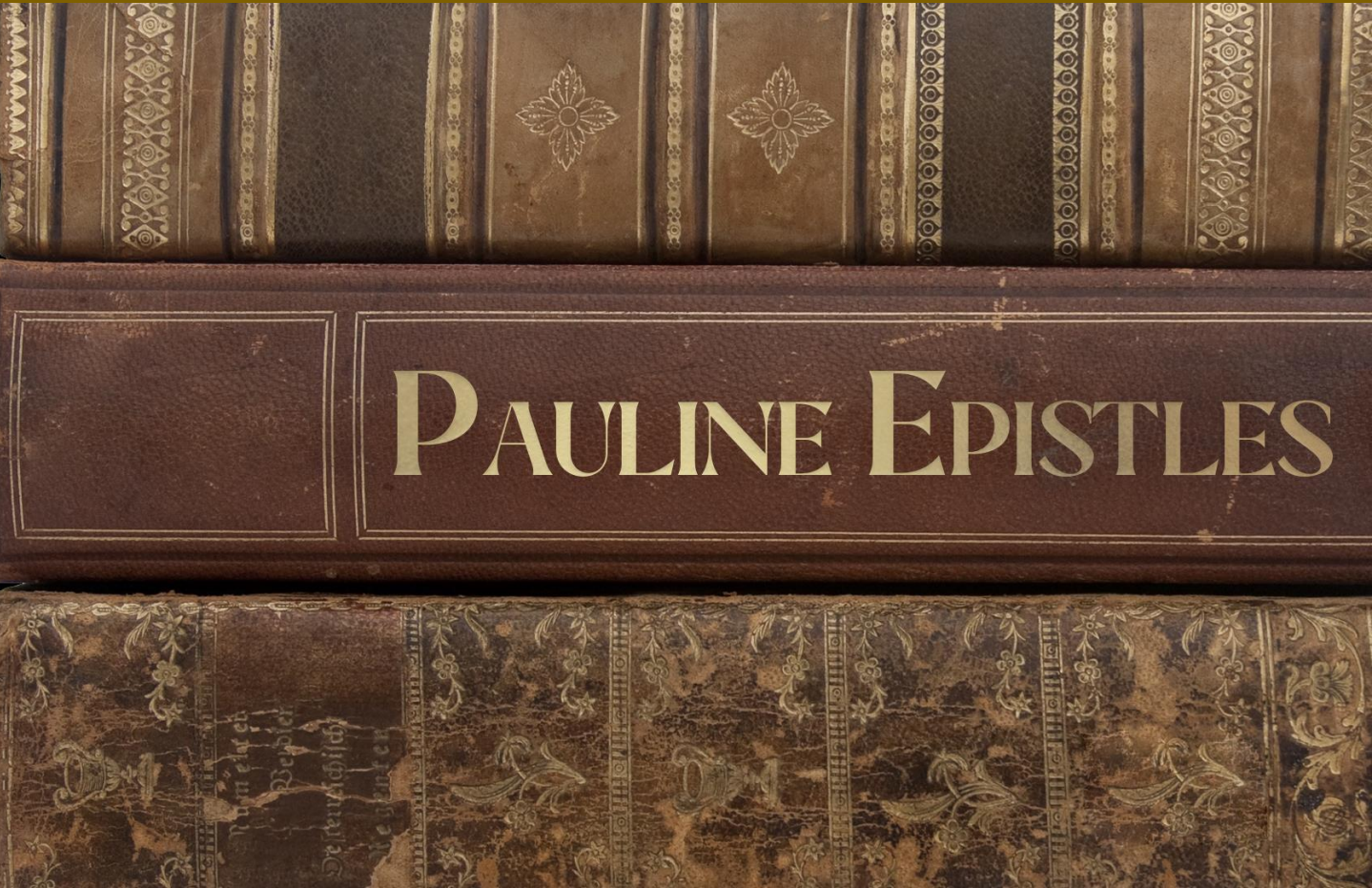
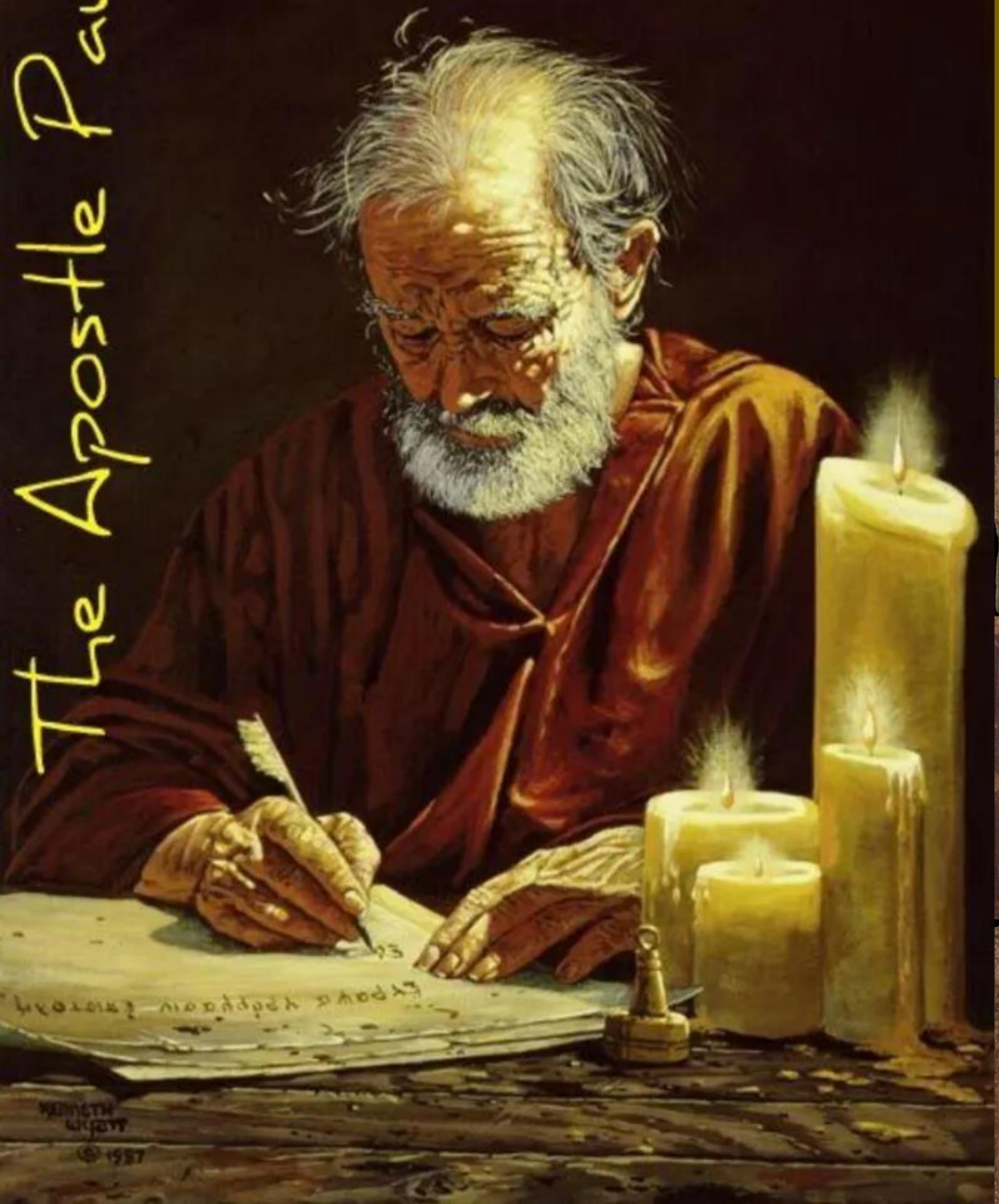
