

Myers' Chronology

1. Galatians
2. I Thessalonians
3. II Thessalonians
4. I Corinthians
5. II Corinthians
6. Romans
7. Hebrews
8. Philemon
9. Philippians
10. Ephesians
11. Colossians
12. I Timothy
13. Titus
14. II Timothy

Your favorite books

You don't know nothin'

2 Best Definitions of Faith in the Bible.

Rom 4:21 being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform. . . [Abraham]

Heb 11:11 Through faith also Sara. . . judged Him faithful Who had promised.

A Survey of Paul's 14 Epistles

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In each book we'll look for:

- a) key verses
- b) similarities & differences
- c) major doctrines
- d) major false doctrines attacked
- e) problems
- f) repeated words & themes
- g) clearest salvation verses in each book
- h) dates written
- i) cities they were written from
- j) people Paul mentions by name
- k) . . . as well as other things you may suggest.

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** indicates these blogs are included in your syllabus*

- ◆ 2 Calvinist's Anxiety about Their Salvation
- ◆ 3 Nice Things About Eternal Security
- ◆ *4 views of the Dispensations
- ◆ *7 Wonders, Ancient World
- ◆ 12 Canaanite Idols
- ◆ 20 Principles of Bible Study
- ◆ *26 Traveling Companions of Paul
- ◆ *100-Day Whole Bible Review
- ◆ *211 Verses with Believe or Faith
- ◆ Age of Accountability
- ◆ Corporate Election

- ◆ *Darby's 4 Rules for Prophecy
- ◆ Dispensationalism in 4 Bullet Points
- ◆ Easy-Believe-ism? You betcha!
- ◆ Elder, Please Step Down, Now.
- ◆ I Quit, finding God's will in book of Acts 30+X
- ◆ Laying on Hands
- ◆ *New Nature/Old Nature
- ◆ *Pastors' Duties
- ◆ *Paul's prayer for his churches
- ◆ *Paul's Timeline, p.# 7
- ◆ *Paul's Church Plants
- ◆ Paul's Sermons in Acts
- ◆ Remarriage
- ◆ Resurrections
- ◆ Separation: from whom? and why?
- ◆ Spiritual Gifts: finding & using [not naming them]
- ◆ *Suffering, 20 [mostly biblical] purposes
- ◆ Translation Differences



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1. **Themes & repeated words**
sin, salvation, redemption, walk in Spirit, total depravity [3.9-18], covenant, service, free gift, spiritual gifts, reckon, God forbid, as it is written, death, life, Gospel, faith, sanctify, Holy Spirit, Old Nature/New Nature, not ashamed
2. **Key verses**
1.29 3.23 5.6 6.6,11,17,18,23 8.13,32,38, 12.1,2 13.14
3. **Characteristics**
most organized, best def. of faith [4.21], Magnum Opus #2, simplicity & clarity of Gospel
see PhilMyersBlog.com 3 Nice Things About Eternal Security
4. **Outlines and organization of the letter**
1,2,3 sin J Vernon McGee has great 2 page outline of book
4,5 salvation
6 sanctification
7 struggle
8 security
8 Spirit-filling
9-11 sovereignty
12,13 service & sacrifice
14 separation
15,16 salutation
5. **Difficulties or issues addressed**
Old Nature/New Nature *Rom 6.6,11,17,18 7.22,5-25 8.13 13.14*
see also I Cor 2 II Cor 5 Gal 5 Eph 3 Col 3
God's sovereignty [*independence*] in choosing nations & individuals for service
God's sovereignty in choosing salvation through faith
God's sovereignty in [s]electing to give man a free will
God's sovereignty in choosing to set Israel aside and use the Church
* God doesn't always get His way, does He?
6. **Commendations**
29 people affirmed [ch. 16.1-15] though Paul had never been to Rome
7. **Paul's personal touch**
ch 7, personal struggle with sin
desire to visit Rome [15.22]
8. **People mentioned by name**
Phoebe
29 Italians [ch 16]
9. **Of special note:**
* 5 "solos" all found in ch 3: Scripture, faith, grace, Christ, glory to God
* fund raising letter to send himself on to Spain
* written from Corinth on his 3rd visit, 15.25, hint
* most elaborate outline [*Hebrews is 2nd*]

ROMANS

- Part I - Sin
THE WICKED MAN CONDEMNED
1.1 Grace & peace
8 Obligated to preach
16 Not ashamed
18 The wrath of God
24 Given over to wickedness
28 The Terrible Twenty-eight sins
THE MORAL MAN CONDEMNED
2.1 All who judge others break the same laws
12 "Written in their hearts"
THE RELIGIOUS MAN CONDEMNED
17 Jews cause Gentiles to stumble
3.1 The advantages of being Jewish
9 None righteous, no, not one
21 Justified by faith - apart from Law
Part II - Salvation
EVERYONE CAN BE JUSTIFIED BY FAITH
4.1 Abraham justified by faith first - by works later
9 Abr justified w/o Law [before Law]
18 "Being fully assured" = best definition of faith in the Bible
JUSTIFICATION GIVES PEACE WITH GOD
5.1 Peace with God
6 Christ died for the ungodly
12 Death to all through one man
16 Life for all through one Man
Part III - Sanctification
A HOLY LIFE FOR ALL BELIEVERS
6.1 United with His death
8 Alive to God
12 Don't let sin reign any more
15 You were slaves, now you're free
BATTLE OF THE NEW & OLD NATURES
7.1 Dead to the Law, alive to bear fruit
7 The Law only condemns me
14 I cannot obey the Law
21 Who will set me free? Christ!
THE HOLY SPIRIT, HIMSELF - KEY TO SPIRITUAL VICTORY
8.1 No condemnation
5 The spirit lives in us
12 Abba! Father
18 Waiting for our adoption
26 Spirit interprets our prayers
28 All things for the good of the believer
31 He will freely give all
38 No separation
Part IV - SOVEREIGNTY
Israel in the Church Age
ISRAEL'S PAST HISTORY [disobedient]
9.1 Sorrow for Israel
6 Esau chosen to serve Jacob
14 Pharaoh chosen to hassle Israel
19 Israel chosen to demonstrate God's mercy
30 The saved are chosen by their faith
Election is explained [no paradox] it is a result of faith
ISRAEL'S PRESENT SITUATION [on hold]
10.1 Jews will have righteousness by faith
8 Call on the Lord - be saved!
14 Faith comes by hearing
ISRAEL'S FUTURE [God's [primary tool, again]
11.1 We become elect by faith, not works
11 Israel's rejection is Gentile's salvation
20 Branches broken because of unbelief
25 All [true] Israelis will be saved
Part V - SERVICE
Practical Living Section
BELIEVERS & THE BODY OF CHRIST
12.1 God wants our lives
3 Different people - different gifts
9 Use gifts in love
17 Never get back
BELIEVERS & CIVIL RESPONSIBILITY
13.1 Obey governments
8 Love fulfills the Law
11 Urgency of not making provision for flesh
BELIEVERS & QUESTIONABLE THINGS
14.1 Freedom to do
13 Freedom not to do
Part VI - SALUTATION
Items of personal interest
15.1 Pleasing neighbors for their good
7 Welcome the Gentiles
14 Let's reach the Gentiles
22 I'm coming to Rome - Send me to Spain
30 Pray for me
16.1 Hello to my friends
25 Grace to you

Mamertine Dungeon, Rome



10. **Notes about the city or region**

- * Rome founded 753 BC, on 7 hills, Roman Empire [27 BC—453 BC], Republic, 10% citizens,
 - * 50% slaves, million people
 - * Julius Caesar had Cleopatra for a mistress, had a baby, took Cleo back to Rome
 - * Paul witnessed to Nero face to face 64 AD [?]
 - * Myth of Peter's presence in Rome started in 3rd century
 - * Strong church existed in Rome but finally collapsed into ritualism
 - * Roman Catholic Church blossomed when Constantine made Christianity the official state religion [312 AD]
- 8Keys** NON-BIBLICAL ROMAN HISTORY
- * Church in Rome may have been started by Diaspora [*the dispersion*] saints who were scattered [Acts 8.1] in obedience to Acts 1.8. everybody left town *except* the apostles. pjm,

11. **Highlights and familiar quotes**

- 1.16 not ashamed of the gospel of Christ:
- 4.21 being fully assured...what He promised...
- 5.1,2 being justified by faith
- 5.6 Christ died for the ungodly.
- 5.8 while we were yet sinners
- 6.12 yes, sin can reign in the life of a true believer
- 6.23 the wages of sin is death, but....
- 8.26 the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us
- 8.28 all things work together for good
- 8.32 He who did not spare His own Son....
- ch. 9 biblical election, see PhilMyersBlog.com Corporate Election: the third view in the Calvin—Arminian debate
also 2 Calvinists' Anxiety About Their Own Salvation: MacArthur & Sproul
- ch 9 only 4 verses refer to personal salvation, other verses are simply stressing God's independence in having His own way
- 10.9 if you confess with your mouth....
- 12.1-2 I urge you...to present your bodies....
- 10.15 = "The Great Commission" of the epistles
- 12.1,2 importance of a one-time-dedication declaration
- 11.12-24 10 important "ifs"

1. **Themes & repeated words**
spiritual gifts [ch 12], love, meat, incest, remarriage, puffed up, body, temptation, faithful, rewards, communion, idols, stinginess/generosity, cliques, Old Nature/New Nature, foundation, Spirit, Temple, wisdom of this world, interpret, resurrection, Gospel
2. **Key verses**
2.14-16 4.2 10.13 11.13-26 16.13
3. **Characteristics**
love chapter [13], interpret tongues [ch 14], carnality, toleration of sin, no heresies [*confused about the resurrection?, ch. 15*]
4. **Outlines and organization of the letter**
14 REBUKES

1.10 Divisions	1 Greeting
3.1 Personal cliques	2-6 Immaturity, response to Chloe's letter
3.20 Man's wisdom	7-10 Issues, response to their letter
5.1 Incest	11-16 Order in the Church
6.1 Lawsuits	
7.8 Remarriage	
8.1 Puffed up with pride	
8.7 Liberty	
9.1 Pay your pastor	
10.23 Offending other believers	
11.1 Hair or hats?	
11.23 Communion abuses	
12.1 Attitudes about gifts	
14.1 Misuse of tongues	
5. **Difficulties or issues addressed**
meat, excommunication, rationalization, puffed up, etc., etc.
6. **Commendations**, word came from Titus about their state

1.2 saints
1.5 enriched in Christ
1.4 received grace
1.7 not lacking in gifts
7. **Paul's personal touch**
* Paul planted this church on 2nd missionary tour, stayed for 18 mos
* wrote 2 books to them, probably both during 3rd tour, _____?
8. **People mentioned by name**
Chloe, Apollos, Peter, Stephanus, Fortunatus, Archaicus, Aquila and Priscilla, Sosthenes [co-writer, amanuensis?]
9. **Of special note**
* near riot in Corinth [Acts 18.17],
riots also Acts 16 Philippi
Acts 18.23 Ephesus
Acts 24 Jerusalem.
* Corinthian church had excellent opportunity to "reach their world" bec. of location
* 1,000 Acrocorinth temple prostitutes
shrine to Aphrodite atop Acrocorinth, see *Strabo, 20 AD, only 3 lines*
shrine was destination for many pilgrims throughout Asia & Europe
* written from _____? _____, third journey

I CORINTHIANS
FORMER PASTOR WRITES TO A CARNAL, CHARISMATIC CONGREGATION
* Letter to the urban Church
* The Corinthian Catastrophe
* The Church Stands Corrected

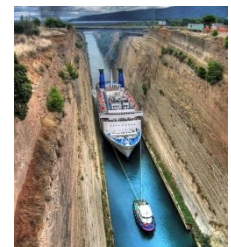
DIVISIONS
1.1 Hello to the church
4 I'm thankful for you
10 No divisions, please
18 Wisdom of God
26 Common things are esteemed
2.1 Nothing but Christ
6 God's wisdom is both concealed & revealed
3.1 You are carnal
10 Handing out eternal rewards
16 The believer's body is a temple
4.1 Faithfulness
6 Fools for Christ
14 Imitate me

DISORDER
5.1 Purge immorality
6.1 No lawsuits between believers
7 Accept exploitation
12 Treat your body as a holy place

DIFFICULTIES [answers to Chloe's report]
7.1 Sex & marriage
8 Marriage is for keeps: for believers & unbelievers
17 Remain as you are
25 Stay single
28 Blessings of being single
36 Blessing of marriage
39 Widows may remarry
8.1 We exist to love God
7 Love limits liberty
9.1 Bible teachers should be paid
15 Bible teachers should teach voluntarily
19 All things to all men
24 Self-control
10.1 Examples from wandering in the Sinai Peninsula
14 Communion & idolatry
23 All things are good unless expressly forbidden
11.1 Head covering & authority
8 Men & women & authority
17 Divisions
23 Communion as an ordinance
12.1 Gifts [special responsibilities] from the Holy Spirit
12 No self-deprecation
18 No self-sufficiency
26 All are different
13.1 Love & me & my gifts
14.1 Tongues: **MUST** be interpreted
20 Tongues: a sign
26 Tongues: silence if no interpreter
34 Tongues: women forbidden to use them in church
37 Tongues: orderliness

CONCLUSION
15.1 The Gospel
12 Centrality of resurrection
20 Preeminence of the Son
29 If the dead aren't raised
35 Old bodies / new bodies
50 We will all be changed
54 Death is defeated
16.1 Fund raising for Jerusalem church
10 Timothy's arrival
13 Love
19 Good-byes

Corinthian Canal today, 1893
11,000 boats/year



Nobel invented dynamite, 1866

10. **Notes about the city or region**

- * population of Corinth, 400,000
- * "Seaman's Paradise, Drunkard's Heaven, Virtuous Woman's Hell" popular ditty
- * Corinthian columns exceptionally ornate
- * city-state status in Roman Empire, tax-free
- * very rich from transit trade at isthmus, 50 mi SW of Athens
- * Isthmian games 1st & 3rd years, in Corinth
- * Olympic games 4th years, continuously for 776 BC—393 AD [*nearly 12 centuries uninterrupted*]
north of Athens, at Mt. Olympus
- * Epicurean motto: "eat, drink for tomorrow we die"
- * 2.6-11 alludes to esoteric religions

11. **Highlights and familiar quotes**

- * spiritual gifts [*2 lists*], 12.8-10 [9 gifts], 12.28,29 [8 gifts] see also Rom 12.7,8 [7 gifts], Eph 4.11 [4 gifts],
1 Peter 4.11 [2 gifts]. n.b. There is no conclusive "list of gifts."

[see PhilMyersBlog.com](http://www.PhilMyersBlog.com) [Spiritual Gifts: finding them, using them](#)

- 1.9 folly
 4.2 required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.
 6.19-20 your body is the temple of H.S....
 10.12 let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall
 10.13 no temptation has overtaken you....
 11.23-26 do this in remembrance of Me.
 13.1-13 if I speak with the tongues of men and angels

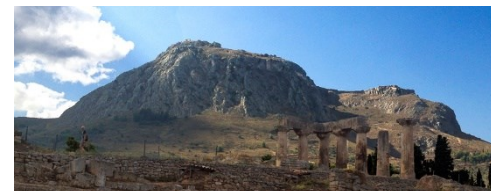
1. **Themes & repeated words**
comfort [5x], consolation [3x], hardship, Satan blinds, trouble [2x], suffer [4x], afflicted [1x], despair [1x], reconciliation, ambassadors, thorn, legalizers, collection for poor in Jerusalem, grace, confidence, sorrow, generosity, glory, death, ON/NN
2. **Key verses**
4.3,7 5.17,21
3. **Characteristics**
corrected errors mentioned in last letter, Paul's "abundant life" [6.4-10] with 28 traumatic events: stripes, prison, kindness, honor, dishonor, poverty, wealth
4. **Outlines and organization of the letter**

1-7 ministry	1,2 Reconciliation
8,9 ministry of cash & generosity	3-6 Apostleship
10-13 personal ministry	7 Joy
	8,9 Collection \$ for Jews in Jerusalem
	10-13 Paul's apostleship & authority
5. **Difficulties or issues addressed**
 - * lost MSS sent to Corinth, II Cor is actually the 4th letter Paul sent to the church
 - * Paul's authority challenged
 - * tedious explanation about skipping visit Paul promised to make
6. **Commendations**
 - * generosity toward Jerusalem's poor, 1,000 miles away
 - * restitution of fallen brother [I Cor 5, incest]
7. **Paul's personal touch**
 - * one of Paul's most biographical letters [after Gal]
 - * Paul evidently falsely accused of something
8. **People mentioned by name**
none, just an encouragement to share holy kisses
9. **Of special note**
 - * written out of Paul's anguish
 - * written from Macedonia, north of Greece, 3rd journey
10. **Notes about the city or region**
see I Cor notes
11. **Highlights and familiar quotes**
 - 2.16 "savor of death. . .savor of life"
 - 2.14 "always causes us to triumph"
 - ch 3, love limits liberty
 - 4.4 "Satan has blinded"
 - 4.17 "momentary light affliction" cf 6.4-10 & 11.23-28
 - 5.7 "we walk by faith, not by sight"
 - 5.10 "Judgment Seat of Christ"
 - 5.11 "we persuade men"
 - 5.17 "new creature"
 - 5.20 "ambassadors for Christ"
 - 5.21 "made sin for us" = THE GREAT EXCHANGE
 - ch 8 & 9, 18 specific references to generosity [money] ch 8 11x ch 9 7x
 - 6.14 "unequally yoked"
 - 6.17 "be ye separate" [see PhilMyersBlog.com](http://www.PhilMyersBlog.com) Separation: from whom? and why?
 - 8.2 "[generosity] out of deep poverty. . .liberality"
 - 9.6 "he that soweth sparingly"
 - 9.15 "His unspeakable gift"
 - 10.4 "weapons of our warfare"
 - 10.5 "bringing into captivity every thought"
 - 11.14 "Satan himself is transformed"
 - 11.28 Paul's pedigree [without moaning]
 - 12.7,8 "thorn in the flesh"
 - 12.9 "My grace is sufficient"

II CORINTHIANS
 A FORMER PASTOR BEARS HIS HEART
 * Reformation & Restoration

CHANGE IN PLANS
 11 Christ, our comfort
 15 Sorry, I changed my travel plans
BRING BACK THE DISCIPLINED BROTHER
 2.1 Sorry I made you sorry
 5 Sorrow produces change
 12 Looking for Titus
 14 You are a sweet aroma
LOVE LIMITS LIBERTY
 3.1 Letter kills, spirit gives life
 12 Veil is pulled aside
 4.1 Unsaved are blinded by Satan
 7 Paul's persecution
 16 Just a little trouble [light affliction]
 5.1 Absence from the body means home at last!
 11 We persuade men
 17 A brand new person
 20 We're ambassadors
 6.1 Now is day of salvation
 11 Not tied with unbelievers
 7.1 Sorrow then repentance then salvation
 13 Good reports by Titus
MONEY FOR THE CHURCH BACK IN JUDEA
 8.1 Poor but generous Macedonians
 8 Get your offering ready
 16 Money is one proof of love
 9.1 You promised a big offering
 6 Pay what you promised
DEFENSE OF PAUL'S APOSTLESHIP
 10.1 Control your brain
 8 Brag only about Jesus
 11.1 As an apostle I taught you
 7 But...Macedonians paid my salary
 10 False teachers
 16 The abundant life may include enormous hardships
 12.1 Paul in 3rd heaven
 7 A thorn to keep him humble
 11 Signs of an apostle
 14 You are my special kids
 19 Keep up a good testimony
 13.1 Examine yourselves / examine me
 11 Grace!

