Letters of Paul (NT5)

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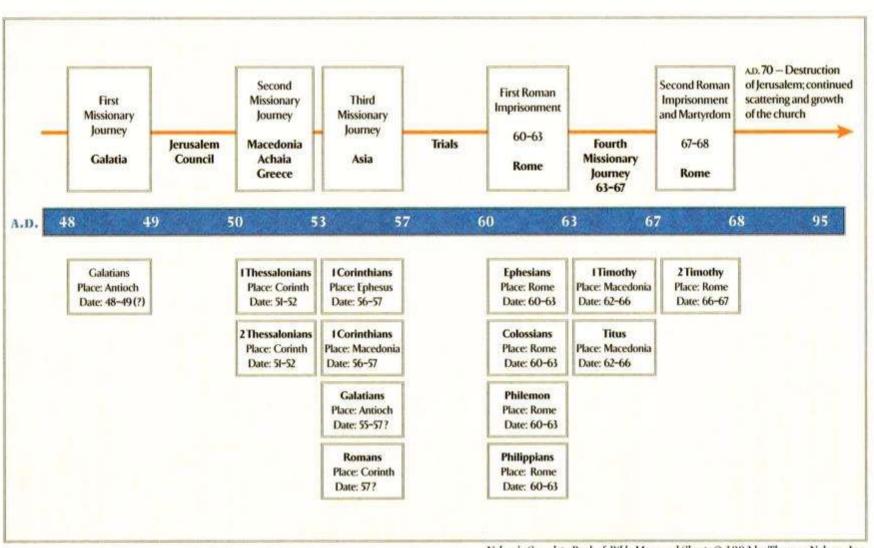
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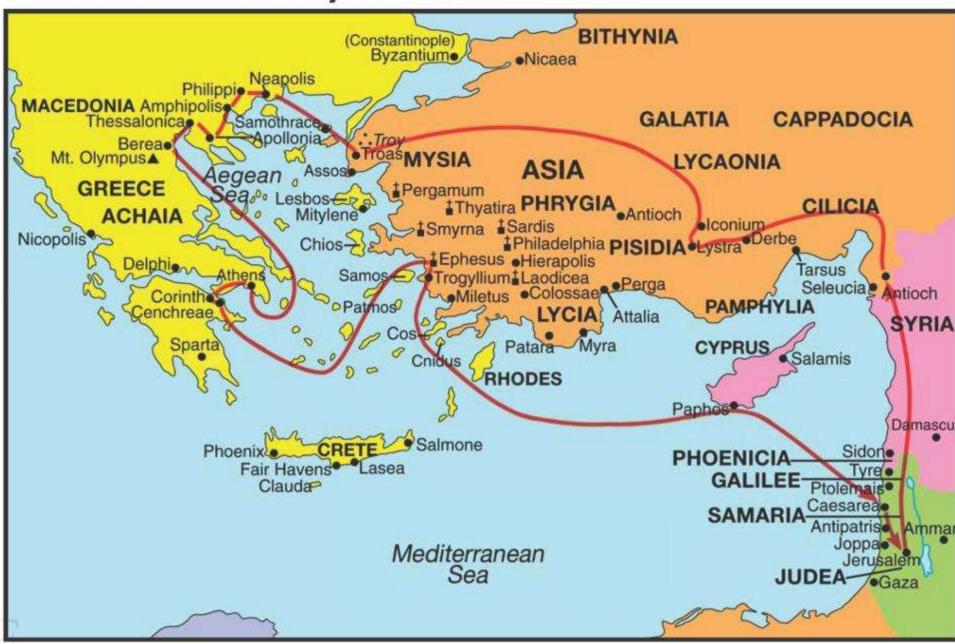
Letter Key Verse	То	Where Written	When Written	Theme
Galatians 5:22, 23	Church at Galatia	Antioch in Syria	AD 49	Free in Christ Through Faith
1 Thessalonians 5:16-23	Church at Thessalonica	Corinth	AD 51	Letter to New Christians
2 Thessalonians 3:4-6	Church at Thessalonica	Corinth	AD 51	Persevere Until 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 Philippians

Author: Apostle Paul

Date: c. AD 60-63

Theme: The Christ-centered life, the sign of which

is joy.

 Purpose: To thank the Philippians, report on his circumstances, encourage the church under persecution, exhort them to humility and warn against false teachers.

Outline: *Paul's Present Circumstances (1)

*Appeal to Have the Mind of Christ (2)

*Appeal to Have Knowledge of Christ (3)

*Appeal to Have the Peace of Christ (4)

The Book of Philippians - Key Verses

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:21

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:11-13

Main Points in Philippians

- This is a letter of joy and encouragement; the most personal of all Paul's letters. His fond affection for the Philippians is clear.
- Paul shares his present circumstances in prison in Rome (this is one of four "Prison Epistles.")
- Paul shares his appreciation for the consistent testimony and support from the Philippians.
- Paul exhorts the Philippians to have unity, humility – to have the "mind of Christ."

