

Pauline Theology – The Life of Paul

Biblical Overview of Paul's Life and Understanding "Pauline Theology"

Activity and/or Location ¹	Letters	Acts
Jewish Heritage	2 Cor 11:22; Phil 3:4–5; Rom 11:1	
Tarsus	Gal 1:21	Acts 22:2-3
Educated in Jerusalem		Acts 22:3; 26:4
Pharisee	Phil 3:5 (compare Gal 1:14)	Acts 23:6; 26:5
Persecutor	Gal 1:13–14; 1 Cor 15:9; Phil 3:6; 1 Tim 1:13–15	Acts 7:58; 8:1–3; 9:1–2, 13–14, 21; 22:4, 19–20; 26:10–11
Call/Conversion – 33AD	Gal 1:15–16; 1 Cor 15:9–10; Phil 3:4–11	Acts 9:1–22; 22:1–21; 26:1–18
Arabia – 33-36AD	Gal 1:17	
Damascus – 33-36AD	Gal 1:17; 2 Cor 11:32–33	Acts 9:23–25
1 st visit to Jerusalem – 36AD	Gal 1:18-19	Acts 9:26-29
Caesarea		Acts 9:30
Tarsus – 36-46AD		Acts 9:30
Antioch – 47AD		Acts 11:26
Jerusalem – 47AD		Acts 11:30; 12:25
1st Missionary Journey (Acts 13–14 Northeastern Mediterranean) – 47-48AD		
Antioch		Acts 13:1-3
Seleucia		Acts 13:4
Salamis		13:5
New Paphos		Acts 13:6–12
Perga of Pamphylia		Acts 13:13
Antioch of Pisidia	Gal 1:21; 4:13; 2 Tim 3:11	Acts 13:14–52
Iconium	2 Tim 3:11	Acts 14:1-7
Lystra		Acts 14:8–20
Derbe		Acts 14:20
Lystra, Iconium, Antioch		Acts 14:21–23
Perga, Attalia		Acts 14:25
Antioch	Gal 2:11–14	Acts 15:1 (Acts 14:26–28)
Jerusalem Council – 49AD	Gal 2:1–10	Acts 15:1–29
Antioch	Galatians written (49AD)?	Acts 15:36–39
Second Missionary Journey (Acts 15:36–18:22 — Aegean Sea) – 49-52AD		
Syria and Cilicia		Acts 15:41
Derbe and Lystra		Acts 16:1–5
Phrygia and Galatia		Acts 16:6
Mysia		Acts 16:7–8
Troas		Acts 16:8–10
Samothrace		Acts 16:11
Neapolis		Acts 16:11
Philippi	1 Thess 2:2; Phil 4:15	Acts 16:12–40
Amphipolis and Apollonia		Acts 17:1
Thessalonica	1 Thess 2:1–12; Phil 4:15	Acts 17:1–9
Berea		Acts 17:10–14

¹ Donne, Anthony Le. 2016. "Paul the Apostle." In *The Lexham Bible Dictionary*, Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press.

Athens	1 Thess 3:1–6	Acts 17:15–34
Corinth (Gallio proconsul 51-52AD)	1 Cor 3:6; 4:15 – Thessalonians written	Acts 18:1–17
Cenchrea		Acts 18:18
Ephesus	Eph, Phil, Col, Phlm	Acts 18:19–21
Caesarea		Acts 18:22
Third Missionary Journey (Acts 18:23–21:16 — Aegean Sea) – 52-57AD (1 & 2 Cor & Romans written)		
Galatia and Phrygia		Acts 18:23
Ephesus	1 Cor 16:8	Acts 19:1–40
Corinth	2 Cor 13:1–2	
Ephesus	2 Cor 2:3–4, 9; 7:8–13	
Troas	2 Cor 2:12–13	
Macedonia	2 Cor 7:5–7	Acts 20:1
Illyricum	Rom 15:19	
Corinth/Greece	Rom 15:26	Acts 20:2
Macedonia/Philippi		Acts 20:3–6a
Troas		Acts 20:6b–12
Assos, Mitylene, Chios, Samos		Acts 20:13–15
Miletus		Acts 20:16–38
Cos, Rhodes, Patara		Acts 21:1–2
Tyre		Acts 21:1–2
Ptolemais		Acts 21:7
Caesarea		Acts 21:8–14
Jerusalem	Rom 15:25	Acts 21:15, 17–26
Arrest in the Temple		Acts 21:27–31
Imprisonment in Jerusalem		Acts 21:22–32
Imprisonment at Caesarea – 57-59AD		Acts 23:23–26:32
Trip to Rome		Acts 27:1–28:10
Arrival and Imprisonment in Rome – 60-62AD		Acts 28:11–31
Trip to Spain? – 62-64AD	Rom 15:24, 28	1 Tim & Titus written
Imprisonment/Execution in Rome? – 64-65AD	2 Tim 1:8, 4:6–8	2 Tim written

Paul's Three Worlds²

- 1) The World of Israel
 - a. Paul was a Jew; he didn't abandon this. Taught that the Jewish world had reached its goal.
 - b. Shocking and unexpected conclusion to Jewish world » Crucified Messiah
- 2) Saul of Tarsus, a Roman citizen
 - a. Tarsus in Cilicia » Cosmopolitan
 - b. Knew Greek literature and philosophy thoroughly – could converse and parody.
 - c. Big deal to be a Roman citizen (esp. by birth) | Someone served in civil service/military | Latin.
- 3) The New Empire
 - a. Only a single emperor for one generation | Grew up under the shadow of the empire.
 - b. Religion not a siphoned off thing in Rome » Paul knew of imperial rhetoric.

Paul's message: Jesus is Lord of all of this ^^^

² NT Wright, "Paul's Background" (NT Wright Online)