Acrocorinth, Temple, atop



1. **Themes & repeated words**

Galatianism, legalism, antinomianism, quick apostasy, Gospel, Law, carrying burdens, death to flesh, fruit of Spirit, justification, crucified with Christ, just shall live by faith, baptized into Christ, allegory of Hagar, liberty, walk, Judaizers

2. **Key verses**

1.8 2.10,20 3.6 5.16-18

3. **Characteristics**

CliffsNotes version of Romans

4. **Outlines and organization of the letter**

1-2.14 Personal, apostolic office	1 Gospel under attack
2.15-4 Doctrinal, Gospel	1,2 Law v. Grace
5,6 Practical Living	3 Salvation by Faith
	4 Slaver & Sonship
	5 Flesh & Spirit
	6 Doing Good

5. **Difficulties or issues addressed**

- * another Gospel [1.8]
- * hypocrisy
- * Judaizers, Jews from Palestine, who bring into the church Moses' laws
 - Galatianism, salvation by Law
 - Legalism, holiness by Law
 - Antinomianism, no laws at all for the believer

6. **Commendations**

no praise or thanksgiving

7. **Paul's personal touch**

- * no friendly intro
- * most biographic of Paul's epistles, about himself—lots of 1st person ch. 1,2
- * pretty sterile otherwise, fangs out, not personal
- * Paul admits circumcision is wrong for Jews, 5.11
- * book similar theme to Romans

8. **People mentioned by name**

apostle co-workers only: James, Peter, John, Barnabas, Titus [Paul's backup squad]
 The fact that mentions of Barnabas is indication that Paul wrote this very shortly after their joint trip to Galatia, before they split up.
 It was before Paul took his 2nd tour through Galatia starting in Acts 16.
 Most commentators ignore this fact and many attribute the writing of Galatians to 15 years later.

9. **Of special note**

- * Martin Luther said of Galatians, "I am married to it."
- * Church had grown very large, Gentile base, Jewish influence, believing Judaizer heretics from Jerusalem [or Israel],
 1st Church Council—50 AD - Acts 15
- * book written before or immediately after Council
- * destruction of the Temple severed all Jew/Church relationships, circumcision never an issue again
- * written from Antioch after 1st trip, Acts 14,28, "they abode long time with the disciples."

GALATIANS

"THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH"
 * The Gospel According to Paul

Christian liberty, Heresies Three:
 A. GALATIANISM = no free gift for unbelievers
 B. LEGALISM = no freedom to believers
 C. ANTINOMIANISM = no laws for believers

Part 1 - Paul Defends his Apostleship
 1.1 Grace to you
 6 Galatianism, curse on another gospel
 11 My Gospel came through revelation
 15 Seminary of the Desert
 18 From Jerusalem to Cilicia

Part 2 - Paul Defends his Doctrine
 2.1 Council visit with Titus
 REFUTE GALATIANISM - heresy A
 5 Salvation isn't through the Law
 11 Rebuking Peter for hypocrisy
 REFUTE LEGALISM - heresy B
 14 Spirituality doesn't come through keeping laws
 JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH -
 16 Justification comes only by faith
 3.1 You've been bewitched
 4 Justified by faith
 11 Living by faith
 15 Faith still supersedes Law
 23 Law is a pedagogue
 4.1 The Son makes us sons
 REFUTE LEGALISM - heresy B
 8 Holiness doesn't come through the Law
 12 If you love me, trust me
 21 Allegory: Hagar [human effort] vs. Sarah [faith]
 REFUTE GALATIANISM - heresy A
 5.1 Salvation by "works" = fallen from grace
 REFUTE ANTINOMIANISM - heresy C
 13 It is wrong to say there are no laws for Christians
 16 Deeds of the flesh
 22 Fruit of the Spirit

Part 1 - Paul Defends his Apostleship
 LIFE IN THE SPIRIT
 6.1 Restore brothers
 6 Give away money
 11 Crucified to the world
 18 Grace



10. **Notes about the city or region**

- * "Omnes Gallia est divida en tres partes," first line of Julius Caesar's book, Gallic Wars, 58-52 BC
- * central Turkey, orig home of Hittites
- * Gauls, Celts from France, settled in Turkey
- * homeland of Timothy
- * no famous churches
- * site of Paul & Barnabas' first missionary tour, planting churches in Cyprus [?], Perga, Pisidia, Lystra, Derbe
By the by, I believe God loves church planters *[elders who are sent]* better than any other kind of missionaries.
- * 2nd & 3rd tours also went through Galatia.
- * Timothy joined the team on 2nd tour at Lystra, a seasoned worker, not a brand new Christian as some lamely assume.

11. **Highlights and familiar quotes**

- 1.8 though we, or an angel. . .preach any other gospel
- 2.16 a man is not justified by works....
- 2.20 I have been crucified with Christ....
- 3.6 Abraham believed God
- 3.11 no man is justified by the law. . .just shall live by faith.
- 3.26 ye are all the children of God by faith
- 6.2 bear ye one another's burdens

1. **Themes & repeated words**

dead in sin, filling, walk, spiritual gifts [4.11-13], marriage, dual submission, mysteries [3.3 4,5 6-10], Body of Christ, adoption, armor of Christian, Holy Spirit, hope, in the heavenlies, predestined, redeemed, forgiven, sealed, spiritual darkness, in Him, grace, ON / NNature, bless, Father, agape love [19x]

2. **Key verses**

2.1,8,9,10 3.16 4.13,29

3. **Characteristics**

- * Body of Christ
- * very easy book to outline
- * definition of mystery, 3,4,5 "mystery. . . which in other ages was not made known"

4. **Outlines and organization of the letter**

Jane Paxson
 1-3 Wealth
 4,5 Walk
 6 Warfare

5. **Difficulties or issues addressed**

- * mysteries
- * election, [see PhilMyersBlog.com](http://seePhilMyersBlog.com)
Corporate Election: the 3rd view in the Calvin-Arminian debate

6. **Commendations**

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7. **Paul's personal touch**

- * Paul visited Ephesus on 2nd tour, left Timothy behind as pastor on 3rd tour after staying there 3 years
- * crisp and encouraging

8. **People mentioned by name**

no personal greeting or names

9. **Of special note**

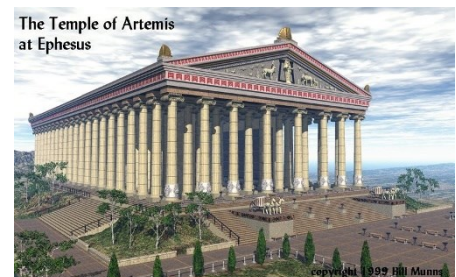
- * 3 pastors & a slave left Rome with 4 epistles [*maybe at the same time*]
Tychicus carried Ephesians?
Epaphroditus carried Philippians?
Epaphras carried Colossians?
Onesimus carried Philemon
- * written from Rome
- * Judaizers liked the OT idea of circumcision for proselytes to "become" Jews, Ex 12.48
 one of God's "mysteries" is that Jews & Gentiles "became one new man" 2.15,16
- * This is a sister letter to Colossians and possibly delivered from Rome at the same time.
 Much in common with Col. 1.7,10,14,20,25 2.12,13,19 3.6-10,12-18 4.3-5
 same topics: wives, husbands, children, slaves, masters, New/Old Nature
- * Rev. 2.4 Ephesus "left her first love"
- * written from prison, probably Rome

EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK, & WARFARE OF THE BELIEVER

- * The believer as a member of the Body
- WEALTH**
- 1.1 Believers are in Christ
- 15 We are rich in Christ
- 2.1 By grace the dead are saved through faith
- 11 God's wall between Jew & Gentile is abolished
- 3.1 Mystery: we are fellow heirs in Christ
- 14 To know the love of Christ
- 20 To Him be glory
- WALK**
- 4.1 Walk worthy
- 7 Jesus gave gifts to the Church
- 14 Speak truthfully & lovingly
- 17 Lay aside the Old Man
- 25 The normal Christian walk
- 5.1 Watch your tongue
- 7 Using the searchlight of the Word
- 15 Filled with the Spirit
- 21 Loving husbands & wives
- WARFARE**
- 6.1 Children & fathers
- 5 Slaves & masters
- 10 Kevlar for the believer
- 18 Pray for my boldness
- 23 Grace

Temple of Diana, Artemis



10. **Notes about the city or region**

- * millions of people lived in western Turkey within reach of Ephesus, 1 million in Ephesus
- * Ephesus was central church in the area of the "7 churches" of Revelation 2,3, Others were within 100± miles.
- * former Hittite region
- * Ephesus became capital of region
 - very powerful church by 150 AD, apostle John became pastor later for long time
 - site of major Church Councils, 431 AD—Nestorian controversy [*Jesus' humanity-deity*]
 - 4-6 miles from Aegean Sea, now silted in
 - immoral town, Diana [*the many-breasted idol*] was goddess of fertility, religious prostitution common
 - 3rd largest library [*after Rome & Alexandria*] in eastern empire
- * I Cor 16.8,9 [about Ephesus] "a great [*evangelistic*] door. . .is opened to me"

11. **Highlights and familiar quotes**

- 2.1-19 15 descriptions of unbelievers: lost, dead, worldly walk, sons of disobedience, lust of flesh, desires of the flesh, children of wrath, separate from Christ, excluded from commonwealth, strangers to the covenants, no hope, without God, far off, far away, strangers, aliens, enemies [2.3]
- 2.1 you. . .were dead in trespasses and sins;
- 2.8-9 for by grace are you saved...faith....
- 4.15 speaking the truth in love
- 4.29 no unwholesome word...out of your mouth....
- 4.32 be ye kind one to another
- 5.16 redeeming the time
- 6.18 praying always with all prayer

PHILIPPIANS
 A LETTER FROM A HAPPY HEART
 * Joy in all circumstances

1.1 Hello
 3 My love for you
 12 Jail time furthers the Gospel
 21 To die is better
 27 Stand firm

2.1 Esteem others
 5 Kenosis & the mind of Christ
 12 Live above reproach
 19 I'm sending Epaphroditus, then Timothy

3.1 Trust me / beware of dogs [curs]
 8 My zeal for you
 17 Follow my example

4.1 Live in harmony
 4 Rejoice!
 8 Your generosity, my contentment
 21 Good-bye

1. **Themes & repeated words**

joy during tough times, rejoice [15x], knowing Jesus, poverty & generosity, prayer, peace, growth, mind, unity, chains, "emptying" [kenosis 2.5-11], suffering, glory, love, Gospel, death

2. **Key verses**

1.21 2.5-11 3.7-15 4.4,13,19

3. **Characteristics**

most upbeat of all epistles, 15x ☺

4. **Outlines and organization of the letter**

- 1 Jesus is our life, "to live is Christ"
- 2 Jesus is our example of humility, "took upon Him" = *kenosis, emptied Self*
- 3 Jesus is our goal, "high call of God"
- 4 Jesus is our sufficiency, "supply all your need"

5. **Difficulties or issues addressed**

- * none at all, no rebuke, no problems, no warnings
- * gentle reminder to Euodia & Syntyche to work things out

6. **Commendations**

- * the gentlest of all Paul's letters
- * a model church
- * praises to the congregation for unity
- * members of Caesar's house saved

7. **Paul's personal touch**

- * written from prison, Rome? Caesarea?
- * Paul had been in jail in Philippi when the Philippian jailer and family were saved [*just overnight*]
 - * *Paul invoked rights of citizenship: give reason for arrest, trial by jury of peers*
Other nations with trial by peers: Moses' "cities of refuge" 1450 BC—Num 35.9, England 1665, Athens 500 BC, Islam 600 AD, American Constitution 1787, Magna Carta 1215 AD
- * Paul had planted this church with Lydia and friends on 2nd miss tour, down by the river
- * Church at Philippi had sent cash \$\$\$ at least twice to Paul while he was 100 miles down the Road, 4.18

8. **People mentioned by name**

[Acts 16 Lydia & jailer, Silas, demon-possessed girl], Timothy, Epaphroditus [sick], Euodia, Syntyche, Clement

9. **Of special note**

- * Acts 16.9 Macedonian vision to "come over" led the troupe to Philippi [*from Troy, near Bosphorus, Istanbul*]
Troas = Troy, Trojan horse? Trojan wars, 1200 BC
- * ladies prayer meeting by River Ganga, no synagogue without 10 Jewish males
- * Epaphroditus was pastor, went to Rome to see Paul in prison, brought back epistle
- * 3 pastors & a slave left Rome with 4 epistles [*maybe at the same time*]
 - Tychicus carried Ephesians?*
 - Epaphroditus carried Philippians?*
 - Epaphras carried Colossians?*
 - Onesimus carried Philemon*
- * no Judaizer heresy, internal arguing, or discord [*but see 1.27 2.1-4,12,14 4.2*]
- * trouble in Ephesus with owners of the girl soothsayer after cast out demon, owners lose their financial income, angry
- * Paul & Silas arrested
- * written from prison, probably Rome

Ganga River



10. Notes about the city or region

- * first European church
- * city named after Alexander the *[not so]* Great's dad, king Philip of Macedon
- * elite Roman Empire city *[colony]*, paid no taxes to Rome
- * north of Greece, top of Aegean Sea, across from Troy *[Troas, hmm, Trojan horse]* which was in Asia *[near Bosphorus, a tiny canal which runs through Istanbul [1/2 to 2 miles wide], formerly Constantinople.*
Paul and company crossed at Hellespont *[the "bridge" of Helles, 1 to 4 miles wide] also called the Dardanelles.*
Lord Byron swam it to show it could be done.
48,000 vessels/year pass to Black Sea.
- * one of largest theaters in 4th century BC
- * gold mines nearby, rich city
- * Via Ignatius Roman interstate went through town, paved with cobbles

11. Highlights and familiar quotes

- 1.21 to me to live is Christ
- 4.13 I can do all things *[when I do them]* through Christ
- 4.19 my God shall supply all your need
- 2:7 made Himself of no reputation *[kenosis = emptied]*
- 2.10 every knee should bow
- 2.14 do all things without grumbling....
- 3.9 be found in him,

COLOSSIANS

CHRIST = HEAD OF A BODY
 * Christ, Our Magnificent Head
 Opposing Gnosticism

1.1 Grace
 3 Your faith, hope & charity
 9 Walk worthy
 16 The pre-eminence of Christ
 24 Christ in you—the hope of glory

2.1 I'm with you in spirit
 6 Walk!
 8 All of God is in Jesus
 16 Religious rituals are shadows
 3.1 Contemplate heavenly things
 5 Put off old-put on new
 12 Let the peace from Christ rule
 17 Do everything enthusiastically
 4.1 Speak graciously
 7 Nine friends here say hello
 18 Grace

1. **Themes & repeated words**

faith, faithful, head, ON/NN, ministry, mystery, dead

2. **Key verses**

1.9,10,15,17,19,20 2.8,9,19 3.2-5,8-10,12,13,17,22,23 4.17

3. **Characteristics**

* Ephesians focuses on the Church as being the Body of Christ—Colossians focuses on Christ as the head of the Church

* a warm letter for a believer's heart

4. **Outlines and organization of the letter**

1 The Church's Head	1,2 Who we are in Christ
2,3 The answer to False Teaching	3,4 How to walk with Christ
4 Our Union with Christ	

5. **Difficulties or issues addressed**

* Gnosticism = belief that truth can enter our minds esoterically, a "mystery-religion,"

* mysticism [see 2.9.19] available only to the enlightened

* deity of Christ challenged, also creator, redeemer

* ascetics are often mystics, kissin' cousins of hedonism [flipside]

6. **Commendations**

7. **Paul's personal touch**

* Since Philemon was a Colossian, and a good friend of Paul's, I choose to believe that Paul planted the church at Colossae, although Scripture does not record his visit **T.B.D.S.** *pjm*

* written from jail, probably Rome

8. **People mentioned by name**

Epaphras may have helped plant the church and been left behind.

Tychicus, Onesimus, Aristarchus, Barnabas, Mark, Jesus [Justus], Luke, Demas, Nympha, Laodiceans, Archippus

9. **Of special note**

* 95 verses, 70 of them mention Jesus Christ

* except for Hebrews, Colossians has the greatest emphasis on Jesus Christ Himself

* 3 pastors & a slave left Rome with 4 epistles [maybe at the same time]

Tychicus carried Ephesians?

Epaphroditus carried Philippians?

Epaphras carried Colossians?