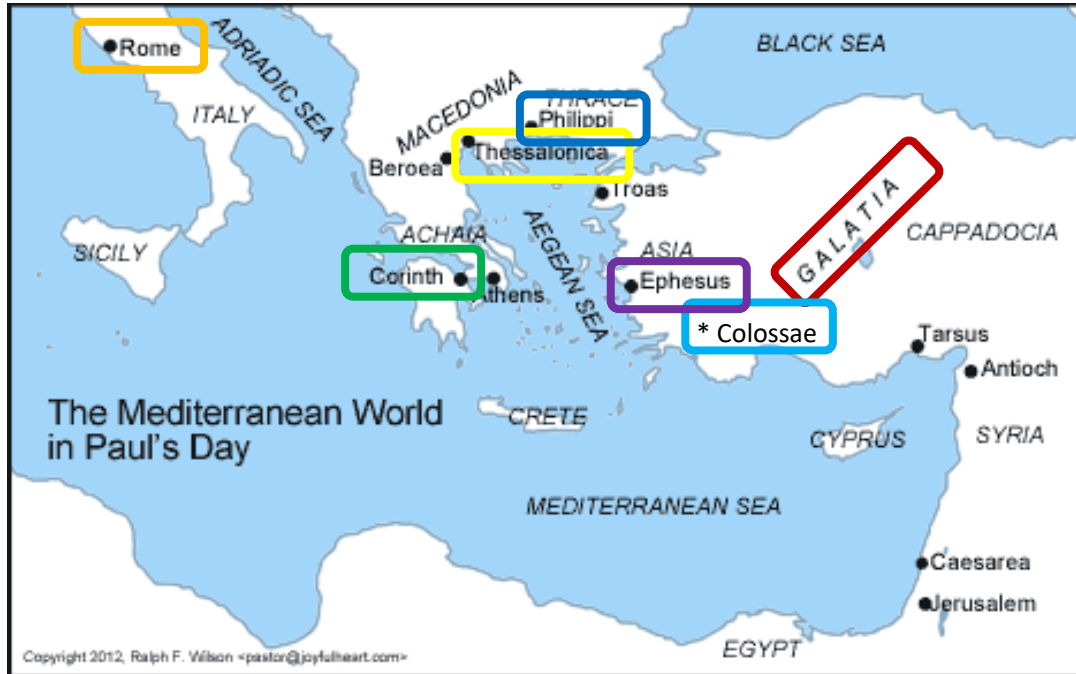


