

After the book of Acts, giving a detail of the acts of the apostles and others, the books written by Paul:

1. **Romans**; Written by Paul to those who followed Christ in Rome. The letter was delivered by Phoebe and written about 57 AD
2. **I Corinthians**; While at Ephesus he wrote this letter, maybe carried by Timothy or one of the three men in 16:17. Written about 55 AD. He came to Corinth on his 2nd missionary journey and was there for 1 ½ years around 50 AD and established this church. He left and went to Ephesus for two years and probably wrote it towards the end of his stay.
3. **II Corinthians**; Written from Macedonia after leaving Ephesus and Troas around 55 AD. Still a lot of strife in the church and Paul had not heard any news whether it was getting better. Titus brings news that revival has broken out while Paul is in Macedonia. Paul writes some personal things that he shares in no other letter; concerning giving, on ministry, and the Christian hope
4. **Galatians**; could be the earliest letter written, some debate on when, either before or after the Jerusalem council met; Acts 16:6/Acts 18:23. He discusses in this book alone the relationship between the Judaic law and faith in Jesus Christ.
5. **Ephesians**; in all probability he wrote it while in prison in Rome about 60 AD. It was carried by Tychicus to Ephesus. Paul was at liberty to preach the Gospel in the Roman prison, under house arrest. (Acts 28). This book originally was not addressed to a specific church but to the church universal.
6. **Philippians**; It is considered Paul's 4th letter to write, written after Ephesians, Colossians and Philemon about 61 AD. It was written while in prison in Rome the first time. Epaphroditus came to Paul with a gift for him while he was in prison and while there Paul wrote the letter and Epaphroditus carried it back with him. Philippi was a leading city in Macedonia. Paul went here on his 2nd Missionary Journey. Paul had a bond with this church unsurpassed, thus this letter is the most personal. **The word joy and rejoice occur 16 times.**
7. **Colossians**; It has been called the twin epistle of Ephesians. Timothy was with Paul in Rome while Paul was in prison and it is there he wrote this letter also. Tychicus delivered this letter also as he did Ephesians. Paul had not traveled there but it had been evangelized by others. He addresses the false religion of Gnosticism showing the preeminence of Jesus.
8. **I Thessalonians**; Visited there on his 2nd missionary journey and stayed for 3 wk. Taught in the synagogue until it got heated and he had to leave, going on eventually to Corinth. Probably wrote this letter while in Corinth about 51 AD. Probably carried by Timothy. He talks about Christ's second coming.
9. **II Thessalonians**; written a few months after the first and while Paul was still in Corinth. A follow up letter of what the church should be doing while waiting on the return of Christ. Probably carried by Timothy.
10. **I Timothy**; a pastoral letter written by Paul after he was released from prison in Rome the first time around 63-65 AD (Acts 28) He probably revisited the Asian Churches, going to Ephesus and leaving Timothy there and Titus in Crete. Very personal, with much instructions of setting up church leadership and leadership's character traits.

11. **II Timothy**; a pastoral letter and a follow up letter again written while Paul was imprisoned the second time in Rome under Nero. In this letter he writes he senses that his time of preaching may be coming to an end.
12. **Titus**; left in charge of the believers in Crete, Paul writes to Titus while on his journey about 63-65 AD. Titus had known Paul for about 15 years; he traveled with him while in Corinth, II Cor. 2:12-13 and others. This letter is the closest Paul writes that is like a creed for the New Testament church. Essential elements of N.T. theology are found in it.
13. **Philemon**; written from prison while in Rome the first time. Philemon had church meeting in his house. This letter is to reestablish a relationship between Philemon and his slave Onesimus.

Notes on Galatians

Chapter 1:

v. 10; Paul was no longer trying to please men, but God along
v. 16-19; Paul conferred with no one at first, went to Arabia and
then three years later went to Jerusalem. There he spoke with
Peter and James. Then he went on to Syria and Cilicia.

Chapter 2:

v. 1; then after 14 years he went back to Jerusalem taking with
him Barnabas and Titus. This was during the time or just before
the counsel meet concerning Jewish customs

Chapter 3:

v. 2; the Holy Spirit was received by faith in Jesus Christ, not by
doing the works of the law.

v. 8; God seeing ahead told Abraham that through his seed all
nations (not just the Jews but the Gentiles also) would be blessed.

v.11; PINNALE verse; the just shall live by faith. Hab. 2:4

v.13; we are redeemed from the curse of the law

v. 28; now there is therefore no distinction among the people,
neither Jew nor Greek, slave or free, male or female. We are all
one in Christ.

Chapter 4:

v. 29-31; descendants of Abraham truly are people of faith and of
the his son of promise, Isaac, which came 430 years before the
law.

Our inheritance is in the promise and that promise is Jesus, the
Messiah

Chapter 5:

v. 6; faith working through love

v. 13; but through love you should serve one another

v.16; Paul gives instruction as to how to walk this new faith walk
without relying on the law; walk and live in the Holy Spirit

v. 22; Paul list the way of the Holy Spirit within us; love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, and
self-control.

Chapter 6:

v. 3; do not think too highly of yourself, v. 7-8 be not deceived by
doings of the law God is not mocked, you will reap what you sow.

v. 15; key verse

Notes on I II Thessalonians:

Written while in Corinth

Encouraged the church, he believed in them

The dead in Christ will rise first then those alive will go with Him
ch.5

V.12 Know those who labor among you

V.17 pray without ceasing

V.18 thank God in everything

V.19 don't quench the Spirit

V. 23 and may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through, make you pure and wholly consecrated to God, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved sound and complete found blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ the Messiah.

Paul corrects wrong thinking;

Ch. 2

Some thought the "day of the Lord" had already come

He wrote of things that would happen before

Talks about the Antichrist

Ch.3

v. 10, if anyone does not work neither let him eat

Notes on I II Timothy:

These are such personal letters, but instruction jumps off the page to me and speaks directly to my heart. As a minister of the Word of God I take what Paul writes and apply it directly and become empowered to do the will of God and speak the Word of God.

Paul warns of false teachers already in the church.

Paul list three things; v. 5

Love, which springs forth from a pure heart, **a good clear conscience and sincere faith**

Paul urges that we pray for those in authority politically

He speaks of the spirit of the women, quiet, peaceable, but full of the Holy Spirit, the inward adorning is so important

Ch. 3 he gives Timothy instruction for the leadership in the church. V.5 we must rule our own household before we can lead in the church

Ch. 4/ false teachers teaching seducing spirits and deluding spirits
I Tim. 4:8, for bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is great in every way.

Don't neglect the gift, those words and those that have laid hands on you v. 14

Verse 15-16 great instructions

Ch. 5 about widows and elders

5:17; an elder is worth **double honor** especially those that labor in teaching and preaching

I Tim. 6:6; godliness with contentment is great gain

ITim. 6:10; the love of money is the root of all evil

6:12; fight the good fight of faith

II Tim.

Paul knows his time is short, but he has fought the good fight, run the race

1:7, God did not give us a spirit of fear but of love and a calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control

2:15; study to show yourself approved...

3:16, Every scripture is God-breathed given by inspiration..

4:2 is God's heart cry for me.

Notes on Titus:

Paul left Titus in Crete

This is the closest letter to a formal creed that Paul writes

Very similar to I and II Timothy but much more direct about how to live and how not to live as instructions are given to Titus to instruct the people in the churches in Crete

Ch. 3: 5-7 he gives the purpose, we have been purchased...