessalonians

Lesson 9: 2 Thessalonians

Lesson 10: I Timothy 1-3 Lesson 11: I Timothy 4-6

Lesson 12: 2 Timothy

Lesson 13: Titus

BACKGROUND

I CORINTHIANS and II CORINTHIANS:

These 2 books were written by the apostle Paul to the Church at Corinth. The first letter was written about 55 A.D. and the second was written around 57 A.D.

The letters were written to a city that had rebuilt itself and was about 100 years old now. They were a prosperous city that took great pride in their accomplishments. It's morals, however, had deteriorated greatly.

The Church in Corinth had to be corrected and reminded by Paul that they were called to a holy life and what that meant.

I THESSALONIANS and II THESSALONIANS:

The letters to the Thessalonians were written about 51 A.D. and 52 A.D. The city of Thessalonica was a prominent city throughout its' history. Its' government was democratic in nature.

The Church was reminded by Paul to live righteous lives and to anticipate the return of Jesus Christ. In the second letter, some had become lax in their service and were reprimanded.

I TIMOTHY and II TIMOTHY:

Timothy was an individual that Paul had become close to during his ministry. He gives Timothy instruction and guidelines on what the Church is to be, and how to achieve that very thing. Paul wrote these "personal" letter to Timothy near the end of his life.

TITUS:

This letter of Paul's was probably written around 65 or 66 A.D. to Titus. It is assumed that Titus was converted by Paul and was also familiar to many of the Christians in Jerusalem.

Titus is given instructions on various groups in the Church and what their responsibilities should be. Paul also reminds him of the need for Christians to lead pure lives.