The Apostle Paul





9 letters to 7 churches

4 letters to 3 individuals: Timothy, Titus, Philemon

Paul's Letters

- 35AD Paul's conversion**
- 46 - 48AD Paul's First Missionary Journey**
- 49 / 50AD Paul attends the Council of Jerusalem**
- 50AD Letter to the Galatians** Judaizers
- 50 - 52AD Paul's Second Missionary Journey**
- 51/52AD First Letter to the Thessalonians** 2nd coming
- 52AD Second Letter to the Thessalonians**
- 53 - 57AD Paul's Third Missionary Journey**
- 56AD First Letter to the Corinthians** Problems
- 56AD Second Letter to the Corinthians**
- 57AD Letter to the Romans** Justification by Faith
- 57 - 60AD Paul's arrest, imprisonment & journey to Rome**
- 60 - 62AD Paul in Rome awaiting trial before Nero**
- c.60AD Letter to the Ephesians** Church as body
- c.60AD Letter to the Colossians** Christ as head
- c.60AD Letter to Philemon**
- c.60AD Letter to the Laodiceans (lost)**
- c.60AD Letter to the Philippians** Thanks
- 62 - 67AD Paul's Fourth Missionary Journey** (tradition)
- c.63AD First Letter to Timothy**
- c.63/64AD Letter to Titus**
- c.67AD Second Letter to Timothy**
- c.67AD Paul executed in Rome** (tradition)

References to scribes or co-authors



- Romans
 - “Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus,” (1:1)
 - “I, Tertius, who wrote down this letter, greet you in the Lord.” (16:22)
- 2 Thessalonians
 - “Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:” (1:1)
 - “I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the mark in every letter of mine; it is the way I write.” (3:17)
- Galatians
 - “See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!” (6:11)
- Colossians
 - “Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,” (1:1)
 - “I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you” (4:18)
- 1 Corinthians
 - “Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,” (1:1)
 - “I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand.” (16:21)
- Philemon
 - “Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,” (1)
 - “I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it...” (19)
- 2 Corinthians
 - Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, (1:1)
- Philippians
 - “Paul and Timothy, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi,” (1:1)
- 1 Thessalonians
 - “Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:” (1:1)

me, euen thine owne selfe besides:

20 *Pea, brother, let mee haue toy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowles in the Lord.*

21 *Having confidence in thy obedience. I wrote vnto thee, knowing that thou wilt also doe more then I say.*

22 *But withall prepare mee also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be giuen vnto you.*

23 *There salute thee Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus:*

24 *Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellow labourers.*

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

Written from Rome to Philemon, by Onesimus a seruant.



THE EPISTLE OF PAVL the Apostle to the Hebrewes.

CHAP. I.

1 *Christ in these last times comming to vs from the Father, is preferred aboute the Angels, both in Person and Office.*

Had who at sundry times, and in diuers manners, spake in time past vnto the Fathers by the Prophets.

