

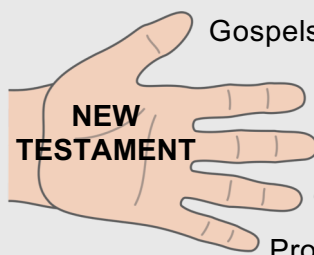
BIBLE

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Paul's Letters PART 1

Romans 1 & 2 **Corinthians**

Galatians **Ephesians** **Philippians** **Colossians**

"The New Testament does not envisage solitary religion; some kind of regular assembly for worship and instruction is everywhere taken for granted in the Epistles. So we must be regular practicing members of the church."

~ C.S. Lewis

Romans

Main theme: *We all sin and can only be saved by faith in Jesus.*

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- ❖ A theology textbook
- ❖ The only letter to a congregation that Paul hadn't met.
- ❖ Roman's Road – 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9, 5:1

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1st & 2nd Corinthians

Main theme: *Advice to a sin filled first century church.*

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- ❖ Paul helped establish the church in Corinth (Acts 18).
- ❖ Address issues dealing with Church leadership, incest, lawsuits, marriage, Christian freedoms, communion, spiritual gifts.
- ❖ Paul defends his right to have Apostolic authority

2 Corinthians 12:7-9

... a thorn was given me in the flesh,.. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

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Galatians

Main theme: *Christians are free from Jewish ritual cleanliness laws.*

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- ❖ First of Paul's letters, 49AD.
- ❖ Freedom in Christ. Inward change vs outward appearances. (5:22-23)

Galatians 6:11

See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand.

Ephesians

Main theme: *All Christians are equal members of Jesus' "body," the church.*

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- ❖ Jew and Gentile on equal footing.
- ❖ Jew and Gentile have found peace with God and with each other!

Ephesians 2:14-15

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.., that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,..

Philippians

Main theme: *Paul writes a letter about Christian joy from prison.*

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- ❖ Upbeat letter to a faithful church body. (1:3-7)

Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

Colossians

Main themes: *Jesus is superior to all people and things, including religion.*

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- ❖ Corrected a "Jesus plus..." philosophy. (2:20-23)

Colossians 1:19-20

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.