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St. Paul on:

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The Letter to the Hebrews

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The letters of St. Peter

The letters of St. John

Highlights of Romans

We can know that God exists

Refusal to admit that God exists has horrific
consequences

Left to ourselves, we sin, even if we fight it

SIN IS SLAVERY

Jesus rescues us from sin

We do not rescue ourselves and therefore cannot boast
about it

God still has a plan for the Jews

Letters to Timothy and Titus

1 Tim 3:16: The Church is the pillar and bulwark of the truth.

2 Tim 3:16: All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

The "thorn" in St. Paul's flesh.

A "messenger of Satan".

No one knows exactly what it was.

He begs the Lord three times that it be taken away,
but is refused.

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made
perfect in weakness."

St. Paul brags about being weak because weakness
brings him the power of Christ.

THE ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

"... be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." - Eph. 6:11

The Shield of Faith (Eph. 6:16)

Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.

The Helmet of Salvation (Eph. 6:17)

Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

The Breastplate of Righteousness (Eph. 6:14)

Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

The Belt of Truth (Eph. 6:14)

Truth keeps us from giving in to the world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and actions to the truth of the Word of God.

The Sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17)

which is the Word of God. God's Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others what the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions, and makes them want to be forgiven.

Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace (Eph. 6:15)

The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said peacemakers were blessed.



Ephesians 6:10-18

Hebrews

Written for Jewish Christians who were being tempted to abandon Christianity and return to Judaism

Christianity is the fulfillment of Judaism—why abandon the fulfillment for the shadow?

Christ is the true, perfect, and eternal High Priest

The sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross fulfills all sacrifices

“Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

The Book of James (in music)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6lZzp1u1PDQ&feature=youtube_gdata

Letters of Peter

Be strong under persecution

“Honor all men. Love the brotherhood [of Christians].

Fear God. Honor the emperor.”

If you are going to suffer, suffer for doing what is right

The Flood was a type of Baptism, and Baptism saves

us by washing our souls clean

The Lord is not slow in keeping His promises, even if

it looks like it, but is waiting to save as many as

possible.

The letters of St. John

Against Gnosticism, which taught (among other things) that Jesus wasn't really God because God couldn't really associate with matter because matter is evil (which we know to be false!)

We [the Apostles, probably] have seen, heard, touched Jesus, so He is real

God is light

God is love

Knowing Jesus means keeping His commandments

Do not love the world: lust of the flesh and of the eyes, and the pride of life—directly opposed to the
Evangelical Counsels

How do we recognize the antichrist?

Lots of them, precursors of the final one

The spirit of antichrist: "every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God."

God is love. This is something He had to tell us; no pagan philosopher ever figured it out. Remember this when people start to tell you that the Bible is wrong because it shows us an unloving God: THE ONLY PLACE WE FIND OUT THAT GOD IS LOVE IS THE BIBLE!

Faith in Jesus conquers the world!