2 *Hath in these last dayes spoken vnto vs by his Sonne, whom he hath appointed heire of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.*

3 ** Who being the brightnesse of his glory, and the expresse image of his person, and vpholding all things by the word of his power, when hee had by himselfe purged our finnes, sate downe on y^e right hand of the Paetie on high,*

4 *Being made so much better then the Angels, as hee hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent Name then they.*

5 *For vnto which of the Angels said hee at any time, Thou art my sonne, this day haue I begotten thee: And againe, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Sonne.*

6 *And againe, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, hee saith, And let all the Angels of God worship him.*

7 *And of the Angels he saith: who*

maketh his Angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

8 *But vnto the Sonne, he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for euer and euer: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdome.*

9 *Thou hast loued righteousness, and hated iniquitie, therefore God, euen thy God hath anointed thee with the oyle of gladnesse above thy fellowes.*

10 *And, thou Lord in the beginning hast layed the foundation of the earth: and the heauens are the works of thine hands.*

11 *They shall perish, but thou remainest: and they all shall waxe old as doth a garment.*

12 *And as a vesture shalt thou fold them by, and they shall be changed, but thou art the same, and thy yeres shall not faile:*

13 *But to which of the Angels said hee at any time, * Sit on my right hand, vntill I make thine enemies thy footstoolle:*

14 *Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them, who shall be heires of saluation?*

CHAP. II.

1 *Wee ought to bee obedient to Christ Iesus, and that because he vouchsafed to take our nature vpon him, 14 as it was necessarie,*

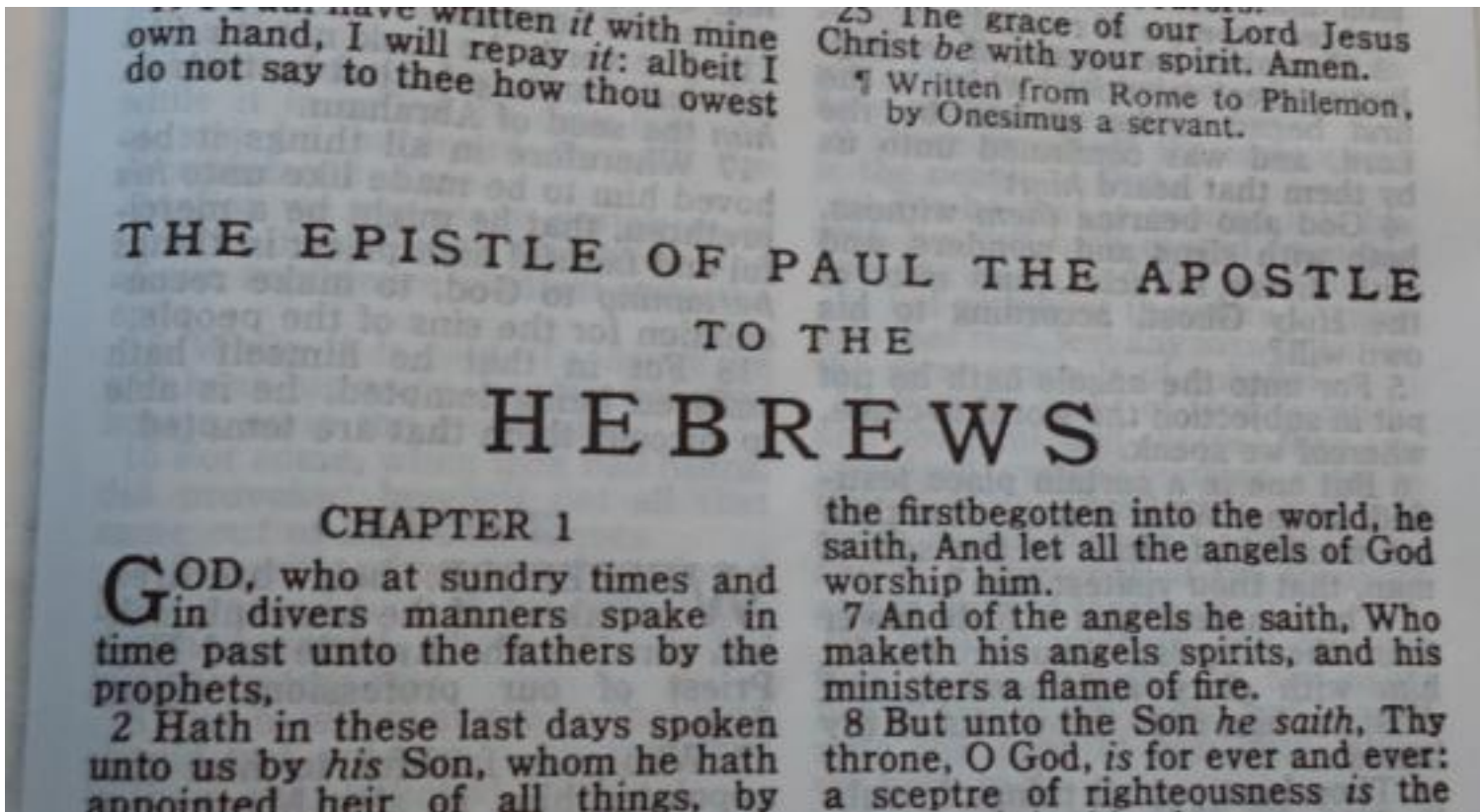
Therefore we ought to giue the more earnest heede to the things which we haue heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