Onesimus carried Philemon

* Maybe all 4 carried all 4? See also Col 4.7,9

* Col 1.7 mystery

10. **Notes about the city or region**

* Not much is known except its location, southwestern Turkey

* a fortress city

11. **Highlights and familiar quotes**

3:2 set your affection on things above

3.17 whatever you do in word or deed....

3.23 whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord

4.17 take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord

2.12 buried with Him in baptism [immersion], raised. . . .

2.14 my sin nailed to His Cross

3.2-5, set your affection on things above. . . Christ Who is our life

3.10 put on the new man

3.12,13 if you have a quarrel

3.23 whatever ye do

4.17 "Say to ~~Archippus~~, take heed to the ministry thou has received in the Lord, that thou fulfill it!"

This is the answer to life's persistent question.

WHY AM I HERE? WHAT IS MY PURPOSE FOR LIFE?

Colosse



1. **Themes & repeated words**

Rapture, tentmaker, walk worthy, strong faith, watch!, faithful is He, holy kisses, holiness, pre-Trib, A/C [*AntiChrist*], joy, Day of the Lord, brethren, sounded out = rang out, reverberated, coming

2. **Key verses**

4.13-18

3. **Characteristics**

every chapter ends with a reminder of Jesus' coming 1.10 2.19 3.13 4.13-18 5.23
 see PhilMyersBlog.com [Resurrections](#)

4. **Outlines and organization of the letter**

- 1 deliver us from wrath to come, 1.10
- 2 a crown at His coming, 2.19
- 3 purified at His coming with His saints, 3.13
- 4 The Rapture 4.13-18
- 5 without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

5. **Difficulties or issues addressed**

- * trouble, persecution?
- * Judaizer heresy: Lord has already come and we're in the Trib
 Judaizers = Gentiles must become Jews to become members of the Church, based on Ex 12.48
- * Day of the Lord = starts immediately after Rapture, lasts until GWT [*Great White Throne*] Isa 7.18-25
- * 5.10 "escape wrath" indicates that Rapture will occur prior to Tribulation. Battle of Gog & Magog, end of Trib

6. **Commendations**

- *boldness, steadfast, good imitators of Paul, faith, hope, charity, eagerly waiting for His return, power of Gospel, faithfulness through trouble, joy, great public reputation, turned from idols, no internal problems
- * sent financial gifts twice while Paul was in Philippi [Phil 4.6]
- * They "turned the world upside down" Acts 17.6

7. **Paul's personal touch**

- * Paul fled for his life from Thes to Berea, nearby south
- * chap 1-3 quite personal,
- * Paul had planted this church on 2nd missionary tour pjm
- * Paul's 2nd book after Galatians

8. **People mentioned by name**

Acts 17.5-10 Jason, Aristarchus, Timothy

9. **Of special note**

- * written from Corinth, Acts 17.1-10 18.1
- * tentmaking briefly, 2.9 & II Thes 3.8, all Jewish boys [rich & poor] learn a trade

10. **Notes about the city or region**

- * Thessalonika Greek port, named after Alexander the [*not so*] Great's sister, founded 415 BC
- * very rich, elite Roman colony so paid no taxes to Rome, most important city in Macedonia
- * Via Ignatius, The Ignatian Way, official Roman interstate highway [paved] went through town
- * today = 1 million population
- * quite idolatrous, ports entertain sailors who are starved for sex after being at sea, idolatrous sex
- * Thes is within site [*50 miles*] of Mt Olympus which is 275 miles due north of Athens

11. **Highlights and familiar quotes**

2.13 elect by means of faith, I Thes 1.4

see PhilMyersBlog.com [Corporate Election: the 3rd view in the Calvin-Arminian debate](#)

3.13-4.4 holiness 4x

4.5 challenge to grow

5.27 "rejoice evermore" = shortest verse in Greek Bible

reminder to Watch! For His coming

3.10 lacking in your faith

Paul does not acknowledge self or amanuensis at end, rare

4.16 Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout

I THESSALONIANS
 THE LORD IS COMING BACK

- 1.1 Everyone here knows your reputation
- 2.1 A missionary's lifestyle
- 13 You're like a crown of happiness
- 3.1 Paul's concern for fledgling church
- 4.1 Be pure!
- 9 Love others & be diligent
- 13 Poof! Soon we'll be gone
- 5.1 The Messiah returns like a thief at night
- 12 God's will in 16 sound bytes
- 23 Grace

Thessalonika



II THESSALONIANS

1.1 Grace
 3 Just be faithful - God will have revenge
 2.1 Antichrist is coming
 13 Stand firm
 3.1 God is faithful
 6 Church discipline & separation
 16 Grace

1. **Themes & repeated words**

His coming, affliction, chosen through faith, perseverance, God's vengeance, Evil One, Man of Lawlessness [A/C], comfort, Gospel, apostasy, coming again, brethren

2. **Key verses**

2.11

3. **Characteristics**

the Lord's Return

4. **Outlines and organization of the letter**

- 1 Lord is coming, hold up under persecution, 1.10 He comes to be glorified in His saints
- 2 Lord is coming, hold up under demon pressure, 2.8 the Lawless One will be destroyed at Jesus' coming, end of Trib [*Armageddon is at end of Kingdom*] Rev 19.11-19
- 3 2.2 false doctrine tha the Day of the Lord had already passed
 3.13 don't grow weary in well doing

5. **Difficulties or issues addressed**

heresy, 2.2
 the Day of the Lord is past,
 Christ has already returned
 Tribulation has begun
 3.6 warning to shun heretics
 3.10 idleness

6. **Commendations**

faith, love, perseverance, overcoming, glorifying God

7. **Paul's personal touch**

Paul is praying for them specifically

8. **People mentioned by name**

co-writers Silvanus [*some think this is Silas*] & Timothy

9. **Of special note**

* BEST definition of hell, 1.9 = "everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power"

*Seems to me Paul was in Thessalonika for quite a while. Only 3 weeks in the synagogue [*3 Sabbaths, Acts 17.2*], but long enough to run out of money twice and receive wire transfers from Philippi [Phil 4.15]. There may have been months between verses 4 & 5 while Paul taught at Jason's house and "turned the world upside down."

* II Thes is almost an addendum to I Thes with more emphasis on the AC, the man of lawlessness and the great apostasy

10. **Notes about the city or region**

see I Thes comments

11. **Highlights and familiar quotes** 2.3,8 AntiChrist, . . . the man of sin be revealed

- 1.9 "everlasting destruction"
- 2.11 "believe The Lie" of the A/C about peace & safety. . .strong delusion
- 2.13 "salvation through. . .belief of the truth"
- 2.3 "the man of sin" = AntiChrist
- 2.8 "the man of lawlessness" = AntiChrist
- 2.3 "falling away" = apostasia, **αποστασια**
- 3.10 don't work = don't eat
- 3.15 "disobedient. . .as a brother, not as an enemy"

These are 18 easiest-to-recognize letters in the 24-letter Greek alphabet.

α β δ ε γ ι κ λ μ ν ο ω π ρ σ τ υ ς
a b d e g i k l m n o o p r s t u s

Thessalonika



I TIMOTHY

"SHEPHERD THE FLOCK OF GOD"

- 1.1 Grace
- 3 Warning about false teachers
- 12 I'm the worst sinner I've ever met
- 18 Fight the good fight
- 2.1 Pray for salvation of all men
- 8 Women, practice submission
- LEADERS
- 3.1 Elders' qualifications
- 8 Deacons' & wives' qualifications
- 4.1 Some believers will become legalists
- 6 Take pains to be godly while young
- 5.1 Care for widows
- 11 Young widows
- 17 Concerning elders
- 6.1 Slaves & masters
- 3 Avoid friction
- 7 Be content
- 11 Pursue righteousness
- 15 A doxology
- 17 Rich in good works
- 20 Grace

Heresies & Problems:

- 1.4 genealogies
 - 1.7 unhealthy hunger to teach
 - 4.3 forbid marriage, vegetarianism
 - 4.7 silly myths
 - 6.20 Gnosticism [*science*] and esoteric mysticism.
- "depart. . . deny. . . cast off. . . erred. . . overthrown. . . reprobate"

1. **Themes & repeated words**

pay the pastor well, elders, deacons, sound doctrine [*every chapter*], false doctrine, faithfulness, widows, lay on hands, mediator, ransom, modesty, church discipline, contentment, busy bodies, teach, bishops, women, rebuking elders, faith, godliness, meat, doctrines of demons, celibacy, vegetarianism, Gnosticism

2. **Key verses**

1.15 3.2,15

3. **Characteristics**

- * Pastoral epistle, church order, Tim's jobs as pastor in Ephesus, unorganized, rehash of campfire chats Tim must have heard when church planting with Paul, scattered thoughts about elders' duties.
- * James wrote the same way. You could arrange James' 15 paragraphs in almost any order and the book would still be easy to understand.

4. **Outlines and organization of the letter**

- 1 Grace, warn false teachers
- 2 Salvation, women's issues
- 3 Choose leaders wisely - *Why did God wait until 62 AD to say this?*
- 4 Beware of Legalists
- 5 Widows & elders matters
- 6 Slaves, friction, & righteousness

5. **Difficulties or issues addressed**

- * don't lay hand on suddenly [5.22-24] [see PhilMyersBlog.com](http://seePhilMyersBlog.com) [Laying on Hands](#)
- * false teachers from within
- * reasons for false teachers
- * pay your pastor double of _____
- * one wife, the majority opinion for 1900 years has meant "no divorce" The Historical Orthodoxy principle. [see PhilMyersBlog.com](http://seePhilMyersBlog.com) [Remarriage](#)

6. **Commendations**

keep doing well

7. **Paul's personal touch**

- * Paul and Tim planted this church together, investment of 3 years, Tim was left there as pastor
- * Tim is Paul's BFF, a son in the faith, a disciple
- * Paul encourages Tim to come to Rome but we don't know if he made it. T.B.D.S.
- * But we do know that Tim spent time in prison and was released. Heb 13.23

8. **People mentioned by name**

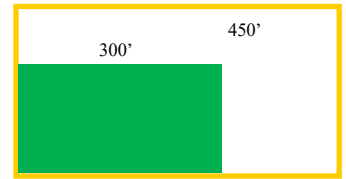
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9. **Of special note**

- * written 7 years after planting the church at Ephesus
- * lengthy section on widows [*even longer than the requirements of elders*]
- * after standing before Nero and being released [*I believe Paul witnessed to the emperor and Nero became furious at the spreading of the Church—thus blamed the Christians for the fire in Rome, 64 AD.* pjm
- * Earliest emperor-driven persecution occurred under Nero, 64 AD, right after Paul used his wallet to illustrate salvation while standing in Nero's throne room. Nero was ticked off with the Christians and so blamed his huge fire in Rome on the Christians. pjm
- * There was a big crowd of believers in Acts 19.

I TIMOTHY

Football field superimposed on Temple



"Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"



10. **Notes about the city or region**

- * Paul's 3rd visit to Ephesus, Acts 18.19 survey, Acts 19.1-10 planted church stayed 3 years, Acts 20.17 elders met for prayer on way to Jerusalem
- * Temple of Diana = 7 Wonders of World, larger than a football field [225 x 450, 127 pillars, immoral priestesses,
- * one of 7 churches of Rev 2,3 central to other 6 churches
- * Acts 19.18-20, burned sorcery books [50,000 pieces of silver = \$4-\$5 million]
- * Diana = Artemis
- * We surmise that many house churches were started in surrounding villages.
- * Ephesus became the spiritual hub of the empire.
- * Three international Councils convened there in the next several hundred years.

11. **Highlights and familiar quotes**

- * many of Paul's words in his epistles are only used in one epistles
- 2.14 reason women don't teach men, "Eve was deceived" - that is God's whole answer to the question
- 4.1-3 false teachings
- 5.1 elders are always plural
- 5.1 don't rebuke an elder publicly
- 6.1 slaves are to be esteemed in the church, they are to obey masters, slavery is not condemned [see also I Cor 7, Gal 3, Eph 6, Col 3, Philemon, masters are cautioned
- 5.2-16 widows, longest topic in book
- 6.10 love of money
- 4.13 public reading of Scripture [evidently during the worship service]
- 1.26 "delivered unto Satan"
- 2.11 silence of women in church
- 4.1 doctrines of demons
- 4.8 bodily exercise [context = celibacy & vegetarianism, not gym memberships]

II TIMOTHY

LETTER TO A YOUNGER PASTOR
34 direct commands

- 1.1 Grace
- 3 Ignite your gift
- 7 Don't be ashamed of Christ
- 15 Some friends are faithful - some aren't
- 2.1 Be strong in grace
- 8 Endure
- 14 Handle the Word well
- 20 Live a life of honor
- 3.1 Wicked times ahead
- 14 The Word is your security
- 4.1 Preach the Word!
- 9 Bring the parchments
- 19 Grace

1. **Themes & repeated words**

chains [back in jail], athlete, farmer, soldier, son, false teaching, diligence, preach!, passions of youth, resist truth, not ashamed, apostle, faith, endure, Gospel, suffer,

2. **Key verses**

3.15,16 4.2

3. **Characteristics**

not organized tightly, 34 commands, "most forceful letter" [Pastor Johnny Miller],

4. **Outlines and organization of the letter**

- 1 Grace, gifts, faithfulness
- 2 Be strong, endure, be diligent
- 3 Bad doctrines ahead
- 4 Preach the Word !

5. **Difficulties or issues addressed**

- * false doctrine, false teachers in the church
- * apostasy is a deliberate departure, not just a mistake
- * resurrection is past?

6. **Commendations**

25 references to individuals

7. **Paul's personal touch**

suffering, context = persecution for Christ, not human difficulties

[see PhilMyersBlog.com](http://www.PhilMyersBlog.com) [20 \[mostly biblical\] Reasons for Suffering](#)

last letter before beheading, sharing his heart, waiting for death

8. **People mentioned by name**

Aquila and Priscilla, Onesiphorus, Erastus, Trophimus, Eubulus, Pudens, Linus, Claudia, Tychicus, Titus, Crescens, Demas, Mark, Luke, Alexander, Jannes & Jambres

9. **Of special note**

- * last letter Paul ever wrote
- * written from prison in Rome
- * Christian = soldier, child, athlete, farmer, workman, vessel, servant
- * Jews had special entitlements with Rome because they simply wouldn't honor the emperor as a god [emperor worship]. The Church was considered a Jewish sect and benefitted on their coattails [for a while]. Claudius put an end to that during his reign [41-53 AD]. Nero continued the persecution.

Temple of Diana



10. **Notes about the city or region**

see notes in I Timothy

11. Highlights and familiar quotes

- 2.2 mentoring system, see little diagram, p. 26, Paul's 26 traveling companions
- 1.11 appointed as a teacher
- 1.6 kindle the gift [*spiritual gift*]
- 2.1 strong in grace
- 2.3 suffering because you are a believer *doesn't include: health issues, poor upbringing, education deficiencies, bad neighborhood, your house was robbed, nasty neighbors, weight problems, migraines, your son drowned, you were an orphan, blah, blah, blah*
We hurt and have empathy for each other, but those don't fit into the biblical category of suffering for Christ.
- 2.12 if we deny Him
- 2.15 "study [*be diligent, not book studying*] to be approved"
- 2.22 flee desires [*lusts*] common to upwardly mobile young people
- 3.16 all Scripture is given by inspiration
- 4.7 keep the faith
- 1.3 pray without ceasing
- 1.9 "called us" see PhilMyersBlog.com [Corporate Election](#)
- 1.12 I know Whom I have believed. . . .
- 2.5 strive lawfully [*ref to Olympic games*]
- 4.14 Alexander the coppersmith, see PhilMyersBlog.com [12 Canaanite Idols](#)
- 2.4 strive not, don't argue
- 2.22 flee youthful lusts: pride, possessions, power, etc. [*context is not sensuality*]
- 3.15 "from a child. . . salvation"
see PhilMyersBlog.com [Age of Accountability](#)

[EasyBelieve-ism, You betcha!](#)

[Family Worship, 140 ideas](#)

II Timothy

34 COMMANDS

Nine are crucial (red)

- 1.6 kindle afresh the gift
- 1.8 don't be ashamed of Jesus or me
- 1.8 join me in suffering for the Gospel
- 1.13 **follow my example of sound teaching**
- 1.14 guard the treasure you've been given
- 2.1 **be strong in grace**
- 2.2 **commit what you know to other men**
- 2.3 endure hardship
- 2.7 consider what I say [*carefully*]
- 2.8 remember Jesus Christ
- 2.14 **remind [*your people*] not to argue**
- 2.15 **be diligent in accurately handling the Word**
- 2.16 avoid empty chatter [*pointless discussions*]
- 2.22 flee youthful lusts
- 2.23 avoid foolish questions
- 3.1 realize difficult times will come
- 3.5 **avoid godless men, from such turn away**
- 3.14 continue teaching what you have learned
- 4.2 **Preach the Word**
- 4.2 be ready in [*every*] season
- 4.2 reprove or convince some
- 4.2 rebuke others
- 4.2 exhort [*your people*]
- 4.5 **be watchful**
- 4.5 endure hardship
- 4.5 do the work of an evangelist
- 4.5 **fulfill your ministry**
- 4.9 come to me soon
- 4.11 pick up Mark and bring him [*when you come*]
- 4.13 bring my cloak
- 4.13 bring my [*blank?*] parchments
- 4.15 beware [*of Alexander*]
- 4.19 greet Aquila and Priscilla
- 4.21 come before winter

34 commands in the imperative voice

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TITUS
 GODLINESS IN THE CHURCH
 [Ironsides's outline]
 1.1 Grace
 5 Appoint elders in Crete
 10 Reasons to preach the Word
 GODLINESS IN THE HOME
 2.1 Tasks for men, women, & slaves
 11 Because Jesus comes!
 GODLINESS IN THE WORLD
 3.1 Justified by grace
 9 Avoid strife
 12 Grace

1. **Themes & repeated words**

teach the Word, elders, sound doctrine, sound in the faith, grace, His glorious appearing, authority, regeneration, redeem, faith, Savior, advice to: old men, old women, young mothers,

2. **Key verses**

1.5 3.5,7

3. **Characteristics**

requirement for elders, *see I Tim 3*, shepherding the church

4. **Outlines and organization of the letter**

1 elders, especially expectations about teaching ministry
 Timothy 3.7 says "apt to teach" Titus has 9 verses about the teaching ministry of elders
 2 pastor as teacher
 3 pastoral ministry & false teaching

5. **Difficulties or issues addressed**

* sound doctrine
 * no commotion nor rebuke, just warning of future in-house troublemakers

6. **Commendations**

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7. **Paul's personal touch**

* Paul had sent Titus to Crete with instructions to reach the whole island!
 Perhaps about the same time Tim was left in Ephesus.
 * Paul's vested interest in Titus' success since he had appointed Titus as pastor and encouraged Titus to appoint others as pastors as the occasion arose
 * In essence, Titus became bishop of the whole island
 * written between Paul's 2 imprisonments in Rome

8. **People mentioned by name**

Artemas, Tychicus, Zenas, Apelles

9. **Of special note**

Titus may have traveled with Paul for many years, T.B.D.S.