Outline of the Book of Philippians

- Paul's present circumstance (1:1-30)
 - A. Paul's prayer of thanksgiving (1:1-11)
 - B. Paul's afflictions promote the Gospel (1:12-18)
 - C. Paul's afflictions exalt the Lord (1:19-26)
 - D. Paul's exhortation to the afflicted (1:27-30)
- II. Paul's appeal to have the Mind of Christ (3:1-30)
 - A. Paul's exhortation to humility (2:1-4)
 - B. Christ's example of humility (2:5-16)
 - C. Paul's example of humility (2:17,18)
 - D. Timothy's example of humility (2:19-24)
 - E. Epaphroditus' example of humility (2:25-30)

Outline of the Book of Philippians

- III. Paul's appeal to have the Knowledge of Christ (3:1-21)
 - A. Warning against confidence in the flesh (3:1-9)
 - B. Exhortation to know Christ (3:10-16)
 - C. Warning against living for the flesh (3:17-21)
- IV. Paul's appeal to have the Peace of Christ (4:1-23)
 - A. Peace with the brethren (4:1-3)
 - B. Peace with the Lord (4:4-9)
 - C. Peace in all circumstances (4:10-19)
 - **D.** Conclusion (4:20-23)

The Book of Colossians

- Author: Apostle Paul
- Date: c. AD 60-63
- Theme: To oppose Jewish and proto-Gnostic false teaching that has taken root in the church in Colossae.
- Purpose: To exalt Christ as completely adequate, versus the inadequate heresies the Colossians had come to believe.
- Outline: *Supremacy of Christ (1-2)
 *Submission to Christ (3-4)

The Book of Colossians - Key Verses

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

Colossians 2:9-10

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Colossians 3:1-2

Main Points in Colossians

- Perhaps the most Christ-centered book in the Bible, in which Paul stresses the preeminence and sufficiency of Christ in all things.
- The sufficiency and supremacy of Christ calls for submission of all believers to Christ as Lord, and the freedom this brings.
- Paul explores how the union of believers with Jesus is therefore the foundation upon which our earthly lives must be built.
- Being in Christ means we are dead to sin and alive in Him alone.

Outline of the Book of Colossians

PART ONE: The Supremacy of Christ in the Church

- **Introduction** (1:1-14)
 - A. Paul's greeting to the Colossians (1:1,2)
 - B. Paul's thanksgiving for the Colossians (1:3-8)
 - C. Paul's prayer for the Colossians (1:9-14)
- II. The preeminence of Christ (1:15-2:3)
 - A. Christ is preeminent in creation (1:15-18)
 - B. Christ is preeminent in redemption (1:19-23)
 - C. Christ is preeminent in the Church (1:24-2:3)
- III. Freedom in Christ (2:4-23)
 - A. Freedom from enticing words (2:1-4)
 - B. Freedom from vain philosophy (2:5-16)
 - C. Freedom from the judgment of men (2:17,18)
 - D. Freedom from improper worship (2:19-24)
 - E. Freedom from the doctrines of men (2:25-30)

Outline of the Book of Colossians

PART TWO: Submission to Christ in the Church

- I. The position of the believer (3:1-4)
- II. The practice of the believer (3:5-4:6)
 - A. Put off the Old Man (3:5-11)
 - **B.** Put on the New Man (3:12-17)
 - C. Personal commands for holiness (3:18-4:6)

III. Conclusion (4:7-18)

- A. Commendation of Tychicus (4:7-9)
- B. Greetings from Paul's friends (4:11-14)
- C. Introductions regarding this letter (4:15-18)

The Book of Philemon

- Author: Apostle Paul
- Date: c. AD 60-63
- Theme: Fellowship in Christ as superior to cultural or social status (as between slave and owner).
- Purpose: To encourage Philemon to receive back a runaway slave, Onesimus, who is a Christian brother, as a service and personal favor to Paul.
- Outline: *Prayer of Thanksgiving for Philemon (vv. 1-7)
 *Petition for Onesimus (vv. 8-16)
 - *Promise of Paul to Philemon (vv. 17-25)

The Book of Philemon – Key Verses

I am sending him - who is my very heart - back to you. ¹³ I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do will be spontaneous and not forced. 15 Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for good - 16 no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. Philemon 12-19

Main Points in Philemon

- The shortest of Paul's letters, Philemon shows a spirit of courtesy, discretion, loving concern and a request for forgiveness for a brother who otherwise could face harsh judgment.
- Paul is asking Philemon a resident of Colossae who apparently became a Christian under Paul's ministry – to forgive and take back Onesimus – a runaway slave who likewise has become a Christian under Paul's teaching.

Outline of the Book of Philemon

- Prayer of Thanksgiving for Philemon (1-7)
- Petition of Paul for Onesimus (8-16)

III. Promise of Paul to Philemon (17-25)