



Day 1

-  Please pray for holy guidance and insight before you begin today’s study.
-  Paul wrote this 1st letter (or epistle) to his associate Timothy approximately 63 AD.

**Paul's Letters**

**35AD Paul's conversion**

**47 - 48AD Paul's First Missionary Journey**

**49 / 50AD Paul attends the Council of Jerusalem**

50AD Letter to the Galatians

**50 - 52AD Paul's Second Missionary Journey**

51/52AD First Letter to the Thessalonians  
52AD Second Letter to the Thessalonians

**53 - 57AD Paul's Third Missionary Journey**

56AD First Letter to the Corinthians  
56AD Second Letter to the Corinthians  
57AD Letter to the Romans

**57 - 60AD Paul's arrest, imprisonment & journey to Rome**

**60 - 62AD Paul in Rome awaiting trial before Nero**

c.60AD Letter to the Ephesians  
c.60AD Letter to the Colossians  
c.60AD Letter to Philemon  
c.60AD Letter to the Laodiceans (lost)  
c.60AD Letter to the Philippians

**62 - 67AD Paul's Fourth Missionary Journey**

c.63AD First Letter to Timothy  
c.63/64AD Letter to Titus  
c.67AD Second Letter to Timothy

**c.67AD Paul executed in Rome**

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Greeting

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,

Q1. What does “hope” mean to you?

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Q2. What “command” from the Lord Jesus did Paul receive?

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**Acts 9:5-6, 15-17**

<sup>5</sup> And he [Paul] said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” . . .

<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him [Ananias], “Go, for he [Paul] is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup> For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”

<sup>17</sup> So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Q3. Why do these early passages in Acts refer to Paul as “Saul”?

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**Acts 13:9**

But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him. [Note: this is the last time the writer Luke refers to Paul as “Saul”.]

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Q4. Paul wrote, “To Timothy, my true son in the faith”; what is Paul’s relationship to Timothy?


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Q5. Why did Paul refer to Timothy as “my true son”?

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 Timothy was Paul’s ‘spiritual son’. As Charles Ellicott observed, “Timothy was St. Paul’s very own son. No fleshly relationship existed between the two, but a closer and far dearer connection. St. Paul had taken him while yet a very young man to be his companion and fellow-labourer (Acts 16:3). He told the Philippian Church he had no one like-minded (with Timothy) who would care for their affairs. He wrote to the Corinthians how Timothy was his beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who would put them in remembrance of his ways in Christ.” [© Charles John Ellicott, Ellicott’s Commentary for English Readers, [https://biblehub.com/commentaries/1\\_timothy/1-2.htm](https://biblehub.com/commentaries/1_timothy/1-2.htm)]