10. **Notes about the city or region**

* Crete: 5th largest island in Med Sea
 * SE of Greece
 * pottery industry

11. **Highlights and familiar quotes**

3.5 washing of regeneration
 3.7 being justified by grace

1.9 holding fast the faithful Word



PHILEMON

1 Grace
 4 You've helped me
 8 Onesimus is now a believer
 18 Put it on my account
 23 Grace

1. **Themes & repeated words**

all church members are equal [*rich, poor, slaves, slave owners*], forgiveness, owners should witness to their slaves, treat slaves kindly [*so they don't run away*], brother, confidence in you

2. **Key verses**

1.6, 16

3. **Characteristics**

gentle rebuke

4. **Outlines and organization of the letter**

- A Accept Onesimus as a brother
- B Forgive as you've been forgiven
- C Treat him as you would treat me [*or anybody, everybody*]

5. **Difficulties or issues addressed**

- * runaway slaves could be beaten or killed, Onesimus evidently robbed and fled
- * Unknow whether Onesimus looked up Philemon's friend, Paul, in jail or whether he was arrested and met Paul as a fellow prisoner.
- * Philemon's probable reticence to receive Onesimus

6. **Commendations**

- * Paul appeals to Philemon's good character and love for God
- * "may your soul prosper"
- * courteous, tactful, forceful

7. **Paul's personal touch**

- * letter to an old friend
- * church may have been daughter church planted by church at Ephesus [*by Epaphras, Col 1.7*], if not planted by Paul & company
- * most writers agree that Paul was directly or indirectly involved in planting the Colossian church, but he certainly knew Philemon as a personal friend.

pjm

8. **People mentioned by name**

Archippus [*pastor? church in his home?*], Epaphras, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke [*also mentioned in Col*], Apphia

9. **Of special note**

- * Onesimus had evidently looked for Paul in Rome *1,300 miles by foot or skateboard from Colossae*
- * saved while visiting Paul in prison, Mamertine Dungeon
- * Roman Empire pop, 120 million, 10% citizens, 60 million slaves, [30% to 50%, urban = higher %]
- * In faith, Paul handed the original manuscript of "Philemon" to a runaway slave to deliver to former slave master.
- * remember, Philemon, you owe me a favor—you owe me your life bec. I brought you the Gospel [?]
- * salutation almost identical to Rom, I & II Cor, Gal, Eph, Phil
- * 3 pastors & a slave left Rome with 4 epistles [*maybe at the same time*]

Tychicus carried Ephesians?

Epaphroditus carried Philippians?

Epaphras carried Colossians?

Onesimus carried Philemon

* *Maybe all 4 carried all 4? See also Col 4.7,9*

- * Colossae was 125 mile due east of Ephesus.

10. **Notes about the city or region**

- * Not much is known except its location, southwestern Turkey
- * a fortress city
- * church mostly Gentiles [*names ending in -us often Greek*], Col 1.21

11. **Highlights and familiar quotes**

- * you owe me
- * put it on my account
- * receive him as a brother, 1:16 above a servant, a brother beloved

Colossae Temple acropolis



HEBREWS

THE SUPERIORITY OF Christ

- 1.1 He spoke through His Son
- 4 Better than angels
- 2.1 Confirmed by signs
- 5 A little lower than angels
- 9 Crowned with glory
- 14 Tempted like us
- 3.1 Apostle & high priest
- 7 Do not become hardened
- 4.1 Faith brings rest
- 7 The Word reveals intent of my hearts
- 14 Tempted like us
- 5.1 Better than high priest
- 11 You are dim-witted
- 6.1 Stick to the 6 essentials
- 9 Be diligent, not dull
- 13 Better than Abraham
- 17 As good as Melchizedek
- 7.1 Melchizedek's credentials
- 4 Melchizedek compared to mortal men
- 11 His priesthood better than Aaron's
- 17 Jesus & Mel belong to same permanent priesthood
- 26 A pure priest
- 8.1 Better than sanctuary
- 6 Better than covenants & promises
- 9.1 Better than sanctuary
- 11 Better than blood of atonement
- 23 Only one sacrifice
- 10.1 Better than Law of Moses
- 8 Better than Day of Atonement
- 19 No other sacrifice
- 32 God is present in persecution
- 11.1 Five people of faith
- 13 Faith in the God of the future
- 20 Acts of faith of 7 more
- 32 Faith without receiving
- 12.1 Run patiently
- 5 A father's loving discipline
- 14 Esau's bad example
- 22 Don't resist God
- 13.1 Be content because...
- 7 Obey & listen to your leaders
- 18 Pray for me
- 25 Grace

1. **Themes & repeated words**

better than [18x], purity, partaker, heavenly, warning, Christ in the OT, angels, salvation, Jesus' humanity, sacrifice of praise, Jesus sat down, eternal security, 5 warnings, rest, covenants, Melchizedek, superiority [18x], love, perfect [15x], let us [13x], by faith [13x], high priest, angels, Tabernacle, sacrifice, priest, sin, blood

2. **Key verses**

4.12 8.6 11.11,19 12.6 13.5

3. **Characteristics**

- * stay faithful, 10 chapters of comparisons of Jesus to spectacular OT hings
- * Paul's Magnum Opus,
- * 5 warnings [6?], see end of next page for 7 warnings
- * no particular instructions to any church
- * How many blatant clues did Paul have to drop about his authorship?

4. **Outlines and organization of the letter**

- 1-10 Superiority of Jesus
- 11 By Faith
- 12,13 Encouragement to run the race

5. **Difficulties or issues addressed**

- * 5 warnings: 2.1-4 drifting, 3.7-19 walking away, 6.4-8 legalism, 10.26-31 legalism, 12.12-17 Esau's profanity, 12.25-29 turning away
- * ammunition against the heresies of the "Great Councils" in the centuries to come
- * Melchizedek as theophany, no human relatives
- * 5.14 apathy

6. **Commendations**

not much

7. **Paul's personal touch**

- * fingerprints all over the book
- * Timothy, prison, soon release, benediction
- * Written perhaps during 2 years in prison in Caesarea, 13.23? His ministry seems to have been cut short by his insistence on going to Jerusalem. Perhaps distributed to many Hebrew churches throughout nearby Judea & Samaria. Paul hadn't spent any time in Israel for 30 years, and now he's in prison in back in Israel *pjm*
- *** The only argument against Paul's authorship is that Paul wasn't the apostle to the Hebrews.

8. **People mentioned by name**

Timothy

9. **Of special note**

- * 11.11,19 second best definitions of faith in Bible, Rom 4.21 is best [refer to both Sarah's and Abraham's faith]
- * eastern churches adopted Hebrews into Canon earlier than western churches
- * We can be as sure of Paul's authorship as we can the 8 other NT books without any signature and the 8 OT books of I,II Sam, I,II Kings, I,II Chron, Esther, & Job. Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, I II III John. These 9 constitute 1/3 of the NT without signatures.
- * written in classical Greek. *The only other portion of the NT in classical Greek is Luke 1.1-4.*
- * Messianic Hebrews anticipated that the Temple would be part of the Messianic Kingdom as Jerusalem was going to be the capital of the world. Shock! The Temple was dismantled in 70 AD!
Titus [as general, before he became emperor] literally dug up every stone [Matt 24.2] on the Temple Mount, but this happened years after Hebrews was written.

Paul's authorship

- 1. Pauline style
- 2. Pauline theology
- 3. Pauline lists
- 4. No other writer has similar style
- 5. Early identification
- 6. 13.23 "brother Timothy"
- 7. 13.24 from Italy
- 8. 13.23,24 bonds,
- 9. 13.19 anticipated release
- 10. 13.25 benediction, "grace"
- 11. 2.3 not one of "the 12"
- 12. 2.3 "salv. . .spoken by the Lord [Damascus]."
- 13. 13.18 "pray for me" *Pauline*
- 14. Unique vocab
- 15. Great use of OT quotations.
- 16. II Pet 3.15 Peter mentions that Paul had written to the Jews.
- 17. No Temple = pre-70 AD
- 18. Nothing incongruent w/ Paul

All discussions always include Paul

The early Church embraced pauline authorship right away.

Absence of Paul's signature: Paul was not the apostle to Jews, but to Gentiles.

All other non-Pauline suggestions have only 1 or 2 arguments which they claim don't fit Paul: 1. classical, 2. LXX, 3. allegorical, or 4. conjecture without evidence.

No other book in the Bible has as much support for authorship as Hebrews and some people camp out on the "non-signature" item. Huh?

Diaspora of Jews



10. **Notes about the city or region**

- * perhaps Diaspora
- * distributed to Hebrew congregations first in nearby Judea and Samaria, if written from Caesarean jail, as I propose. pjm

11. **Highlights and familiar quotes**

- 1.2 spoken through His Son
- 2.9 little lower than the angels
- 2.18 tempted. . .He is able to aid us
- 3.8 do not harden hearts
- 3.13 encourage one another
- 4.12 Word of God. . .2-edge sword
- 4.15 high priest. . .our weaknesses
- 4.16 boldly. . .help in time of need
- 5.8 He learned obedience
- 6.16 impossible [*unnecessary*] to ???
- 7.17 Mel. . .priest forever after
- 8.13 new covenant
- 9.22 without shedding of blood
- 9.27 once to die. . .judgment
- 10.10 death. . .once for all
- 10.25 not forsaking assembling
- 11— Faith Chapter
- 11.6 without faith impossible to please God
- 11.11 "she considered Him faithful!"
- 12.1 great cloud of witnesses
- 12.6 for whom the Lord loveth. . .
- 13. do not neglect. . .strangers
- 13.5 I shall never leave thee
- 13.8 Jesus. . .same yesterday
- 13.17 obey those over you

12. **Warnings**

- 2.1-4 neglect
- 3.7-19 unbelief
- 4.1,11-13 unbelief
- 5.11-6.20 maturity, ___ verses
- 10.26-31 willful sin
- 12.14-17 apostasy
- 12.25-29 refusal

Factoids Galore About Brother Paul !

A. **New epistles** were quickly taken to all church plants, then copied, and originals sent on.
** I choose to believe that Paul wrote many letters to many individual churches. pjm*

B. Mostly **arranged by** _____ [*same as order of OT prophets*]

Books with the most organization	R	G	E	H	I C
Books with the least organization	I & II T		P		

D. Which books **quote the most OT** Scripture? 183x

- 84x R _____ (74)
- 83x H _____ (86)
- 26x 1 C _____ (41)
- 18x 2 C _____ (13)
- 14x G _____ (16)
- 12x E _____ (11)
- 9x 2 T _____ (2)
- 7x 2 Th _____ (2)
- 6x P _____ (3)
- 4x 1 T _____ (6)
- 3x C _____ (3)
- 1x 1 Th _____ (2)
- 0x Tit _____ (0)
- 0x Phlm _____ (0)

E. Hab 2.4 “just shall live by faith” 3x _____ 1.17 _____ 3.11? _____ 10.38
 Gen 15.6 “Abraham believed God. . . .” _____ 4.3 _____ 3.6 _____ 2.23

F. Which 6 written from **jail**?

G. Which 6 **co-authored** by Timothy?
 _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

H. **6 basic parts** of Paul’s epistles [*in varying orders*]

salutation = usually “grace”

greeting specific people by name

often mentioning a character trait, sometimes with rebuke

doctrine section = usually the longest

personal section: thanks, commendation, prayers for them

practical application of doctrine

closing

I. Possible order of epistles, also listed on the cover

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| { | Galatians | |
| | I, II Thessalonians | |
| | I, II Corinthians | 7 Travel epistles [during 3 missionary trips] |
| | Romans | |
| | Hebrews, [Caesarean jail?, <i>pjm</i>] | |
| { | Philemon | |
| | Philippians | 4 Prison Epistles [also from prison, II Tim & Heb? <i>pjm</i>] |
| | Ephesians | |
| | Colossians | |
| { | I Timothy | |
| | Titus | 3 Pastoral Epistles |
| | II Timothy [from Roman prison] | |

* The Canon arranged these [kinda] by length, and a little by date.

- The 27 books of the Canon were first proposed by Origen, 250 AD

* These 27 were finally ratified after they were presented by Athanasius, 367 AD

J. The 14 Epistles of Paul

- 9 to churches
- 4 to individuals
- 1 to Jewish community at large

K. Rebukes by books

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| Romans | 13.1-3, Christians cannot defy any gov't established by God, their own gov't or others |
| I Corinthians | 14 |
| 1.10 | Divisions |
| 3.1 | Personal cliques |
| 3.20 | Man's wisdom |
| 5.1 | Incest |
| 6.1 | Lawsuits |
| 7.8 | Remarriage |
| 8.1 | Puffed up |
| 8.7 | Liberty |
| 9.1 | Pay your pastor |
| 10.23 | Offending other believers |
| 11.1ff | Hair or hats? |
| 11.23 | Communion abuses |
| 12.1 | Attitudes about gifts |
| 14.1 | Misuse of tongues |
| II Corinthians | affirmed for restoration |
| Galatians | 1.7,8 warn of false gospel message, 2.11,14 |
| Ephesians | 5.11, rebuke for public sins |
| Philippians | no rebuke or warning |
| Colossians | attack Gnosticism, 1.15-17,18,20,22 2.9 2.18 3.5-8 |
| I,II Thessalonians | warn about apathy over Christ's return |
| I Timothy | 6.3-5, warning but not blaming, 5.20 4.1,2 |
| II Timothy | warn about selfishness, disobedience, etc. 3.1-4 |
| Titus | rebuking those who cause division, 1.13 |
| Philemon | gentle, ironic conviction for not forgiving |
| Hebrews | 5 doctrinal warnings [see Hebrews notes] |

- L. **Laying on Hands**, I Tim 5.22 4.14
 II Tim 1.6 [see PhilMyersBlog.com](http://PhilMyersBlog.com) [Laying on Hands](#)
- M. Most epistles are generally **warm and personable** compared to prophets, Law, Gospels, Moses, and the Revelation.
- N. Many of the great evangelistic movements in the past 2,000 year started with **Galatians, and the book of Romans.**
- O. The **Big Five** books: Romans, Galatians, Hebrews, I & II Corinthians.
- P. Different way to **group epistles.**
- Eschatology I, II Thessalonians
 - Soteriology Romans, Galatians
 - Christology Hebrews, Colossians, Ephesians, Philippians, Philemon
 - Ecclesiology I, II Corinthians, I,II Timothy, Titus
- Q. **OT warnings:** [on entering the land] Deut 7.3ff
- Don't worship their idols *slay false prophets, even if they do miracles*
 - Don't marry their girls
 - Don't make peace treaties
- NT warnings** for the Church, *see 7 "warnings" last line in Hebrews survey, p. #35*
- False teachers & false teaching
 - Drifting, rationalizing, adopting
- R. **Church polity**
- Leadership & its duties [see PhilMyersBlog.com](http://PhilMyersBlog.com) [Elder, Please Step Down, Now.](#)
 - Discipline: excommunication, shunning
 - Restoration
- S. Paul's **3 sins**, * *arguing with Barnabas wasn't a sin.*
- Circumcising Timothy, Acts 16
 - "[kept telling, *ελεγον, elegon*] Paul **through the Spirit** not to set foot in Jerusalem," [Acts 21.4], Paul disregards Spirit's instructions and "departed and went our way. . .we took ship." [Acts 21.5,6]
Even though the Spirit later seems to grant reluctant permission to go [Acts 21.11,12] knowing he would be arrested in Jerusalem.
** Church planting ministry cut short by 2 years while waiting in Caesarean jail.*
God had already promised Paul he would stand before kings. Acts 9.15 [by Ananias].
 - Taking vow to prove "thou keepest the Law," Acts 21.24
- T. Paul as a **writer**
- He cries, prays, hugs, encourages, peels hide, rebukes, corrects [*sometimes all in the same epistle, I Cor*]
 - He feels: abandoned, overwhelmed by their apostasy, encouraged by their growth and faithfulness, wounded by their questioning his authority, hurt by cutting remarks, like a harried substitute School teacher, as well as ecstatic about their growth.