** Or, righteousness, or straightnes.*

** Psal. 102. 2. c. 1. 34. 4.*

** Psal. 110. 1. mat. 22. 44.*

** Gr. run out as looking vngit.*



Pauline Themes



Suffering and
Perseverance

Joy

Discipleship

Grace

Return of
Christ

Forgiveness

Holy Spirit

Adoption

Unity

Finding life

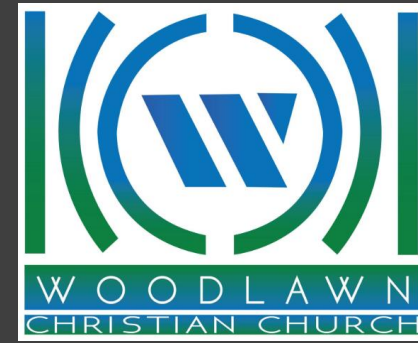
Love

Worship

Justification,
Righteousness,
Faith

Righteous
Living

False teachers,
apostacy



Suffering

Perseverance, Endurance

ISAIAH 53:3-5

“He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

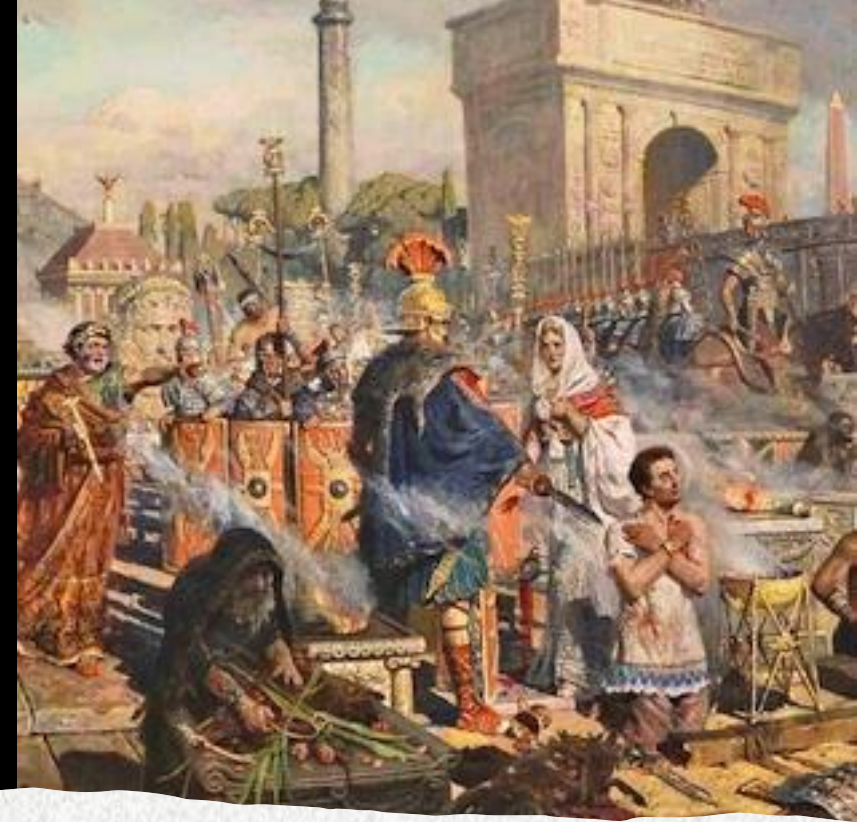




John 16

“All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. ² They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. ³ They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. ⁴ I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you,

³² “A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. ³³ “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”



Suffering in the early church.
What themes do we see in Paul's letters?