Day 2

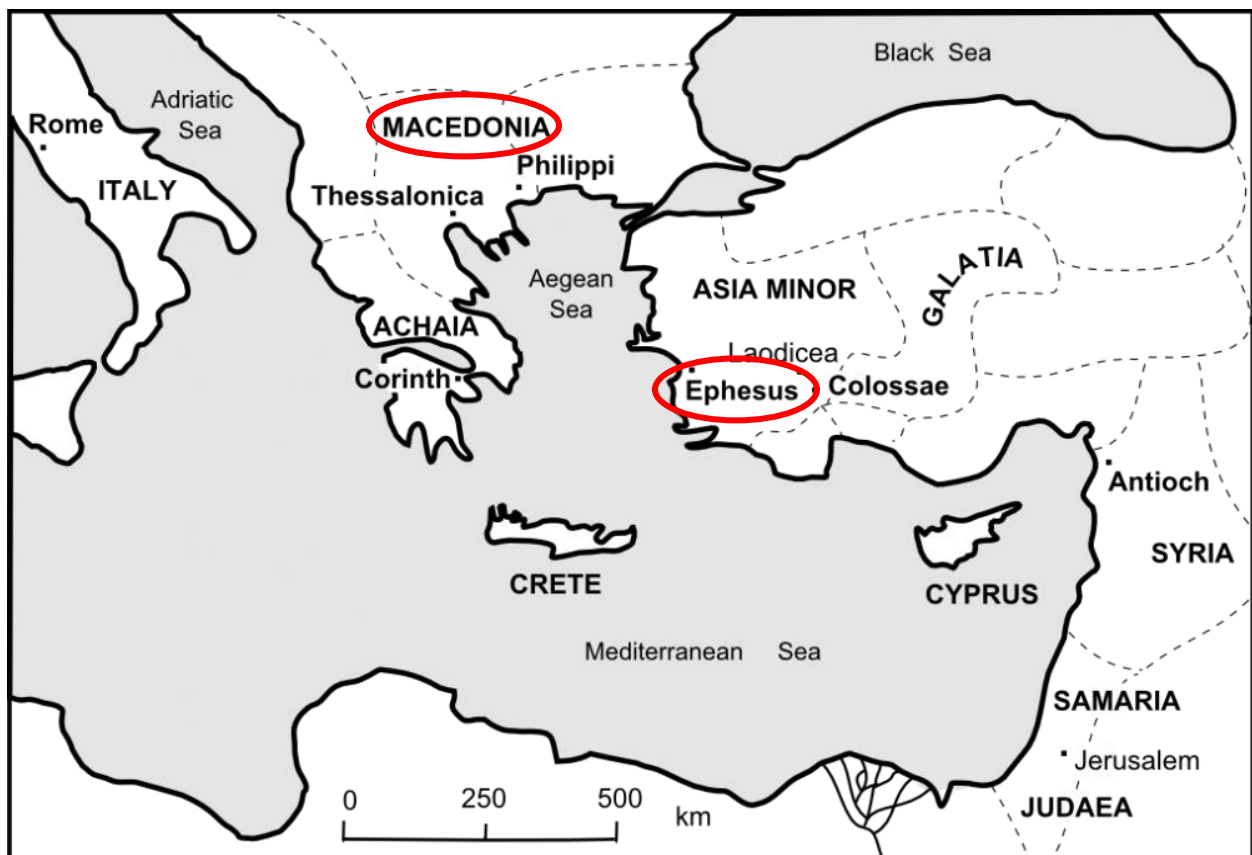
 Please pray for holy guidance and insight before you begin today's study.

*Warning Against False Teachers*

<sup>3</sup> As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer,

Q6. What concerned Paul in Ephesus?

 NOTE: In verse three Paul wrote, "When I was going to Macedonia, [you Timothy] remain at Ephesus":



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<sup>4</sup> nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work -- which is by faith.

Q7. Why was Paul so concerned about “myths and endless genealogies”?

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Q8. Do we, today, need to worry about “myths and endless genealogies”?

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**2 Timothy 4:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. [NASB]

**Titus 1:10-16** [Paul’s encouraging, instructional letter to his co-worker Titus] [The Message (MSG)]

For there are a lot of rebels out there, full of loose, confusing, and deceiving talk. Those who were brought up religious and ought to know better are the worst. They’ve got to be shut up. They’re disrupting entire families with their teaching, and all for the sake of a fast buck.

One of their own prophets said it best: “The Cretans are liars from the womb, barking dogs, lazy bellies.” He certainly spoke the truth.

Get on them right away. Stop that diseased talk of Jewish make-believe and made-up rules so they can recover a robust faith. Everything is clean to the clean-minded; nothing is clean to dirty-minded unbelievers. They leave their dirty fingerprints on every thought and act. They say they know God, but their actions speak louder than their words. They’re real creeps, disobedient good-for-nothings.

Q9. What might be an example of “speculation”?

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Q10. What might be examples of “stewardship”?

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Q11. How would you explain “stewardship from God that is by faith”?

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**1 Timothy 1:4**

<sup>4</sup> . . . God’s work is done by faith. [International Children’s Bible (ICB)]

Day 3

 Please pray for holy guidance and insight before you begin today's study.

<sup>5</sup> The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

Q12. How do we obtain a “pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith”? (Please explain)

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<sup>6</sup> Some have wandered away from these and turned to meaningless talk.

Q13. How does a person “wander away”?

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Q14. How would you describe a “meaningless talk”?

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<sup>7</sup> They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.

Q15. What is Paul's primary concern in these verses?

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**James 3:1**


Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment. [NASB]

Q16. For us today, how do we know if the teaching we hear is true or false?

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Day 4

 Please pray for holy guidance and insight before you begin today's study.

<sup>8</sup> We know that the law is good if one uses it properly.

Q17. How do we know “the law is good”?

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Q18. How does a person use the law, “properly”?

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<sup>9</sup> We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup> for adulterers and perverts, for slave traders and liars and perjurers -- and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine

Q19. Why is the law for the “lawbreakers and rebels” and all the other sins listed in verses 9&10?

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<sup>11</sup> that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

Q20. How would you describe “the glorious gospel of the blessed God”?

