Philippians

Self-humbling of Christ & his subsequent glorification

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited." 2:5-6

"Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good." 2:12-13
Colossians

Hymn. "He is the image of the invisible God, the 
firstborn of all creation." 1:15

First-born from the dead

First-born of all creation
1 Thessalonians  
Key theme: What happens to Christians who have died.

The Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 5:2

"For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first." 4:16
2 Thessalonians

Addresses problems caused by people not working b/c they anticipated the second coming... 3:10

"The lawless one" will be revealed. 2:1-12
1 Timothy

Young
Concerns for: widows...5:3
2 Timothy

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching. 3:16

Paul is deserted by Demas. 4:10
Titus

Bishops = "... blameless, he must not be arrogant or quick- tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of goodness, master of himself, upright." 1:7
Philemon

Onesimus was a slave. 10

Paul urges Philemon to welcome Onesimus as he would welcome Paul himself. 17
Hebrews

Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline?" 12:7

Jesus likened to Melchizedek. 7:15

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 11:1

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 1:1
James

Show me your faith apart from your work, and I by my works will show you my faith." 2:18

Tongue = fire 3:6

Addresses the rich in condemning language. 5

“If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you do well... for whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of it all,” 2:8-13.

Pray over the sick and anoint them with oil. 5:14
1 Peter

"The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner and a stone that will make men stumble, a rock that will make them fall." 2:7

"Come unto him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." 2:4-5

Christian attitude toward every human institution? Be subject to it.

"Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal which comes upon you to prove you." 4:12

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 2:9
2 Peter

The day of Christ's return: "With the Lord, one day is a 1,000 yrs, and 1,000 years as one day," 3:4

The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance; 3:9.

Some of Paul's teaching are hard to understand.
1 John

Theme: Love

God is Light, in God there is no darkness.

What spirit does not confess Jesus? The Antichrist. 4:3

Essential theme = love 1:7

"Children, it is the last hour! As you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. From this we know that it is the last hour." 2:18

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life. 1
2 John
3 John
Jude

"...in which some, who doubt; save some, by snatching them out of the fire..." and "contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the Saints": Jude 3; Jude 22:23.

"Likewise, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which, in the same manner as they, indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural lust, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of fire." 7
Revelation

Vision of Christ w/ 7 messages 1:11 - 3:22

What happens to those beheaded for testimony to Jesus & for the Word of God? Come to life, reign w/ Christ 1000 yrs. 20:4

24 elders = group that falls before the one seated on the throne and cast their crowns before the throne. 4:10

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth..." 21:1