

Paul's Correspondance with his Churches

Paul,
Jerusalem

48 AD

Churches in the Province
of Galatia, Asia Minor

GALATIANS 2:16; 5:1

Paul, concerned with the teaching of the Judaisers, who wanted the gentile Christians to observe the Jewish ritual wrote this epistle to a group of churches in the Galatian Province of Asia emphasizing **Salvation by Faith alone**. Scholars differ as to whether it was written before or after the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15) in 49 AD, but clearly it addressed the same issues. Paul had help start these churches on his 1st Missionary Journey (Acts 13-14).

Paul,
Corinth, Greece

50,51 AD

The Christian Church
Thessalonica, Asia Minor

I THESSALONIANS 1:3
II THESSALONIANS 3:5

Paul founded the congregation in Thessalonica, but due to opposition had to leave after only a few weeks. (Acts 17:1-9). Concerned for the young congregation, he wrote a letter of admonishment and encouragement to them emphasizing **Christian Hope**. Hearing of concerns in the Church regarding talk of Christ's immediate seconding coming, he wrote a second letter soon after that.

Paul,
Ephesus, As.Mnr.

56 AD

The Christian Church
Corinth, Greece

I CORINTHIANS 1:18; 5:7

Paul had corresponded with the congregation in Corinth already (where Paul had ministered for quite a while - Acts 18) already and things were in an uproar there. This seaport town had problems and was both divided over issues of **worship and spiritual gifts**, and struggling with **purity** and Paul dealt with these questions in a long letter.

Paul,
Philippi, Greece.

57 AD

The Christian Church
Corinth, Greece

II CORINTHIANS 3:1; 5:12

Turmoil continued at Corinth, and a party had developed at the church that challenged Paul's **authority as an Apostle**. Following a letter we do not have, in a highly personal letter, Paul defends the Gospel he preaches, took on his critics and also passed on information concerning the offering being collected by the churches for Jerusalem.

Paul,
Corinth, Greece. **67 AD**
the Christians in
Rome, Italy

ROMANS 1:16 - 17

Paul stopped in Corinth on the way to Jerusalem with the offering the churches were sending. Anticipating going to Rome for the first time after finishing this mission of mercy, he wrote a letter to the Christians there presenting the **Gospel as the Power of God for Salvation** both to Jews and Gentiles. Little did he know that he would spend years in prison and would be taken to Rome for Trial. (Acts 28 ends with Paul there).

Paul,
Rome, It **60-61 AD**
The Churches at
Ephesus and Colosse
Philemon
Colosse, AsMnr

EPHESIANS 4:13
COLOSSIANS :15FF
PHILEMON 10

Paul, a **prisoner** under house arrest, corresponded with the churches. He wrote to the Church at Colosse, (a town he hadn't visited) threatened by heresy and presented Christ as **Supreme and Head of the Church**. Along with this letter when a personal letter to Philemon, a member of the Church concerning **his runaway slave**, Onesimus, now a believer. Apparently the letter to the Ephesians was a circular letter that was passed from church to church, and the Ephesian's copy was the one preserved. This letter presents the **unity of the Body of Christ** which is the Church.

Paul,
Rome, IT. **64 AD**
the Church in
Philippi, Gr

PHILIPPIANS 1:18

Anticipating a soon release, Paul wrote to the congregation at Philippi to encourage them in the **Joy** of Christ which he has despite his chains and also to deal with a serious interpersonal problem between two beloved members of the congregation.

Paul,
Macedonia, Gr **65 AD**
Timothy
Ephesus, AsMnr
Titus
Crete **65 AD**

I TIMOTHY 1:18; 3:15
TITUS 1:5; 3:8

Paul, free for a time, was involved with Timothy and Titus, assistants in his ministries to the churches. These letters were written to **encourage these ministers** in their ministries and to give instructions concerning **organizing the churches**.

Paul,
Rome, IT. **64 AD**
Timothy
Corinth, Gr

II TIMOTHY 4:5

Paul's final letter (again a prisoner) to Timothy exhorts him to "**Fight the Good Fight!**"