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Q21. How was Paul “entrusted” with the Gospel? What was he to do with the Gospel he received?


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**Acts 9:15-16**

<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him [Ananias], “Go, for he [Paul] is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup> For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”

*Day 5*

 Please pray for holy guidance and insight before you begin today’s study.

*Christ Jesus Came to Save Sinners*

<sup>12</sup> I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service.

Q22. Can you think of examples when the Lord Jesus had strengthened Paul?

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**2 Corinthians 11:24-27**

<sup>24</sup> I have been beaten the regulation thirty-nine stripes by the Jews five times.

<sup>25</sup> I have been beaten with rods three times. I have been stoned once. I have been shipwrecked three times. I have been twenty-four hours in the open sea.

<sup>26-27</sup> In my travels I have been in constant danger from rivers and floods, from bandits, from my own countrymen, and from pagans. I have faced danger in city streets, danger in the desert, danger on the high seas, danger among false Christians. I have known exhaustion, pain, long vigils, hunger, and thirst, going without meals, cold and lack of clothing. [J.B. Phillips New Testament (Phillips)]

**Acts 7:58-8:3**

<sup>58</sup> Then they cast him [Stephen] out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

<sup>8:1</sup> And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. <sup>2</sup> Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. <sup>3</sup> But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

Q23. Speculation: why do you think the Lord Jesus chose Saul to be His disciple?

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<sup>13</sup> Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.

Q24. Paul wrote that he acted “in ignorance and unbelief.” He was ignorant of what? And in what did he disbelieve?

Ignorance?

Unbelief?

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<sup>14</sup> The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Q25. What does this phrase mean to you: “The grace of our Lord was poured out”?


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Day 6

 Please pray for holy guidance and insight before you begin today’s study.

<sup>15</sup> Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst.

Q26. Why is sin so bad? Why do we need a Savior, a Redeemer, “to save sinners”?  
Sin?

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Savior?

Q27. What is Paul acknowledging in verse 15?

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Q28. Why is Paul’s acknowledgement important? And is his confession an example for us, today?

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<sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.

Q29. Why is it important for Jesus to “display His unlimited patience”?

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<sup>17</sup> Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>18</sup> Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight,

Q30. What did Paul mean by “you may fight the good fight”?

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<sup>19</sup> holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith.

Q31. What did people “reject”?

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Q32. How would you explain “have shipwrecked their faith”?

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<sup>20</sup> Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.


Q33. Verse 20: What do you think it means to “hand [them] over to Satan”?

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## 2 Timothy 2:16-18

<sup>16</sup> But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, <sup>17</sup> and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, <sup>18</sup> who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some.


 **NOTE:** We don't know who Alexander was – he may have been an associate of Hymenaeus. Hymenaeus' error is explained in 2 Timothy 2:17-18. Hymenaeus weakened people's faith by teaching that the resurrection had already occurred. Paul says that he handed Hymenaeus over to Satan, meaning that Paul had removed him from the fellowship of the church. Paul did this so that Hymenaeus would see his error and repent. The ultimate purpose of this punishment was correction. The church today is too often lax in disciplining Christians who deliberately sin. Deliberate disobedience should be responded to quickly and sternly to prevent the entire congregation from being affected. But

discipline must be done in a way that tries to bring the offender back to Christ and into the loving embrace of the church. The definition of discipline includes these words: strengthening, purifying, training, correcting, perfecting. Condemnation, suspicion, withholding of forgiveness, or permanent exile should not be part of church discipline. [Life Application Study Bible, New International Version, Copyright ©1973, 1978, 1984, Tyndale House Publishers, Page 2188]

Q34. Referring to 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:18: What do you think it means “the resurrection has already happened”?

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 NOTE: The false teachers were denying the resurrection of the body. They believed that when a person became a Christian, he or she was spiritually reborn, and that was the only resurrection there would ever be. To them, resurrection was symbolic and spiritual, not physical. Paul clearly taught, however, that believers will be resurrected after they die, and that their bodies as well as their souls will live eternally with Christ (1 Corinthians 15:35; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18). We cannot shape the doctrines of Scripture to match our opinions. If we do, we are putting ourselves above God. Instead, our beliefs should be consistent with God’s Word. [Life Application Study Bible, New International Version, Copyright ©1973, 1978, 1984, Tyndale House Publishers, Page 2201]

**1 Thessalonians 4:15-18**

<sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage each other with these words.

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