

b. Extended Notes

(1) Chapter Summaryies:

- Titus: 1. Salutation, qualification of elders, etc.
 2. Attitudes and duties in the body...the blessed hope
 3. Submission to authorities, kindness, good works, etc

Philemon (by verses:

- 1-7 Thanks to God for Philemon, prayer
 8-21 Appeal for Onesimus
 22 Paul's plan to visit
 23-24 Greetings

(2) Special points of study

- qualifications of those who serve
- the promise of the Lord's coming
- relation faith/good works
- character of the house church
- sociological changes

c. Conclusion/Summary

Very personal works and one almost feels like an eavesdropper in Philemon. But it is out of the lives and wisdom of others that we grow and learn what God expects of us and will do through us. The practical nature of these epistles is very plain and helpful.

E. Survey Notes on the General Epistles

This is the second major class of letters and is something of a catch-all, so to speak. Each group is written with specific purpose and intent and together the letters form a general corpus of spiritual advice in matters of holy living. While doctrine is plainly seen, the character of life is even more plainly set forth and on the general basis of to the church at large rather than in the Pauline setting of to the church in a particular place. This makes a broader representation in the letters on the one hand, and also a lack of specification on the other. At any rate...