U. **Two Ordinances of the Church**

- Baptism hardly mentioned by Paul
- Communion almost absent

V. **S.A.D.** *Seminary of the Arabian Desert—learning as well as ministering*

Gal 1.15-17

- In Arabia [*could be anywhere from Damascus to Saudi Arabia, Yemen?*]
 - * preaching to the Gentiles during this time
 - * sitting at the feet of Jesus for 3 years?
 - “I was taught it by revelation”
 - * later heads off to Jerusalem, v.18

Timeline of the apostle Paul

Year	Event	Scripture	Year	Event	Scripture
4 BC	birth of Christ	Luke 2	50-54	begged to leave town	Acts 16.39
7 AD	Herod [#1] the Great kills babies Judea becomes Roman province	Matt 2.16-18		*Thessalonika, plants church mob chased them out of town	Acts 17.1-10
1-10AD	birth of Paul, Tarsus [Turkey] Saul, Pharisee Roman citizen	Phil 3.5 Acts 22.28		*?Berea, leaves Silas & Tim Athens, Mars Hill, *Corinth, Silas & Tim rejoin Paul	Acts 17.10-14 Acts 17.16-34
15?AD	educated under Gamaliel Tiberius becomes emperor	Acts 22.3		18 months, meet Aquila & Priscilla, plants church	Acts 18.1-17
26	Pilate becomes procurator, Judea			Paul writes I & II THESS.	
28	John the Baptist beheaded Herod [#2] Antipas	Matt 14.10		visits Ephesus briefly, Caesarea, Jerusalem, returns to Antioch	Acts 18.18-22
29	crucifixion of Christ	John 20	54-58	THIRD MISSIONARY TRIP Nero becomes emperor, 54-68 AD	
	Peter preaches [3,000 & 5,000]	Acts 2.41 4.4		*Galatia again [Turkey], on way to	Acts 18.23
30	Saul at Stephen's stoning Saul persecutor of the Church	Acts 7.51 Acts 8.1-3		*Ephesus, plants church, stays 3 years, Diana [Artemis] mob, [silver idol makers],	Acts 19.1ff
32?	Barnabas sent to Antioch as Jerusalem's first missionary	Acts 11.20-22		Paul writes I, II CORINTHIANS ROMANS,	
34	Saul saved on way to Damascus preaches in Damascus Barnabas vouches for Saul in Damascus	Acts 9.1-9 Acts 9.20 Acts 9.27		Philippi in Macedonia *Troas, Greece, Macedonia	Acts 20.1
	flees Damascus in a basket goes to Jerusalem	Acts 9.20ff Acts 9.26-29		Eutychus falls out window on foot to Mitylene, etc.	Acts 20.2-12 Acts 20.13-15
35,36	Saul sent away to Tarsus Seminary of Arabian Desert [during time in Dam or Tars?]	Acts 9.30 Gal 1.17		*Miletus, meets elders Rhodes, Patara, Phoenecia, Tyre kneels on the beach	Acts 20.15ff Acts 21.3-6
37	Caligula becomes emperor			CHURCH PLANTING	
41	Claudius becomes emperor			MINISTRY ENDS	
42	famine in Rome		58-62	Caesarea	
42	Barnabas finds Saul in Tarsus, brings him to Antioch to teach	Acts 11.25,26		* forbidden to go to Jerusalem [Paul chooses to disregard info given "through the Spirit"]	Acts 21.4
	Saul takes famine aid to Jerusalem Mark joins Barn & Saul	Acts 11.29,30 Acts 12.25		* permitted to go to Jerusalem arrested at Jerusalem, mob at Temple	Acts 21.11 Acts 21.26ff Acts 21.22ff
44-49	Herod [#3] Agrippa I kills James FIRST MISSIONARY TRIP Barn & Saul chosen by Spirit to be missionaries to Gentiles Cyprus, Galatia [Turkey] Paul becomes leader of trip [so] Mark goes home [Jerusalem?]	Acts 12.1-3 Acts 13.2,3 Acts 13.13		Jerusalem, Paul makes sinful vow to prove he kept Mosaic laws taken before Sanhedrin murder plot	Acts 21.24 Acts 22.30ff
	* Pisidia, preached, expelled * Iconium, murder plot, fled * Lystra, healed lame man, * Derbe	Acts 13.50 Acts 14.5		delivered, but imprisoned for 2 years in Caesarea	Acts 23.12ff
	P&B mocked gods, stoned return trip appoint elders	Acts 14.19,20 Acts 14.21-24		Jesus guarantees Paul that he will get to Rome [to fulfill Jesus' earlier promise that he would stand before a king—Acts 9.15]	
49	return to Antioch			Felix	Acts 24
50	Paul writes GALATIANS			Festus	Acts 25.1-12
50	P & B, Jerusalem Council Claudius expels Jews fr Rome			Herod [#4] Agrippa II	Acts 25.26
50	squabble over Mark's departure [nobody sinned, just disagreed] [Mark goes home and writes book of MARK]	Acts 15.36-39		* Paul appeals to emperor Nero	Acts 25.11
50-54	SECOND MISSIONARY TRIP Paul & Silas, re-visit ch in Turkey Lystra, pick up Timothy [Luke joins P's team somewhere along the way and stays with Paul continuously for 15 years, even to prisons]	Acts 15.40,41 Acts 16.1-5	62	boat trip to Rome as prisoner Writes Phlm [maybe "prison" written from Caesarean jail] PHIL, EPH, COL, HEB,	Acts 27,28 epistles were
	Troas, "Macedonian vision" *Philippi, Lydia, demon-possessed girl, jail, jailer's family saved plants church	Acts 16.9,10 Acts 16. 11-38	64	Nero's great fire of Rome	
			65	Paul re-imprisoned	
				Paul has 26 traveling companions over 20 years. * Paul's church plants, 10-14x	
				Events after Acts 28 Paul witnesses to Nero, was released from prison, writes I TIM, TITUS, goes to Spain, re-arrested, writes II TIMOTHY, beheaded about 65 AD. Temple destroyed 70 AD. see PhilMyersBlog.com , 2020	

Paul's Biosketch:

- ⇒ “a man of small stature, with a bald head and crooked legs, in a good state of body, with eyebrows meeting [*unibrow*] and nose somewhat hooked.”
Onesiphorus of Iconium, Acts of Paul and Thecla [contemporary who met Paul]
 - ⇒ “his bodily presence is weak and his speech contemptible.” *II Cor 10.10*
 - ⇒ not the first missionary, Barnabas had already been sent out by the Jerusalem church as a church planter to Antioch Acts 11.22 **8Keys**, #3, COMPARE
 - ⇒ recruited [*from Tarsus*] by Barnabas to come to Antioch [*150 miles west of Antioch*] Acts 11.25
 - ⇒ Missionary [*Doc's definition*] = “an elder who is sent out by his church to go plant churches Cross culturally.” *pjm*
 - * no promise of financial support
 - * preach the Word of God without charge, I Cor 9.18
 - * 3 missionary journeys, 15 years [*AD 44-58*]: 7,000 miles
[half by boat, most by commercial airlines or on foot],
 - ⇒ apostle = “someone sent [*on a mission*]”
 5 requirements for all apostles:

Acts 1.22	met Jesus	knew Jesus personally	witnessed the rez
I Cor 9.1	eyewitness		
II Cor 12.12	signs, did miracles		
 - ⇒ chief of sinners became saint *I Tim 1.15*
 - ⇒ least of the apostles became preacher *I Cor 15.9*
 Nowhere does it imply Paul was the best Christian ever, or even the best missionary.
Beware the glorification of Paul.
 - ⇒ persecutor of the Church became prime writer of NT doctrine of the Church, [35% of NT]
 - ⇒ murderer became missionary
 - ⇒ least of the saints became exhibit “A” Christian *Eph 3.8 I Tim 1.15*
 - ⇒ significant cities Paul visits

Ephesus	I Tim 1.3, Acts 18,19	3 yrs	Corinth	Acts 18	1 1/2 yrs
Jerusalem	Acts 15,21		Troas	II Tim 4.13	
Philippi	Acts 16,20		Athens	Acts 17	
Thessalonika	Acts 17		Rome	Acts 28	[<i>involuntarily</i>]
- Prison Record**—3 arrests [*plus “custodies”*], total 5 or 6 years
- A. Acts 16 Philippian jail, overnight only
 - B. Acts 21-28, arrested in Jerusalem AD 56 **8Keys**, ROMAN HISTORY
 - Includes:
 - 2 yr. stint in Caesarea
 - appeals to Nero
 - Mediterranean cruise to Rome, in chains
 - house arrest in Rome 2 yrs, Luke stays with him, *II Tim 4.11*
 - Timothy, Mark, Onesiphorus, others join him
 - trial before Nero, then released *pjm*
 - must have explained the gospel to Nero*
 - C. rearrested, wrote II Timothy, lonely, crusty old bachelor on death row, II Tim 4.6 1.16 [AD 65
 Mamertine dungeon? with Demas, Luke, Titus, Crescens **8Keys**, ROMAN GEOGRAPHY



An apostle is . . .

Paul's 4 Missionary Journeys



1st Trip

44-49 AD

Antioch (Syria)
Island of Cyprus
Perga
Antioch, Pisidia
Iconium
Lystra
Derbe
Lystra
Iconium
Antioch, Pisidia
Perga
Attalia
Antioch (Syria)

1,581 miles



2nd Trip

50-54 AD

Antioch (Syria)
Barnabas to Cyprus
Derbe
Lystra
Phrygia/Galatia
Antioch, Pisidia
Bithynia—NO!
Troas
Philippi
Thessalonika
Berea
Athens
Corinth
Cenchrea
Ephesus
Caesarea
Antioch (Syria)

3,050 miles



3rd Trip

54-58 AD

Antioch (Syria)
Galatia/Phrygia
Ephesus, 3 yrs
Macedonia/Greece
Thessalonika
Corinth, 1 1/2 yrs
Thessalonika
Philippi
Troas
Mitylene
Island of Rhodes
Tyre
Caesarea
Jerusalem

3,307 miles

Pax Romana produced 53,000 miles of Roman roads by 300 AD.

Not all were stone paved. Mostly built to move troops, but there were no Roman wars in NT times.

10'-12' wide
5' stone columns every mile.
mille passus = 1,000 paces = 1 mile

This enhanced the spread of the Gospel immeasurably.

Average traveler = 3 mph, 7 hours/day

Julius Caesar rode horseback from France to Rome, 800 miles—8 days
Many horses, I'm sure.

Rome to Palestine = 46 days on foot
Rome to Egypt = 64 days on foot
By boat = 10-20 days [going west, 40-60 days]

Inns

- poor food
- High prices
- Filthy rooms [bugs were free]
- Residents were gamblers, thieves, and prostitutes

* Remember church widows were obliged to wash strangers' feet to receive church handouts.

4th Trip 53? 55? AD

The case for a 4th trip: mentioned but not described.
Rom 15.19

"... from Jerusalem and round about Illyricum, I have fully preached the Gospel of Christ."

Illyricum is in ancient Albania, several hundred miles north of Greece.

None of these maps show that he reached Illyricum.

5th Trip

63,64? AD

To Spain:
"[Paul] preached in the East and in the West... having reached the farthest limits of the West."
[Clement 5.5-7, 95 AD]

This is also affirmed thrice by:
* The Acts of Peter
* Muraturian Fragment
* Eusebius

Neatest Verses in Each Book

(worth memorizing or reading aloud 10X)

Romans

- 1.16 not ashamed of the gospel of Christ:
 4.21 being fully assured...what He promised...
 5.1,2 being justified by faith
 5.6 Christ died for the ungodly.
 5.8 while we were yet sinners
 6.12 let not sin therefore reign in your. . .body
 6.23 the wages of sin is death, but...
 8.26 the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us
 8.28 all things work together for good
 8.32 He who did not spare His own Son...
 10.9 if you confess with your mouth...
 12.1-2 I urge you...to present your bodies....

I Corinthians

- 1.9 folly
 4.2 required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.
 6.19-20 your body is the temple of H.S....
 10.12 let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall
 10.13 no temptation has overtaken you...
 11.23-26 do this in remembrance of Me.
 13.1-13 if I speak with the tongues of men and angels

II Corinthians

- 4.3 if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:
 5.9 we must appear before the...seat...
 5.17 he is a new creature...
 5.21 He was made sin for us...
 9.15 thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

Galatians

- 1.8 though we, or an angel. . .preach any other gospel
 2.16 a man is not justified by works....
 2.20 I have been crucified with Christ...
 3.6 Abraham believed God
 3.11 no man is justified by the law. . .just shall live by faith.
 3.26 ye are all the children of God by faith
 6.2 bear ye one another's burdens

Ephesians

- 2.1 you. . .were dead in trespasses and sins;
 2.8-9 for by grace are you saved...faith...
 4.15 speaking the truth in love
 4.29 no unwholesome word...out of your mouth...
 4.32 be ye kind one to another
 5.16 redeeming the time
 6.18 praying always with all prayer

Philippians

- 1.21 to me to live is Christ...
 2:7 made Himself of no reputation [*kenosis = emptied*]
 2.10 every knee should bow
 2.14 do all things without grumbling...
 3.9 be found in him,

Colossians

- 3:2 set your affection on things above
 3.17 whatever you do in word or deed...
 3.23 whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord
 4.17 take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord

I Thessalonians

- 4.16 Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout

II Thessalonians

- 2Th 2:3 that man of sin be revealed

I Timothy

- 1.15 Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...
 3.2 a bishop then must be blameless

II Timothy

- 3.15 from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures
 3.16 all scripture is given by inspiration of God
 4.2 Preach the Word!

Titus

- 1.9 holding fast the faithful Word
 3.5 not by works of righteousness
 3.7 being justified by his grace

Philemon

- 1:16 above a servant, a brother beloved

Hebrews

- 3.13 exhort one another daily
 4.12 Word of God is alive & powerful
 11.11 Sarah. . .judged him faithful who had promised.
 12.6 those whom the Lord loves...
 13.5 I will never leave thee

What other verses do you like?

1. Read the whole verse in your Bible 10X, then cover the right half of the verse with your hand and "read" it.
2. Read it uncovered once more.
3. Repeat as often as necessary.

Introduction to Paul's letters

1. I choose to believe that Paul continuously wrote **many letters** to various churches. Maybe circuit letters designed to be read in many congregations and carried by one of his companions on a 12-state tour to Paul's 10-20 "church plants." *pjm*
Of course, only 14 of these were Scripture and placed in the Canon.

2. **Postal carriers** for the Epistles
Romans 16.1,2, carried by P _____
I Cor 7.12,13, delivered by T _____
3 pastors & a slave left Rome with 4 epistles [maybe at the same time]
Tychicus carried Ephesians?
Epaphroditus carried Philippians?
Epaphras carried Colossians? Col 4.7, Tychicus?
Onesimus carried Philemon

3. An **amanuensis** was a hired scribe possibly chosen for his beautiful or clear script.
Rom 16.22, Tertius
Paul "signed" these 5 letters after someone else "wrote" them.
I Cor 16.21 Philemon 1.19 II Thes 3.17 Gal 6.11 Col 4.18
* Peter also had an amanuensis, Silvanus, I Pet 5.12.

4. **Tentmaker?** - Bah! Hardly worth mentioning. Bi-vocational pastor for 3 very brief periods in 15 years: Thessalonika, Corinth, Ephesus
"Tentmaker" = *[definition today] a missionary who supports himself with part-time employment*
a. II Thes 3.8 made tents in Thessalonika AD 52
Paul starts *[Acts 18.3]* then quits tentmaking two verses later *[18.5]*.
Phil 4.14-19 obviously Paul was in Thessalonika more than "Three Sabbaths" The church at Philippi sent Paul relief money at least twice while Paul was living and church planting in Thessalonika.
If Paul started out with a next egg [pjm, opinion] it had run out by his second missionary tour.
b. I Cor 11.7 "preached. . .freely" (NAS "without charge") in Corinth, AD 54.
Later apologizes to the Corinthians *[53 AD]* for not giving them an opportunity to support him. He tells them he treated them as "inferior to other churches. . .not burdensome to you . . .forgive me this wrong"
I Cor 4.12
c. Acts 20.34 again bi-vocational in Ephesus AD 60

5. **Every year, no matter** the system you read, go through: *pjm*
Romans, *basic Church doctrine*
Acts, *the Militant Church on the Move*
A Gospel, *stay in the life of Christ*
Galatians, *the message of salvation*
Hebrews, *focus on Christ, theologically*
one verse from Psalm 119 each day, *focuses heavily on the* _____

What other books do you feel we should read every year? _____ ?

6. How much of the Jewish population was literate in Paul's day? _____ %

7. Read one whole book 30-days-in-a-row: *my recommended order*

Colossians	Hebrews 1-7	the rest of the NT in
Ephesians	Hebrews 8-13	bite-sized chunks at
Philippians	I Timothy	your preference.
Galatians	II Timothy	
I Thessalonians	Titus	
II Thessalonians	Philemon [3x a day for 10 days]	

8. Read the Bible by paragraphs. [see PhilMyersBlog.com](http://PhilMyersBlog.com) [100-Day Whole Bible Review](#)
Follow these 8 principles, [Bible study methods: hermeneutics = rules of engagement].

- The Law of **Non-contradiction**, *no verse contradicts any other verse.* **Numero Uno!**
- The Law of **Context**, *no verse is properly understood apart from the paragraph and chapter in which it is found.*
- The Law of **Comparing Scripture with other Scripture.**
- The Law of basic **Literal, Historical, Grammatical** understanding.
 - * assume all verses are to be understood literally, *unless in a figure of speech or the context is poetry*
 - * consider the time period: before the period of Moses, during the life of Christ, during the Church age, yet future.
 - * grammar, sentence structure, and vocabulary are to be seen in a common sense.
- The Law that there is **Only One Interpretation for Any Verse.** It is the meaning God had in mind when He wrote that verse.
- The **Same Author** Law. When perplexed we might have to find out how the same author used a puzzling phrase or word in another place. For instance the sounding of the “trumpet” from heaven occurs at three different times for Matthew and John and Paul.
- The Law that **Clear Verses Explain Unclear Verses.** We may have to hunt all through the Bible for the clearest verse to shed light on some fuzzier verses.
- **T.B.D.S.**, sometimes **The Bible Doesn't Say** what you'd like to know. God doesn't always answer all of our questions right there in the paragraph. We might have to do some digging. Sometimes the Bible doesn't answer what we'd like to know at all.
 - Are there pets in heaven?
 - Can our friends in heaven see us right now?
 - Will we be able to see people in hell? [see PhilMyersBlog.com](http://PhilMyersBlog.com) [20 Principles](#)

- Try reading a paragraph [usually about 4 to 8 verses] and placing a small star [*] in the margin next to the most significant verse in the paragraph. Perhaps it will just be your favorite verse.
- Then write a description in the margin [1 to 5 words long] of the BIG IDEA in that paragraph.
 - * If your Bible doesn't have paragraphs you can invent them yourself. KJV didn't have paragraphs when it was invented. Verses weren't even invented until Gutenberg, 1469.

