Letters of Paul (NT5)

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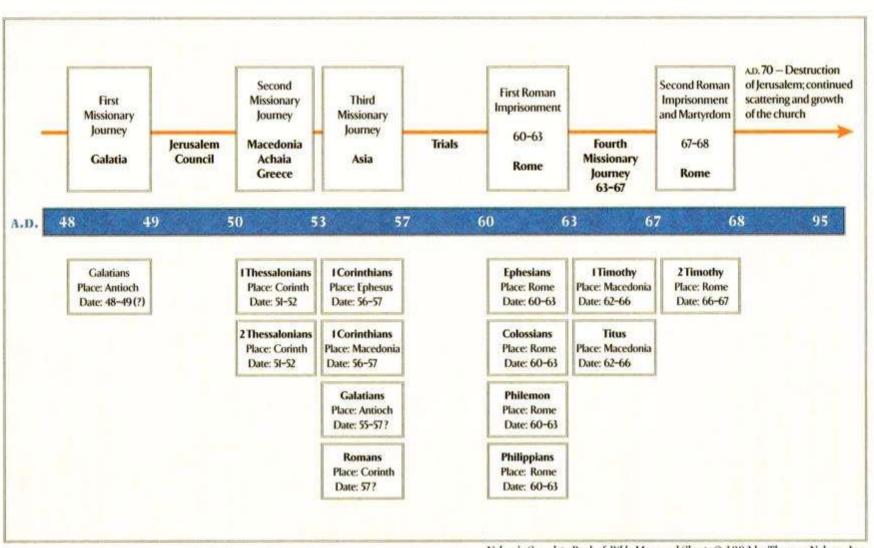
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- 1. Life & Teachings of Paul; Romans
- 2. 1st & 2nd Corinthians
- 3. Galatians & Ephesians
- 4. Philippians, Colossians & Philemon
- 5. 1st & 2nd Thessalonians
- 6. Pastoral Epistles: 1st & 2nd Timothy, Titus
- 7. The Significance of Paul; Final Exam



Letter Key Verse	То	Where Written	When Written	Theme
Galatians 5:22, 23	Church at Galatia	Antioch in Syria	AD 49	Free in Christ Through Faith
1 Thessalonians 5:16-23	Church at Thessalonica	Corinth	AD 51	Letter to New Christians
2 Thessalonians 3:4-6	Church at Thessalonica	Corinth	AD 51	Persevere Until Christ Returns
1 Corinthians 13:4, 5	Church at Corinth	Ephesus	AD 56	Addresses Problems in the Church
2 Corinthians 12:9	Church at Corinth	Macedonia	AD 56	Paul's Authority Against False Teachers
Romans 12:1, 2a	Church at Rome	Corinth	AD 57	Salvation: Righteousness from God
Ephesians 2:8, 9	Church at Ephesus	Rome	AD 60/61	The Church and Body of Christ
Colossians 2:9, 10	Church at Colossae	Rome	AD 60/61	Christ Is Everything
Philemon 17-19	Philemon, a friend at Colossae	Rome	AD 60/61	Brothers in Christ
Philippians 2:14, 15	Church at Philippi	Rome	AD 62	Joy at All Times
1 Timothy 4:12, 13	Timothy, leader of Church at Ephesus	Macedonia	AD 62/63	Caring for the Church
Titus 3:4-7	Titus, leader of Church in Crete	Corinth	AD 63	Living in Faith
2 Timothy 3:15-17	Timothy, leader of Church at Ephesus	Rome	AD 67	Paul's Last Words





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Paul's Second Journey: AD 49-51



Paul's Third Journey: AD 52-57



The Book of 1 Thessalonians

- Author: Apostle Paul
- Date: c. AD 51-52
- Theme: Primarily an emphasis on the Second Coming of Christ.
- Purpose: To provide instruction, support and encouragement to a young church in time of persecution.
- Outline: *Personal Reflections on Thessalonians (1-3)
 *Instructions for the Thessalonians (4-5)

Outline of the Book of 1 Thessalonians

- I. Thanksgiving for the Thessalonians (ch.1)
 - A. The reasons for his thanksgiving (1:1-4)
 - B. The genuineness of the reasons (1:5-10)
- II. Paul's defense of his apostleship (chs.2-3)
 - A. Paul's defense of his apostolic actions (2:1-4)
 - B. Paul's explanation for his absence (2:17-3:10)
 - C. Paul's prayer for his visit and for the Thessalonians (3:11-13)
- **III.** Exhortations to the Thessalonians *(4:1-5:22)*
 - A. Concerning their personal lives (4:1-12)
 - **B.** Concerning the Return of Christ (4:13-5:11)
 - C. Concerning life in the Church (5:12-22)
- IV. Concluding prayer, greetings & benediction (5:23-28)

The Book of 1 Thessalonians

Key Verses

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage each other with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

The Book of 2 Thessalonians

• Author: Apostle Paul

Date: c. AD 51-52

Theme: Presents an extensive eschatology.

 Purpose: Similar to 1 Thess. – encourage persecuted believers, exhort to be steadfast and work, correct misunderstandings on Lord's return.

Outline:*Encouragement in Persecution (1)
 *Explanation of the Day of the Lord (2)
 *Exhortation to the Church (3)

Outline of the Book of 1 Thessalonians

- Introduction (ch.1)
 - **A.** Greetings (1:1-2)
 - B. Thanksgiving for the Thessalonians' faith, love, and perseverance (1:3-10)
 - C. Intercession or their spiritual growth (1:11-12)
- II. Instruction to the Thessalonians (ch.2)
 - A. Prophesy regarding the Day of the Lord (2:1-12)
 - B. Thanksgiving for their election and calling (2:13-15)
 - C. Prayer for their service and testimony (2:16-17)
- **III.** Exhortations to the Thessalonians (ch.3))
 - A. A call to pray (3:1-5)
 - B. Charge to discipline the disorderly & lazy (3:6-15)
 - C. Conclusion, final greetings & benediction (3:16-18)

The Book of 2 Thessalonians

Key Verses

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, ² not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. ³ Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. ² Thessalonians 2:1-3

...from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.