Romans 8



- ¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.
- ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.



2 Corinthians 4

- ⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.
- ¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.



Colossians 1

²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—



Philippians 3

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Hebrews 10



³² Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering. ³³ Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. ³⁴ You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. ³⁵ So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

Hebrews 12



Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.



2 Corinthians 1

⁸ We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, ¹¹ as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.



Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.



2 Timothy 4:5-8

⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.



James 1:2-4

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Themes and Key Takeaways

- Suffering is part of a fallen nature.
- Suffering is “light and momentary”; Glory is eternal
- Jesus suffered. Suffering produces benefits for Christians and the Church







Addendum



PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 13 & 14

- City
 - One of the "Seven Churches" - Rev. 2-3
 - ← Paul's Route →
- ConformingToJesus.com



PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 15:36 - 18:22

- City
 - One of the "Seven Churches of Asia" - Rev. 2-3
 - ← Paul's Route
- ConformingToJesus.com



PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 19:1 - 21:14

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches of Asia" - Rev. 2-3
- ← Paul's Route



Paul preaches the Gospel for 2 yrs under house arrest as he awaits for his appeal to Caesar

Paul meets fellow believers and is encouraged

Paul bitten by a viper suffers no harm Many come to faith and are healed

Ship lost in storm All aboard swim safely to shore

Ship caught in storm 14 days tempest-tossed Hope to be saved given up Paul encourages all aboard saying only ship will be lost