9. **God is faithful**

I Cor 10.13	<i>to provide escape</i>
I Cor 1.9	<i>by whom ye were called</i>
I Tim 2.13	<i>He cannot deny Himself</i>
I Thes 5.24	<i>who calleth you</i>
II Thes 3.3	<i>who shall keep you from evil</i>
Heb 10.23	<i>He is faithful that promised [to keep you from wavering]</i>

10. **Jesus is sinless**

II Cor 5.21,	Who knew no sin
Phil 3.9	the righteousness which is. . .of Christ
Heb 4.15,	tempted. . .yet without sin
Heb 7.26,	<i>[Jesus]</i> holy, blameless, undefiled
Heb 9.14	Christ. . .without spot

} write refs
in the margin
of your Bible

11. **Pax Romano**, *The Peace of Rome*, instigated by Caesar Augustus?

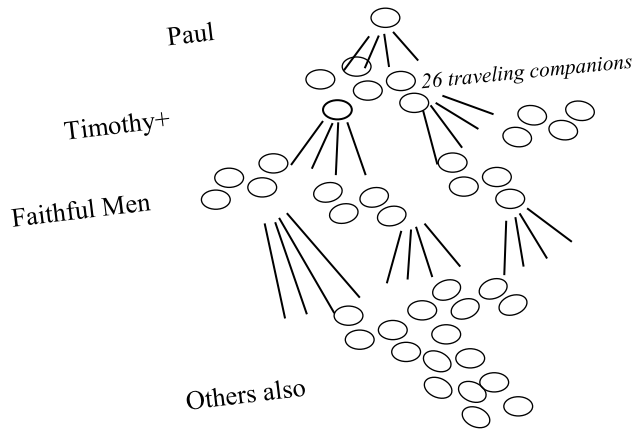
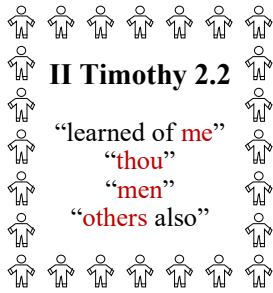
27 AD—180 AD, 200 years

- Peacefulness all over the empire from England to Morocco to Iraq, and even extended to Persia *[Iran]* and north Africa. A few skirmishes but nothing major.
- Unprecedented prosperity. Greece too, had its Golden Age of Pericles, 450 BC.
- Stable republican government
- Hegemonial power *[the stronger party rules the nation]*
- Significant expansion east and west
- Significant building projects, Colosseum, roads, *[all roads lead to Rome]*, aqueducts, Hadrian's wall
- Latin is the lingua franca *[gov't, military]*
- Greek language rules education, philosophy, & commerce.
- Rome allowed conquered people citizenship if they served in military
- Most slaves were white, many were conquered people, treated as humans not chattel this policy was instituted by Alex in 300s BC. It created high level of loyalty to the Greek empire and later to the Roman empire.
- Freedom for trade unions and guilds
- Allegiance to Rome was demanded. It culminated in homage to Caesar as "divi filius" *[son of the gods]*.

12. **Paul's M.O. in Acts**

- Visit the synagogue because they had the inspired Hebrew Bible.
- Usually stayed to answer questions and engage in discussion.
- If opposition arose he moved out of the synagogue to receptive location.
- When a church was grounded in NT theology move on leaving Jews knowledgeable in the OT Scriptures to teach about the Messiah and the new Church. Sometimes returning to appoint elders.

26+ TRAVELING COMPANIONS OF PAUL



Did Paul Practice II Tim 2.2
 Or What?

“...the same commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also!”

- Aqi__ & Pri_____ Acts 16.3,4
- Ari_____ Acts 20.1-5 19.29
- Bar_____ Acts 13.2,5
- Bar_____ Acts 15.22 [*Judas*]
- Cre_____ II Tim 4.10
- Dem___ II Tim 4.9 Phlm 24
- Epa_____ Col 1.17 4.12 Phlm 3, 24
- Epa_____ Phil 2.25 4.18
- Era_____ Acts 19.22 II Tim 4.20
- Gai_____ Acts 19.29 20.4
- Joh_____ M_____ Acts 13.5
- Jus_____ Col 4.11
- Luk___ Acts 20.5 II 4.11
- One_____ Col.4.9
- One_____ II Tim 4.19
- Sec_____ Acts 20.4
- Sil___ Acts 15.22 15.40
- Silv_____ I Thes 1.1
- Sop_____ Acts 20.4
- Ter_____ Romans 16.22
- Tim_____ Acts 20.4
- Tit___ II Tim 4.10 not mentioned in Acts
- Tro_____ Acts 20.4 II Tim 4.20
 [*Paul left Trophimus sick at Miletus*]
- Tyc_____ Acts 20.4
- Urb_____ Romans 16.9
- “and others”... Acts 15.2

Your **HOMework** is to find their names in the chapters above.

What about you and me?
 Are we giving the next generation the opportunity to grab our coattails?

Salvation by Faith Alone

211 places in the New Testament

God's two
favorite words
are
FAITH
(#4102, pistis)
&
BELIEF
(#4100, pisteuo)

LEGEND

- F: FAITH 211 - sometimes they are simply called believers *[or unbelievers]*
- F ⇨ S: FAITH 66 times - faith produces SALVATION: heaven, justification, redemption, eternal life, et al
- F - WW: FAITH WITHOUT WORKS 13 times - faith without good works can save
- No F: NO FAITH 28 times - unbelievers identified simply as those who don't have faith in Christ

<p>MATTHEW [4x]</p> <p>9.2 F</p> <p>18.3,6 F</p> <p>21.25 No F</p> <p>21.32 No F</p> <p>27.42 No F</p> <p>MARK [4x]</p> <p>1.15 F</p> <p>2.5 F⇨S</p> <p>9.42 F</p> <p>11.31 No F</p> <p>LUKE [7x]</p> <p>5.20 F⇨S</p> <p>7.48 F</p> <p>7.50 F⇨S</p> <p>8.12 No F</p> <p>18.8 F</p> <p>18.42 F</p> <p>22.67 No F</p> <p>JOHN [52x]</p> <p>1.7 F</p> <p>1.12 F⇨S</p> <p>2.11 F</p> <p>2.22,23 F</p> <p>3.12 No F</p> <p>3.15 F⇨S</p> <p>3.16 F⇨S</p> <p>3.18 No F</p> <p>" " F</p> <p>3.36 F⇨S</p> <p>4.21 F</p> <p>4.39 F</p> <p>4.41,42 F</p> <p>4.53 F</p> <p>5.24 F⇨S</p> <p>5.38 No F</p> <p>5.46,47 F</p> <p>6.28,29 F⇨S</p> <p>6.35 F</p> <p>6.36 No F</p> <p>6.40 F⇨S</p> <p>6.47 F⇨S</p> <p>6.64 No F</p> <p>6.69 F</p> <p>7.5 No F</p> <p>7.31 F</p> <p>7.38 F</p> <p>7.39 F⇨S</p> <p>7.48 No F</p> <p>8.24 No F</p> <p>8.30 F</p> <p>8.31 F</p> <p>8.45 No F</p>	<p>8.46 No F</p> <p>9.35 F</p> <p>9.36 F</p> <p>9.38 F</p> <p>10.26 No F</p> <p>10.28 F</p> <p>10.37 No F</p> <p>10.42 F</p> <p>11.15 F</p> <p>11.25 F</p> <p>11.26 F⇨S</p> <p>11.27 F</p> <p>11.40 F⇨S</p> <p>11.45 F</p> <p>11.48 No F</p> <p>12.36 F⇨S</p> <p>13.19 F</p> <p>14.1 F</p> <p>17.20 F</p> <p>19.35 F</p> <p>20.29,31 F⇨S</p> <p>ACTS [35x]</p> <p>2.21 F⇨S</p> <p>2.41 F</p> <p>3.16 F</p> <p>4.4 F</p> <p>4.32 F</p> <p>8.12 F</p> <p>8.37 F</p> <p>9.42 F</p> <p>10.43 F⇨S</p> <p>10.45 F</p> <p>11.17 F</p> <p>11.21 F</p> <p>13.12 F</p> <p>13.39 F—WW</p> <p>13.48 F⇨S</p> <p>14.1 F</p> <p>14.23 F</p> <p>14.27 F</p> <p>15.7,9 F⇨S</p> <p>15.11 F⇨S</p> <p>16.31 F⇨S</p> <p>17.4 F</p> <p>17.12 F</p> <p>17.34 F</p> <p>18.8 F</p> <p>18.27 F</p> <p>19.2 F</p> <p>19.4 F</p> <p>19.18 F</p> <p>20.21 F</p> <p>21.20 F</p> <p>22.19 F</p> <p>24.24 F</p>	<p>26.18 F⇨S</p> <p>28.24 No F</p> <p>ROMANS [35x]</p> <p>1.16 F</p> <p>1.17 F⇨S</p> <p>3.20 F—WW</p> <p>3.22 F⇨S</p> <p>3.25 F⇨S</p> <p>3.26 F⇨S</p> <p>3.27 F—WW</p> <p>3.28 F—WW</p> <p>3.30 F⇨S</p> <p>4.3 F⇨S</p> <p>4.5 F—WW</p> <p>4.6 F—WW</p> <p>4.9 F⇨S</p> <p>4.11 F⇨S</p> <p>4.12 F</p> <p>4.13 F⇨S</p> <p>4.16 F</p> <p>4.17 F</p> <p>4.18 F</p> <p>4.24 F⇨S</p> <p>5.1 F⇨S</p> <p>5.2 F</p> <p>9.30 F⇨S</p> <p>9.32 No F</p> <p>9.33 F⇨S</p> <p>10.4 F⇨S</p> <p>10.6 F⇨S</p> <p>10.9 F⇨S</p> <p>10.10 F⇨S</p> <p>10.13 F⇨S</p> <p>11.6 F—WW</p> <p>11.20 F</p> <p>11.20 No F</p> <p>11.30,31 No F</p> <p>15.13 F</p> <p>I CORINTHIANS [3x]</p> <p>1.21 F</p> <p>3.5 F</p> <p>15.2 No F</p> <p>II CORINTHIANS [3x]</p> <p>4.13 F</p> <p>6.15 F</p> <p>" " No F</p> <p>GALATIANS [17x]</p> <p>2.16 F—WW</p> <p>2.21 F—WW</p> <p>3.2 F⇨S</p> <p>3.5 F⇨S</p> <p>3.6 F⇨S</p>	<p>3.7 F⇨S</p> <p>3.8 F⇨S</p> <p>3.9 F</p> <p>3.11 F—WW</p> <p>3.14 F⇨S</p> <p>3.21 F—WW</p> <p>3.22 F⇨S</p> <p>3.23 F</p> <p>3.24 F⇨S</p> <p>3.25 F</p> <p>3.26 F⇨S</p> <p>5.5 F⇨S</p> <p>EPHESIANS [7x]</p> <p>1.12 F⇨S</p> <p>1.13 F⇨S</p> <p>1.15 F</p> <p>1.19 F</p> <p>2.8,9 F—WW</p> <p>3.17 F</p> <p>4.5 F</p> <p>PHILIPPIANS [2x]</p> <p>1.29 F</p> <p>3.9 F—WW</p> <p>COLOSSIANS [2x]</p> <p>1.4 F</p> <p>2.12 F⇨S</p> <p>I THESSALONIANS[4x]</p> <p>1.7 F</p> <p>2.10 F</p> <p>2.13 F</p> <p>4.14 F</p> <p>II THESS [3x]</p> <p>1.10 F</p> <p>2.12 F⇨S</p> <p>2.13 F⇨S</p> <p>I TIMOTHY [6x]</p> <p>1.16 F⇨S</p> <p>3.16 F</p> <p>4.3 F</p> <p>4.10 F⇨S</p> <p>5.16 F</p> <p>6.2 F</p> <p>II TIMOTHY [4x]</p> <p>1.5 F</p> <p>1.9 F⇨S</p> <p>1.12 F</p> <p>3.15 F⇨S</p>	<p>TITUS [2x]</p> <p>3.5 F—WW</p> <p>3.8 F</p> <p>PHILEMON</p> <p>HEBREWS [8x]</p> <p>4.2 No F</p> <p>4.3 F</p> <p>6.1 F</p> <p>10.38 F⇨S</p> <p>10.39 F⇨S</p> <p>11.6 F</p> <p>11.7 F</p> <p>11.8 F</p> <p>JAMES [1x]</p> <p>2.23 F⇨S</p> <p>I PETER [6x]</p> <p>1.5 F⇨S</p> <p>1.8 F</p> <p>1.9 F⇨S</p> <p>1.21 F</p> <p>2.6 F</p> <p>2.7 F</p> <p>II PETER</p> <p>I JOHN [5x]</p> <p>3.23 F</p> <p>5.1 F⇨S</p> <p>5.5 F</p> <p>5.10 No F</p> <p>5.11-13 F⇨S</p> <p>II JOHN</p> <p>III JOHN</p> <p>JUDE [1x]</p> <p>5 No F</p> <p>THE REVELATION</p> <p>211 places</p> <p>@ Phil Myers, PhD, 1986, [rev] 2018</p>
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Note carefully: God has two favorite words to describe the process of salvation *[passing from death to life]*.

FAITH [pistis] & **BELIEF** [pisteuo]

They are not "white as snow," "let Jesus into your heart," "give your life to God," or even "pray to receive Christ."

God's favorite way to express it is "**Believe**" on the Lord Jesus Christ, "saved through **faith**." He repeats himself over 200 times! Even children can understand it."

*Nuff said.

- The Pastor's Duties? -

The 6 most important responsibilities of the office of eldership.
[others not prioritized]

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|----------|---|--|---|
| A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> pray 2. <input type="checkbox"/> preach the Word 3. <input type="checkbox"/> shepherd, feed the flock 4. <input type="checkbox"/> lay hands on, <i>i.e. ordain</i> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> rule, oversee
rulers are also teachers 6. <input type="checkbox"/> evangelism | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Acts 6.4</i> <i>Acts 6.4</i> <i>I Pet 5.2</i> <i>I Tim 4.14 II Tim 1.6 Tit 1.5</i> <i>Tit 1.9 I Pet 5.2 I Tim 5.17</i> <i>II Tim 4.5</i> | <div style="font-size: 3em;">}</div> <p>Myers' "Top 6"</p> |
| B | <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> warn <input type="checkbox"/> rebuke error publicly <input type="checkbox"/> preside at meetings <input type="checkbox"/> read Bible publicly <input type="checkbox"/> care for, watch out for, and protect your <i>sheep</i> <input type="checkbox"/> be example <input type="checkbox"/> visit sick & fatherless | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Titus 1.9</i> <i>Titus 1.13</i> <i>Acts 15</i> <i>I Tim 4.13</i> <i>Heb 13.17</i> <i>I Pet 5.3</i> <i>Jas 1.27</i> | <div style="font-size: 3em;">}</div> <p><i>additional biblical jobs</i></p> |
| C | <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> comfort & counsel <input type="checkbox"/> communion <input type="checkbox"/> funerals <input type="checkbox"/> community mediator, when called upon <input type="checkbox"/> Weddings <input type="checkbox"/> baptism & baby dedication <input type="checkbox"/> represent <i>speak for the local assembly</i> | <div style="font-size: 3em;">}</div> | <p><i>commonly performed, but not in Scripture</i>
 <i>[observation, pjm]</i></p> |

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[Pastors' Duties](#)

1st CENTURY CHURCH PLANTS

* It is clear that churches were planted here.

Some are not so clear that a local church was established.

All are locations where the Gospel arrived in the first century.

Antioch, Pisidia

* Antioch, Syria

Arabia, *Gal 1.17*

Athens

Attalia

Berea

Cenchrea

* Colosse

* Corinth

* Crete

* Derbe

* Ephesus

* Galatia

* Iconium

Illyrica

* Laodicea

* Lystra

* Pergamos

* Philadelphia

* Philippi

Phrygia

Spain

* Smyrna

* Sardis

* Thessalonika

* Thyatira

et al.

JESUS IN THE EPISTLES

Jesus is the . . .

Romans—peacemaker, 5.1,2

I Corinthians—Lord of glory, 2.8
foundation, 3.11

Passover lamb, 5.7,8
destroyer of death, 15.24-26

II Corinthians—light of Gospel, 4.4

Galatians—deliverer, 5.1

Ephesians—perfect man, 4.13

Philippians—the prize, 3.8

Colossians—head of the Church
1.18

I Thessalonians—uppertaker, 4.16

II Thessalonians—coming One, 2.1

I Timothy—King of kings, 6.15

II Timothy—judge of all, 4.1

Titus—redeemer, 2.14

Philemon—forgiver, 1.18

Hebrews—captain, 2.10

High priest, 4.14

Author of our faith, 12.2

7 Wonders of the Ancient World



*Hanging Gardens of
Babylon*



*Artemis Temple at
Ephesus*



Zeus Statue at Olympia



*Mausoleum of Mausollos
at Halicarnassus*



Colossus of Rhodes



Lighthouse of Alexandria



Great Pyramid of Giza

The seven wonders of the ancient world is a list of seven remarkable constructions of classical antiquity. The list made by Philo of Byzantium and is written in 225 BC in his work "On the seven wonders".

