Letters of Paul (NT5)

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Letters of 1 & 2 Corinthians
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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



Paul's Second Journey: AD 49-51



Paul's Third Journey: AD 52-57





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The Book of 1 Corinthians

- **№ Author:** Apostle Paul
- **b** Date: **c.** AD 55-57
- Problems in Christian conduct in the Corinthian church, including immaturity, divisions, jealousy, immorality and false teaching.
- **Purpose:** To promote greater maturity in the church in one of Greece's major cities.
- - *Answer to Report of Fornication (5-6)
 - *Answer to Letter of Questions (7-16)

Outline of 1 Corinthians

- I. Introduction (1:1-9)
- II. Division in the church (1:10-4:21)
 - A. The fact of the division (1:10-17)
 - B. The cause of the division (1:18-4:13)
 - 1. A wrong conception of the Christian message (1:18-3:4)
 - 2. A wrong conception of Christian ministry & ministers (3:5-4:5)
 - 3. A wrong conception of Paul's ministry(4:6-13)
 - C. Exhortation to end the divisions (4:14-21)
- III. Morale & ethical disorders in the church (chs.5-6)
 - A. Laxity in church discipline (ch.5)
 - B. Lawsuits before non-Christian judges (6:1-11)
 - C. Warning against sexual immorality (6:12-20)
- IV. Instruction on marriage (ch.7)
 - A. General principles (7:1-7)
 - B. The problems of the married (7:8-24)
 - C. The problems of the unmarried (7:25-40)

Outline of 1 Corinthians (cont.)

- V. Instruction on questionable practices (re: idols) (8:1-11:1)
 - A. The principles involved (ch.8)
 - B. The principles illustrated (ch.9)
 - C. A warning from the history of Israel (10:1-2)
 - D. The principles applied (10:23-11:1)
- VI. Instruction on public worship (11:2-14:40)
 - A. Propriety in worship (11:2-16)
 - **B.** The Lord's Supper (11:17-34)
 - C. Spiritual gifts (chs.12-14)
 - 1. The test of the gifts (12:1-3)
 - 2. The unity of the gifts (12:4-11)
 - 3. The diversity of the gifts (12:13-31a)
 - 4. The necessity of exercising the gifts in love (12:31b-13:13)
 - 5. The superiority of prophesy over tongues (14:1-25)
 - 6. Rules governing public worship (14:26-40)
- VII. Instruction on the resurrection (ch.15)
 - A. The certainty of the resurrection (15:1-34)
 - B. Consideration of certain objections (15:35-57)
 - C. Concluding appeal (15:58)
- VIII. Conclusion: Practical and personal matters (ch.16)

The Book of 2 Corinthians

№ Date: c. AD 55-57

Example 1 Theme: Paul's defense and explanation of his

apostleship.

Response: For Paul to defend his ministry and message, oppose false teachers, and admonish the Corinthians to clean up their act and to give (as promised) to the poor church in Jerusalem.

*Paul's Collection for the Saints (8-9)

*Paul's Vindication of His Apostleship (10-13)

Outline of 2 Corinthians

- I. Apologetic: Paul's explanation of his conduct and apostolic ministry (chs.1-7)
 - **A.** Greetings (1:1-2)
 - B. Thanksgiving for divine comfort in affliction (1:3-11)
 - C. Integrity of Paul's motives and conduct (1:12-2:4)
 - D. Forgiving the offending parties at Corinth (2:5-11)
 - E. God's direction in ministry (2:12-17)
 - F. The Corinthian believers a letter from Christ (3:1-11)
 - G. Seeing the glory of God with unveiled faces (3:12-4:6)
 - H. Treasures in jars of clay (4:7-16a)
 - I. Prospect of death & what it means for the Christian (4:16b-5:10)
 - J. The ministry of reconciliation (5:11-6:10)
 - K. A spiritual father's appeal to his children (6:11-7:4)
 - L. The meeting with Titus (7:6-16)

Outline of 2 Corinthians (cont.)

- II. Encouragement re: the collection for Christians in Jerusalem (chs.8-9)
 - A. Generosity encouraged (8:1-15)
 - B. Titus & his companions sent to Corinth (8:16-9:5)
 - C. Results of generous giving (9:6-15)
- III. Paul's vindication of his apostolic authority (chs.10-13)
 - A. Paul's defense of his apostolic authority & the area of his mission (ch.10)
 - B. Paul forced into "foolish" boasting (chs.11-12)
 - **C.** Final warnings (13:1-10)
 - D. Conclusion, final greetings and benediction (13:11-14)

The Book of 2 Corinthians

Key Verses

For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. 2 Cor. 4:5-6

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 2 Cor. 5:17-20





The Book of Galatians

Author: Apostle Paul

Date: **c. AD 49**

Theme: Salvation is by grace alone, and the Old Testament Law is not only unnecessary,

but harmful.

Purpose: To correct the false teaching of Judaizers who had misled the Galatian churches after Paul planted them.

Outline: *Gospel of Grace Defended (1-2)

*Gospel of Grace Explained (3-4)

*Gospel of Grace Applied (5-6)

The Book of Galatians

Key Verses

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!

Galatians 2:20-21

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1

The Book of 1 Thessalonians

№ 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.

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

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

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.

The Book of 2 Thessalonians

★ Theme: Presents an extensive eschatology.

<u>Purpose</u>: Similar to 1 Thess. – encourage persecuted believers, exhort to be

steadfast and work, correct

misunderstandings on Lord's return.

*Explanation of the Day of the Lord (2)

*Exhortation to the Church (3)

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.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-15