Paul's warning about the dangers of the voyage ignored

Change to a grain ship sailing to Italy

Paul boards a ship Sent to Rome to appeal to Caesar

MAP OF PAUL'S JOURNEY TO ROME

Acts 27 & 28

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches"
- ← Paul's Itinerary





To churches

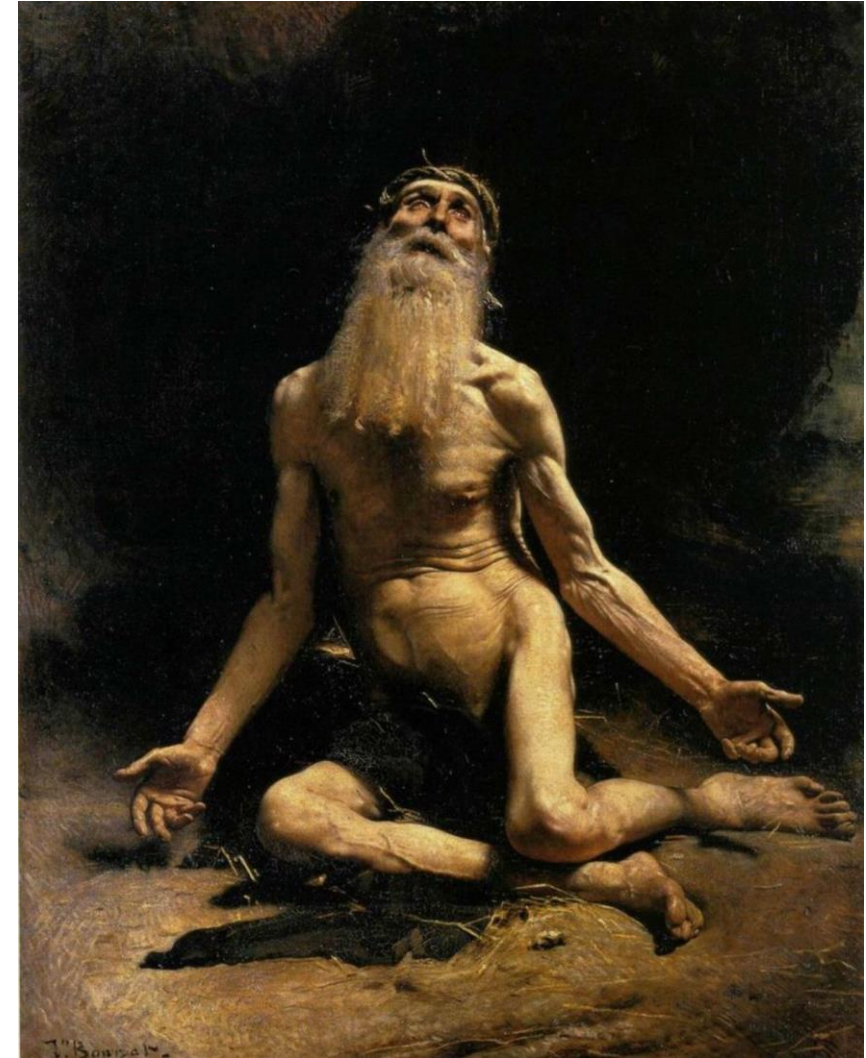
1. **Galatians: Against the Judaizers** (A.D. 49*) The main theme is justification by divine grace through faith in Jesus Christ—against the Judaizing doctrine of meritorious works of the law. In other words, Galatians insists on Christian liberty from any doctrine of salvation that requires human effort in addition to divine grace.
2. **1 Thessalonians: Congratulations and Comfort** (A.D. 50-51) Paul's letters to the church in Thessalonica are best known for their teaching about the second coming of Jesus Christ and associated events. First Thessalonians includes congratulations upon conversion and Christian growth and exhortations to further progress, with emphasis on comfort from and expectancy toward the second coming.
3. **2 Thessalonians: Correction on the Second Coming** (A.D. 50-51) Between the two letters to the Thessalonians there has arisen among these believers a belief in the immediacy of Jesus' return to destroy their persecutors. Not so fast, says Paul: the end-of-the-age rebellion against God must take place first, so go back to normal Christian living.
4. **1 Corinthians: Church Problems** (A.D. 55) Paul writes this letter to solve problems of manners, morals, and beliefs within the church. The letter demonstrates that lamentable conditions in the church do not characterize the postapostolic church alone.
5. **2 Corinthians: Paul's Conception of His Ministry** (A.D. 56) More than any other letter of Paul, 2 Corinthians allows us a glimpse into his inner feelings about himself, about his apostolic ministry, and about his relation to the churches he founded and nurtured. Paul also stresses the collection that he wants to gather from the church for the Christians in Jerusalem.
6. **Romans: The Gift of Righteousness Through Faith in Christ** (A.D. 57) Justification by faith for Jews and Gentiles alike is the basis of Christian unity. Because Paul knows only certain of the Christians in Rome, Romans is more formal than any of Paul's other letters.
7. **Colossians: Christ as the Head of the Church** (A.D. 61-62) Paul highlights the divine person and creative and redemptive work of Christ. Then Paul draws out the practical implications of this high Christology for everyday life and conduct.
8. **Ephesians: The Church as the Body of Christ** (A.D. 61-62) Paul covers the spiritual privileges and responsibilities of the church. Unlike most of Paul's letters, Ephesians seems not to have been written in response to a particular circumstance or controversy. It has an almost meditative quality.
9. **Philippians: A Friendly Note of Thanks** (A.D. 62) This letter includes thanks for financial assistance, along with personal news and exhortations. The church at Philippi appears to be Paul's favorite, and the Letter to the Philippians is thus the most personal of any that he wrote to a church.

To individuals

1. **Philemon: Plea for a Runaway Slave** (A.D. 61-62) Paul asks mercy for Onesimus, a runaway slave, who had become a Christian.
2. **1 Timothy** (A.D. 63-64) Topic: The organization and administration of churches by Timothy. The letter proceeds from a greeting to a warning against false teachers who mishandle the law. Paul then recalls his own experience of conversion and commission to apostleship and charges Timothy to cling tenaciously to orthodox Christian faith.
3. **Titus** (A.D. 63-64) Topic: The organization and administration of the churches in Crete by Titus. As in 1 Timothy, he warns against false teachers and issues instructions to various classes of Christians on proper conduct. The doctrinal basis for these instructions is God's grace, and the experiential basis for these instructions is regeneration by the Holy Spirit.
4. **2 Timothy** (A.D. 65) The commission of Timothy to carry on Paul's work. A final charge to preach the word of God, a statement of readiness to die, and personal news and requests conclude Paul's farewell letter.

Job

- **42** Then Job replied to the LORD:
- ² “I know that you can do all things;
no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
³ You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my
plans without knowledge?’
Surely I spoke of things I did not
understand,
things too wonderful for me to know.
- ⁴ “You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak;
I will question you,
and you shall answer me.’
⁵ My ears had heard of you
but now my eyes have seen you.
⁶ Therefore I despise myself
and repent in dust and ashes.”





Luke 14

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.