New Nature & Old Nature

Philip J. Myers

*The New Nature **Cannot** Sin - The Old Nature Can Do **No** Righteous Deeds*
I John 3.9

Our Old Nature will be destroyed at the Rapture and so in heaven we will never sin again.
 Without a brand new “nature” we would sin in eternity.
 “We shall be like Him.” I John 3.2

This doctrine is described in nine New Testament books:

“born again of. . . the Spirit” [John 3.5]
 “born of the flesh” [John 3.6]
 “the natural man/spiritual man”
 “the body of sin” [Rom 6.6]
 “dead unto sin / alive unto God” [Rom 6.11]
 “servants of sin / servants of righteousness” [Rom 6.17,18]
 “the inward man” [Rom 7.22 5-25]
 “the sinful nature” [Rom 13.14]
 “The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God.” [I Cor 2.14]
 “the mind of Christ” [I Cor 2.16]
 “new creation” [II Cor 5.17]
 “the flesh and the spirit” [Gal 5.17]
 “the inner man” [Eph 3.16]
 “new / old man” [Col 3.10]
 “partakers of the divine nature” [I Pet 1.4]
 “whosoever abideth in Him / whosoever sinneth” [I John 3.4-6]
 “abides. . . cannot sin” [I John 3.9]

- We believe the Bible teaches that a true child of God has two births:
 - one of the flesh [water, human, John 3]
 - one of the Spirit: born again, regenerated, sons of God, heirs of salvation [Spirit, John 3]
- The flesh nature is neither good nor holy, though one unbeliever might do less sins than another.
- The spiritual Nature [new man, Col 3.10] does not, can not, commit sin.
 [I John 3.9 KJV, Rom 7.19]
 “commit” = poieo, Gr [poieo] it does not mean practice, it means do, enact, perform, act
*The NIV & other versions erroneously translate the word poieo [ποιεο] as “practice sin” [example: I John 3.9].
 The word for practice is prasso [πρασσο], which is easily seen as the etymological root of “practice.”*
- Having both new and old natures results in warfare between the spirit and the flesh, which continues until physical death, or the return of the Lord. [Rom 7]
- The new birth cannot change in any way the flesh nature of man, but the flesh nature can be controlled and kept subdued by the new man.
- All claims of the eradication of the old nature in this life are unscriptural.

KEY PASSAGE

Rom 7:15-25 *That which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. 16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. 17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin [nature] that dwelleth in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. 19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. 20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. 22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man, 23 but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.*

Eph 4:22-24 Put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Col 3:9-11 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.

John 3:3-7 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

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Rom 8:8,9,13 They that are in the flesh cannot please God, 9 but ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Gal 5:16-18 The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

I Cor 2.14 The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God.

II Cor 5.17 He is a new creature.

1Jn 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

1Jn 5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

When temptation comes, which one wins, the old man or the new man?

That's simple! The one I feed the most will always win! *But believers sometimes do feed the flesh.*

Mysteries in the New Testament

- "mystery of faith."** perhaps better translated as "wonderful" or "unique" I Timothy 3.9
 What conclusions can we draw from the usual meaning of "mystery" as it pertains to this usage?
 What's new or unique? **8Keys, #7, UNCLEAR MADE CLEAR BY CLEARER VERSES**
- How many of the mysteries in the following verses fulfill the definition of adding "new truth" to the church doctrine?
 Mysteries were unknown in the Old Testament.
- A Mystery is: "A truth revealed for the first time"
 and/or
 "A truth not revealed until the proper time"
Dr. Mark Cambron, VP, FBC
- Two biblical definitions of a mystery:
Eph 3.9 "from the beginning of the World had been hid in God"
Rom 16.25 "mystery which was kept secret since the world began"
- * 15 "mysteries" in epistles:
Rom 11.25, 16.25
I Cor 2.7 4.1, 13.2 14.2 15.51
Eph 1.9 3.3,4,9 5.32 6.19
Col 1.26,27 2.2 4.3
II Thes 2.7
- * The usage of "mystery" does not seem to be in the same category as *Eph 5.32* or *Eph 3.3-6* [which were accompanied by an explanation by Paul].
- * Jesus' "mysteries" were different from Paul's in that they were mysteries of the Kingdom, not the Church universal.
- * see also I Tim 3.16 the mystery of godliness

Paul's Miracles

- | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Acts 13.6-11 | Elymas, sorcerer, blinded |
| Acts 14.3 | many miracles by B & P |
| Acts 14.8-10 | cripple from Lystra healed |
| Acts 15.12 | many miracles by P [reported] |
| Acts 16.16-18 | demon cast out of girl |
| Acts 16.25-27 | prison earthquake |
| Acts 19.11,12 | unusual miracles |
| Acts 20.7-12 | Eutychus raised from dead |
| Acts 27 | predicts ship will be wrecked |
| Acts 28.3-5 | viper's bit |
| Acts 28.8 | father of Publius healed |

These are 18 easiest-to-recognize letters
 in the 24-letter Greek alphabet.

α β δ ε γ ι κ λ μ ν ο ω π ρ σ τ υ ς
 a b d e g i k l m n o o p r s t u s

SURVEY OF PAUL'S 14 EPISTLES

Why Does God Allow *[the innocent]* to Suffer?
WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE?

These 20 answers are mostly from the Bible.

1. Keeps others from exalting us. Paul was given a “thorn in the flesh.” II Cor 12.7 “lest I should be exalted above measure”
2. Teach us to accept trouble graciously & gratefully James 1.2,3 “count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations. . . the trying of your faith worketh *[produces]* patience.”
I Peter 1.6,7 “the trial of your faith”
3. What kind of world would it have to be if children were miraculously not susceptible from getting *[deadly]* sick, falling down stairs, hurt in car wrecks, or else sheltered from all potentially mortal childhood diseases?
4. Punishment for “little” sins Num 20.8 Moses not allowed to enter the promised land because of sin.
5. There are no “innocent.” Rom 3.23 “for all have sinned”
6. Children reap what parents sow. Ex 20 “visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children”
7. God knows best.
even parents know best when kids don't Isa 55.8,9 “My thoughts are not your thoughts. . . as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways”
8. Gives us an opportunity to minister to others. I was able to comfort 2 of my Bible college students who lost children because we had 6 miscarriages ourselves. We lost our first on Mother's Day.
9. God's only Son was tortured to death. God knows what it's like to lose a child. Isa 53. “He was bruised for our iniquities.”
Heb 4.5 We have a high priest *[Jesus]* who can be touched with our pain.
10. We may have the opportunity to help others through the death of a child donate: eyes, hearts, kidneys, liver, blood, empathy, time
II Cor 1.4 “*[He]* comforts us. . . so we can comfort *[others]*.”
11. Is God trying to build strength, thankfulness, empathy, or kindness into my life?
12. Some get extra grace because God allows, or sends trials II Cor 12.7,9 “My grace is sufficient for thee.”
13. Some suffer because someone else was just stupid, drunk, immoral, hateful, or careless Genesis 4.8 “Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and slew him.”
Joshua 9.1,5 Achan stole ⇒ 36 die
14. Helps us to examine ourselves Psalm 119.71 Job 5.17 “happy is the man. . . .”
15. Paul was in jail so many could trust Jesus as Savior, *even though some Christians were glad.* Phil 1.12 This happened “unto the furtherance of the Gospel.”
Phil 2.30 “for the work of the Lord *[Epaphroditus]* was nigh unto death.”
16. Prevents some kids from growing up in godless homes, or prevents them from getting into a life of crime. I Kings 14.13 One of Jeroboam's small children was spared growing up in a wicked family, because God allowed him to die young.
17. Thousands of people have become internally stronger because terrible things have happened. You probably know somebody who became kinder, stronger, more helpful, or more thankful because he/she went through tragedy, bankruptcy, illness, rejection, or deep sorrow.
18. Old age brings a hunger for Heaven. Just living in mortal bodies reminds us that there is something better which lasts for eternity. I Corinthians 5.1-7
19. Teach us to glory in our infirmities or “*take pleasure in my infirmities*” Godly people learn patience pretty quickly but it is another step up to take pleasure in through trouble and infirmities—when God chooses to give neither a reason nor a solution. Are we deeply thankful for it? God might choose never to relieve us—for His glory.
Exod. 4.11 “I *[JHVH]* make. . . deaf or dumb. . . sight or blind.”
20. To glorify God Matt 9.8, lame man healed, people glorified God

It can be truly said that “No good thing will He withhold to them that walk uprightly.”

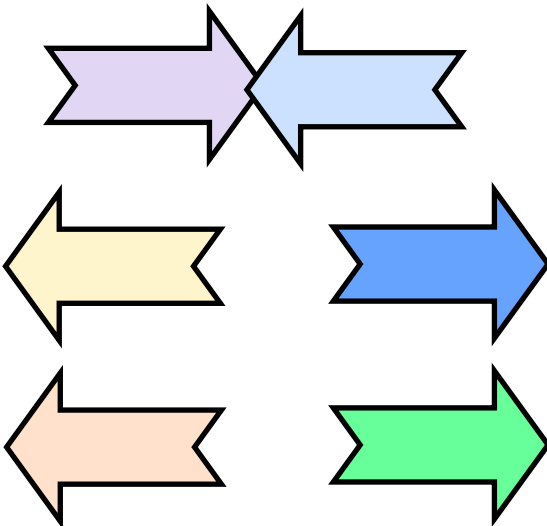
Sparkle, Christians. God is good, all the time—especially when. . . .

Dispensationalism

Darby's 4 Rules which Unlocked the Revelation and Prophetic Scripture



1. Reject
Allegorical
Interpretation



2. Marry
Daniel & Revelation

3. Separate
Israel & Church

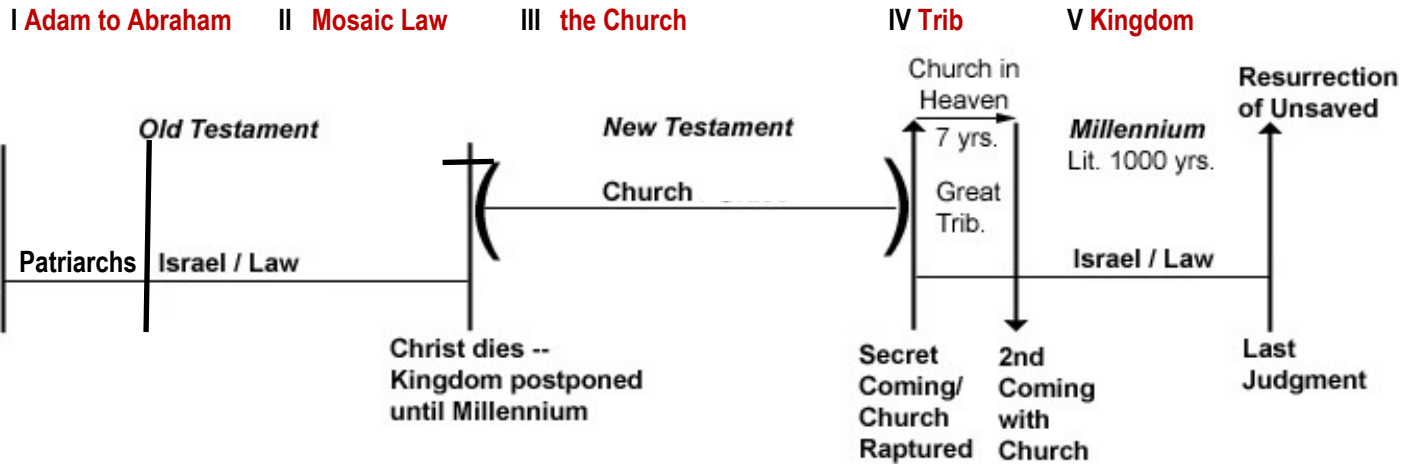
4. Separate
Rapture & 2nd Coming

These 4 hermeneutic principles explain why we adhere to
Dispensational teaching.

Phil Myers, PhD

The Dispensations (four views)

A dispensation is a period of time in which God dealt with people a little bit differently than in previous periods of time.
One definitive difference was that the message of salvation became increasingly more clear.

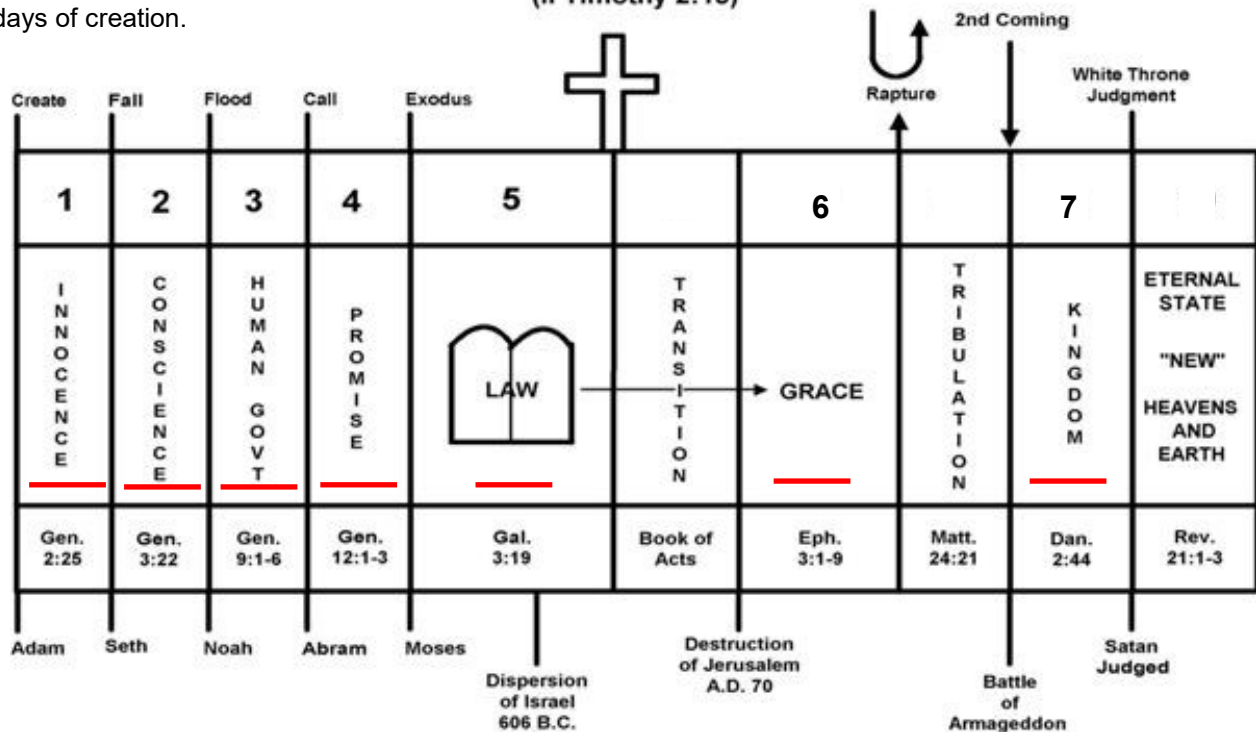


P. Myers, 5 dispensations

Each age brought greater depth of understanding of God's plan of salvation. Yet salvation was always on the basis of faith in the coming of One who would provide deliverance.

Darby used 7 dispensations because there were 6 days of creation.

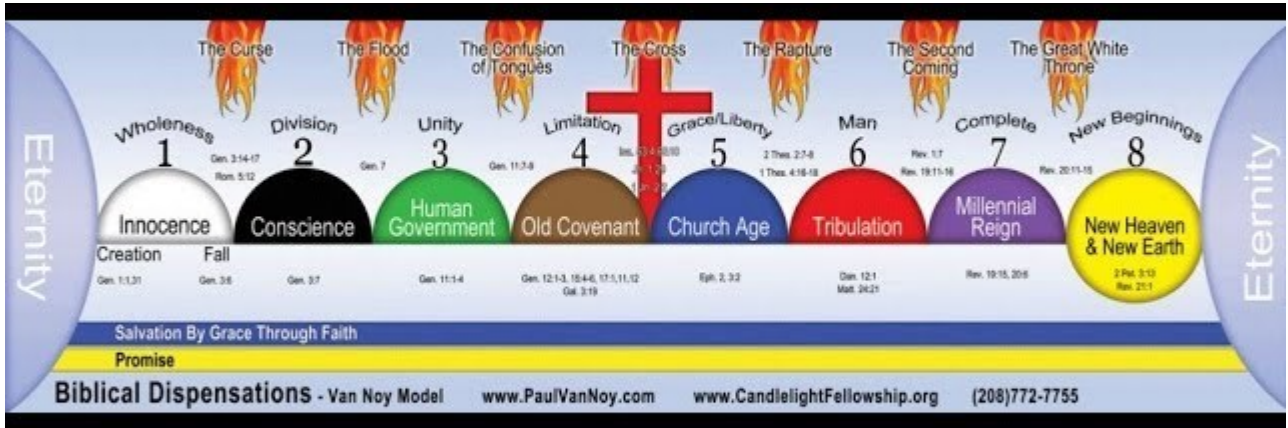
THE DISPENSATIONS "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth" (II Timothy 2:15)



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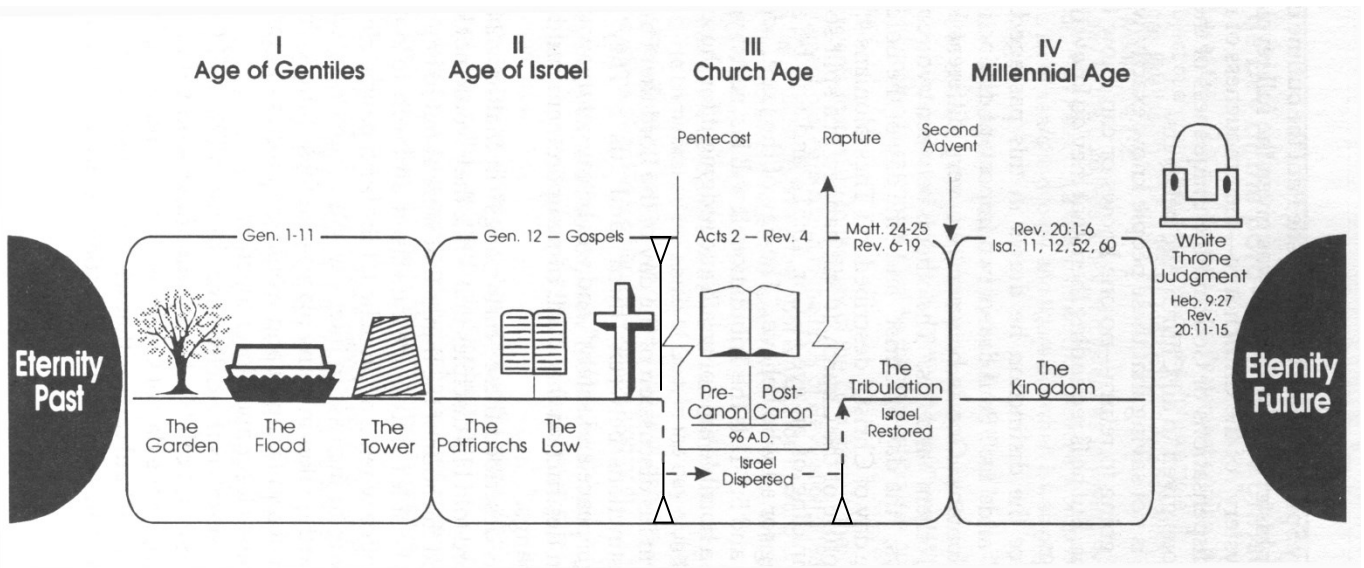
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The Dispensations (four views)



n.b. Each age is divided by *[flames]* by a spectacular event.

8 Dispensations



4 Dispensations

More Themes in Paul's Epistles

1. Doxologies
2. Diatribes
3. Church matters
4. False doctrine
5. Persecution for Christ
6. Dedication
7. Grace
8. Forgiveness
9. Adoption
10. Unity
11. Power of Holy Spirit
12. Death to self
13. Deity of Jesus
14. Resurrection
15. Good works
16. Kingdom
17. Repentance isn't one

Jesus' Themes in the Gospels

1. I AM God
2. I AM Messiah
3. I AM King
4. I AM to be obeyed
5. I fulfilled OT promises
6. I AM come to lay down my life
7. I AM come to pay a ransom
8. My death is for people like you
9. Love God, love your neighbor

Literacy and Bible

- 10% literate
- 1% book owners
- 0% Bible owners
- 100% Synagogues had Scripture in Jesus day???
- 367 [180?] Canon ratified = 66 books
- 100 AD Some churches with some Scripture
- 400 Vulgate, some priests literate
- 1400 Wycliffe for common man
- 1537 British law, Tyndale's Bible in ch.
- 1800s USA family Bible common
- 1900s 95% US houses have Bible

20 Doxologies in Pauline Epistles

Rom 8.33-39 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect?...I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor. . .

Rom 15.5,6 That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father. . .

Rom 15.13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace. . .

Rom 16.27 to God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. . .

I Cor 15.50 flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth. . .

II Cor 13.11 Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace. . .

II Cor 13.14 the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion. . .

Gal 6.18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Eph 3.17-19 that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith. . .

Eph 3.20-21 now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all. . .

Eph 6.23-24 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father. . .

Phil 4.7 the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep. . .

Col 3.15-17 let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called. . .

I Thes 3.12-13 the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another. . .

I Thes 5.23-24 the very God of peace sanctify you wholly. . .

II Thes 2.16-17 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father. . .

I Tim 1.17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God. . .

I Tim 6.15,16 in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate. . .

Phile 25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen

Heb 13.20-21 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus. . .

Non-Pauline doxologies

II Pet 3.18

II Jn 3

Jude 24-25

Rev 1.5b-6

Rev 4.12

Rev 5.12-13

Rev 7.12

Rev 22.20-21

A

B

C

D

Paul's Tri-fold Blessings
"grace, mercy, & peace"

	Openings	Endings
Romans—	1.7 grace & peace	16.20,24 grace
I Cor—	1.3,4 grace & peace, grace	16.23 grace
II Cor—	1.2 grace & peace	13.14 grace
Gal—	1.3 grace & peace	6.18 grace
Eph—	1.2 grace & peace	6.23,24 peace, grace
Phil—	1.2 grace & peace	4.23 grace
Col—	1.2 grace & peace	4.18 grace
I Thes—	1.1 grace & peace	5.28 grace
II Thes—	1.2 grace & peace	3.18 grace
I Tim—	1.2 grace, mercy, & peace	6.21 grace
II Tim—	1.2 grace, mercy, & peace	4.22 grace
Titus—	1.2 hope, grace & peace	3.15 grace
Phile—	1.3 grace & peace	1.25 grace
Heb—	_____	13.25 grace
Jas—	_____	_____
I Pet—	_____	5.14 peace
II Pet—	1.2 grace & peace	_____
I John—	_____	_____
II John—	1.3 grace, mercy, & peace	_____
III John—	_____	1.14 peace
Jude—	1.2 mercy, peace, love	_____

STUDYING THE BIBLE BY PARAGRAPHS

8 Keys of Interpretation

1. Non-contradiction

2. Context

3. Compare

4. Literal - Historical - Grammatical

5. Only One Interpretation, whatever God had in mind

6. Same Author

7. Unclear/Clear

8. T.B.D.S.

Results of following these principles:

- Greater clarity in interpretation
- Fewer assumptions and fewer mistakes in interpretation
- Greater focus on OBSERVATION
- Less subjective conclusions
- Greater accuracy in comprehension

General procedure

- Put a star ★ next to the most significant verse in the paragraph
[or just your favorite verse].
- Capture the “Big Idea” of the paragraph in a 1-5 word “title.” Write it in the margin.

Matching Paul's Books with Themes

#2 matching

Romans—

I Corinthians—

II Corinthians—

Galatians—

Ephesians—

Philippians—

Colossians—

I Thessalonians—

II Thessalonians—

I Timothy—

II Timothy—

Titus—

Philemon—

Hebrews—

A not another Gospel

B Rapture soon

C blameless elders

D deal with your sin!

E watch!!

F not by works

G joy in prison

H regeneration

I salvation is free

J Jesus is head of Church

K Forgiveness

L centrality of Jesus

M preach the Word!

N reconciliation & restoration

O Jesus is better than. . . .

ONE HAS TWO CORRECT ANSWER

Can you add more themes??

Interesting

Spiritual Gifts

Rom 12.6ff
I Cor 12.8ff
I Cor 12.28ff
Eph 4.11

see PhilMyersBlog.com [Spiritual Gifts](#)

Sins

Rom 1.29ff	THE TERRIBLE 28
Rom 13.13	A MINI-LIST
II Cor 12. 20,21	8 CHRISTIAN CRIMES
Gal 5.19-21	THE FILTHY 15
I Tim 1.9,10	14 FOUL DEEDS
II Tim 3.1-5	THE AWFUL 18
II Tim 2.24,25	YOUTHFUL LUSTS

Books by length

Philemon	1 page
Titus	2
II Thes	2+
I Tim	4
II Thes	5
Phil	5
Col	5+
I Tim	5+
Gal	7
Eph	7
II Cor	14
Heb	16+
I Cor	21
Romans	22 pages

People in Pastoral Epistles

Positive: Eve, Lois, Eunice, Onesiphorus, Luke, Mark, Tychicus, Aquila & Priscilla, Erastus, Trophimus, Eubulus, Pudens, Linus, & Apollos, Artemas, Zenas, & Apollos, 18x

Negative: Hymenaeus, Alexander, Adam, Phygellus, Hermogenes, Philetus, Jannes & Jambres, Demas, Crescens, Titus, & Alexander 12x

Lists

Assorted lists

I Cor 11.23ff	PAUL'S TROUBLES w/o moaning LOVE!
I Cor 13.1-13,	INTERPRET TONGUES! 10X
I Cor 14,	FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT
Gal 5.22,13,	
I Thes [every chap],	WATCH!
I Thes 4.3-7,	ABSTAINING
I Tim 2.1,	4 KINDS OF PRAYER
I Tim 2.9,10,	WOMEN'S BEAUTY
I Tim 3.1-7, 16	QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELDERS
I Tim 5.9,	SIX INSTRUCTIONS FOR WIDOWS
II Tim,	30+ COMMANDS
Titus 1.5-16,	ELDERS REQUIREMENTS
Phil 3.5,	PAUL'S PEDIGREE
Phil 4.8,9,	"THINK ON THESE THINGS"

5 Crowns [rewards]

I Cor 9.25
I Thes 2.19
II Tim 4.8
Jas 1.12
I Pet 5.4

The Resurrection, I Cor 15

raised 6x
rise 1x
rise not 1x
resurrection 4x
rose 1x
risen 3x
alive 1x
quickenened 1x

Geography in the Gospels,

250+ times God mentions places in His favorite real estate: cities, fields, rivers, roads, towns, houses, Temple, cemeteries. . . .

Lists

“Jesus is Better than”, in Hebrews
or “compared to” 18x

- 1.1 prophets
- 1.4 angels
- 1.4 better Name
- 3.3 Moses
- 4.1 Joshua’s rest
- 4.15 Aaron
- 5.1 priests
- 5.6 Melchizedek
- 6.13 Abraham
- 8.2 sanctuary
- 8.6 old covenant
- 8.6 promises
- 9.3 Holy of Holies
- 9.13 blood sacrifices
- 9.21 vessels in the Tabernacle
- 10.1 the Law
- 10.3 Day of Atonement
- 10.34 possessions of believers

“All of Paul’s Sermons”

Go to PhilMyersBlog.com for complete list, 8 pp. **“Paul’s Sermons, all”**

“Hebrews 11”, by faith

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| worshipped | traveled |
| became pregnant | gave blessing |
| hid a son | fled |
| kept Passover | hid spies |
| did miracles | went to war |
| died | stoned |
| sawn in two | stabbed |
| flogged | arrested |
| tortured | waited |
| pleased God | built Ark |
| sacrificed son | offered sacrifices |

Lists are Paul’s writing style

“Romans 8.29”

- foreknowledge
- predestined
- called
- justified
- glorified

“Hebrews 11”, 17 “by faith” people

- 6 were judges
- 1 was king
- 3 were women

“Romans 1.23,26,28”

- God gave them over
- God gave them over
- God gave them over

“I Thessalonians 5.6-22”

22 ways to get ready for the Rapture

“Romans 12”

Ways to display love, *right after “gifts”*

- 9 abhor, cling
- 10 devoted, esteem others
- 11 diligent, fervent, serve
- 12 rejoice, persevere
- 13 give, be hospitable
- 14 bless, don’t curse
- 15 rejoice, weep
- 16 harmony, humble
- 17 no revenge, respect
- 18 peace

See also I Cor 13 & Eph 4.15 mentioned right after the gifts.

“Ephesians 6”

Armor of the Christian

Lists

“Romans 3 & 4”

Not of works! 8x in 4 paragraphs
 3.20, 21, 27, 28
 4.2, 5, 6, 13

A great single page in your Bible which shows “not of works” 8-times-in-a-row !

“the Holy Kiss”

Romans 16.16
 I Cor 16.20
 II Cor 13.12
 I Thes 5.26
 I Peter 5.14

Paul Quotes OT

Rom	65x
I Cor	17x
II Cor	11x
Gal	11x
Eph	6x
Phil	1x
Col	-
I Thes	-
II Thes	-
I Tim	1
II Tim	1
Titus	-
Phile	-
Heb	38x

Best Chapters in Each Book

If You Could Sneak Only One Chapter into Your Prison Cell. . . .

Romans chapter 8

I Corinthians chapter 13

II Corinthians chapter 4

Galatians chapter 2

Ephesians chapter 2

Philippians chapter 2

Colossians chapter 1

I Thessalonians chapter 4

II Thessalonians chapter 1

I Timothy chapter 2

II Timothy chapter 4

Titus chapter 1

Philemon chapter 1

Hebrews chapter 11

Bless your socks off some Saturday morning and listen to these 14 chapters one after another!



If the Bible were a solid gold ring. The setting is the book of Romans. The diamond is Romans chapter 8. Verse 32 is the “sparkle” on the diamond!

False doctrines addressed in Pauline epistles

see PhilMyersBlog.com [Separation, from whom, and why](#)

*This blog contains **every** NT example*

as well as every clear statement

pertaining to biblical separation from both believers and unbelievers.

I Tim 4.1 **“depart from the faith”**

“in the latter times” = later on [to be distinguished from “the last days”] “last days”

Acts 2.17 “last days. . . will pour out of My Spirit”

II Tim 3.1 “last days perilous times shall come”

Five Bible reasons [or results] for departing from the faith:

1. seducing spirits, I Tim 4.1-5 *πνευμα pneuma*
2. doctrines of devils, I Tim 4.1 *δαιμονιον daimonion* speaking lies
 Lk 4.3 “Devil” *διαβλος diablos*
- II Cor 11.14 “Satan”* *σατανο S, satanos*
3. seared conscience, I Tim 4.2
4. forbidding to marry, I Tim 4.3
5. abstaining from meat (on Fridays), I Tim 4.3

II Cor 11.11-15 “false apostles transforming themselves into angels of light”

Satan “angel of light” ministers = servants of righteousness

20 reasons believers “depart from the faith”:

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> apostasy | <input type="checkbox"/> evil spirits | <input type="checkbox"/> false teachers, scholars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hypocrisy | <input type="checkbox"/> seared conscience | <input type="checkbox"/> succumb to persecution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> deny faith | <input type="checkbox"/> loved this present world | <input type="checkbox"/> pleasures of sin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> minds taken | <input type="checkbox"/> captive, doctrines of Satan | <input type="checkbox"/> Judaizer influence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gnosticism | <input type="checkbox"/> asceticism | <input type="checkbox"/> sensuality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> laziness | <input type="checkbox"/> apathy | <input type="checkbox"/> discouragement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Persuasive friends | <input type="checkbox"/> too busy for God | |

OPINION, PLEASE *Check the 2 above which would be most likely to distract you, or pull at your heart or affect you briefly if you are not careful to stay close to the Lord. [I checked 4]*

Safeguards against false doctrine = a person, Jesus, is our safeguard, not a list of Bible verses

- * stick to plain teaching
- * *I Cor 2.13* take the time to compare Scripture w/ Scripture
- * expect distortion [even from very nice people] especially on minor doctrines
 - Eve *Genesis 3* “Eve, being deceived” *I Tim 2.14*
 - Man of God *I Kg 13.18* “I, too, am a prophet,” later he lied
 - Micaiah *I Kg 22* “what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak.”
 - Peter *Gal 2.11,12* “I withstood him to the face”
- * D.L. Moody: “Read your Bible more than you pray.” “Yup, listen more than you talk.” *pjm*
- * We are to hunger to obey the obvious.
- * Beware of those who have made dramatic changes in their lives in the last two years. They may be prone to the “quick fix.” Have they been prone to fads before? Beware of strong emotional teaching of any kind
 - * Ask for discernment *Ps 119.125* “give me understanding that I may know”
 - * Ask for wisdom *James 1.4,5* “let him ask [wisdom] of God”
- * Don’t argue others’ viewpoint. Just explain Scripture. Just say, “This is not my opinion. It is what the Bible seems to teach clearly.”
- * Love your enemy. *Matt 5.44* “do good to them that hate you”
- * Don’t denigrate your adversary. He is not our enemy. He is the victim of our enemy.
- * Remember, goodness trumps brains.
- * Some grasp after public praise for being the mouthpiece of God.
 - * arrogance * self-centeredness
 - * resistance to criticism * command of authority
- * Many pastors simply enjoy the opportunity to guide others into obedience and the truth. They take full advantage of the authority they receive with their position. All 8 of the pastors I’ve sat under have loved the responsibility far more than the kudos.

Paul's Prayers for His Churches

by Phil Myers

Romans 1

Thanks to God for their faithfulness
Prayed about coming to Rome

Rom 10

Prayed that fellow Israelis would be saved

Rom 12

That Italians would be faithful in praying
That they were faithful during persecution

Romans 15

For spirit of unity
To glorify God

For joy

For peace

For hope

That they would pray for Paul
For a fruitful ministry in Jerusalem
That he'd be encouraging in Rome

I Corinthians 1

Thanks to God for grace in Corinth
Thanks to God for their good testimony
Thanks for excitement about Rapture

For strength for them

For them to be blameless

II Corinthians 2

For grace for them

For strength in persecution

II Corinthians 9

Thanks to God for their generosity

II Corinthians 12

Thanks to God for the thorn

Thanks to God for grace

II Corinthians 13

Thanks to God for their unity
Thanks to God for their spiritual strength

Galatians 6

For grace for their spirits

Ephesians 1

Thanks to God for spiritual blessings

Thanks to God for God's grace

Thanks to God for redemption

Thanks to God for forgiveness, wisdom, & understanding

That they may have hope

Ephesians 3

Thanks to God for their faith

For understanding God's love

Ephesians 6 for boldness for Paul

Philippians 1

Thanks to God for their partnership

God is working in their lives

For love to grow

For discernment

For purity

For fruit and righteousness

Philippians 4

Not to worry

For peace to rule in their hearts

For grace in their spirits

Colossians 1

To be filled with knowledge

For understanding

For lives pleasing to Him

Thanks to God for good works

For growing patience

For endurance thankfulness

Colossians 4

To be devoted to prayer

That God would open door of evangelism

That Paul would present Gospel clearly

I Thessalonians 1

Thanks to God for their works

Thanks to God for faith

Thanks to God for labor

Thanks to God for endurance

I Thessalonians 2

Thanks to God for sensitivity to listen to the Word

For being imitators of God

For patience in persecution

For Paul to speak to the Gentiles

I Thessalonians 3

Thanks to God for their faithfulness

Thanks to God for generosity

That their love increases

That their hearts are strong

That they be blameless

I Thessalonians 5

For their grace, faith, love, perseverance, endurance

II Thessalonians 1

That God counts them worthy

Thanks to God for their faith

Thanks to God for glorifying the Lord

II Thessalonians 2

That God would encourage them

That God would make them strong in works

II Thessalonians 3

For Paul to be delivered from wicked men

Thanks to God for their obedience

For peace for them

I Timothy 1

For them to pray hard

For all men to be saved

For their sincere faith, tears, spiritual gifts, and power

II Timothy 1

For mercy to Onesiphorus

Thanks to God for Onesiphorus' help

II Timothy 4

For grace

Titus 3

For grace

Philemon

Thanks to God for faith & love

To keep on witnessing

For understanding

Some morning, soon, just find Paul's prayers in these chapters and pray the same way.

Prayer has at least 8 requirements & conditions:

1. according to His will
2. according to His Word
3. according to His Name: Rapha, Tsidkenu, Yahweh, Abba, Sabaoth, Immanuel
4. according to His riches in Christ Jesus
5. according to your needs
6. according to your own righteousness
7. not with a mantra or formula like "injesusnameamen"
8. stay 'fessed up