



PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

And His Letters To The Churches

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A.D. 35	ACTS 7:54-8:1	Stoning of Stephen
36	9:1-18	Conversion of Paul
37-39	9:19-25 Gal 1:17	Paul escapes death, let down wall in large basket in Damascus Paul's sojourn in Arabia and Damascus
39-43	Gal 1:18 9:26-30/Gal 1:21 9:31-43 Ch.10-11:18	Paul gets acquainted with Peter in Jerusalem Paul's sojourn in Tarsus (Syria-Cilicia) Healing of Aeneas; Raising of Dorcas Conversion of Cornelius
43-44	11:22-26	Paul and Barnabas sojourn in Antioch Disciples first called Christians
44	Ch. 12	First Apostle put to death, James the brother of John
45	11:27-30 12:25	Relief sent to Saints in Judea, delivered by Paul, Barnabas and John Mark

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Acts 13 & 14

- City
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INTRODUCTION TO 1ST CORINTHIAN LETTER

- ▶ Background: The church was established on Paul's second journey during his 18 month stay
- ▶ When: A.D. 56 – About 3-4 years after the church was established
- ▶ Where: From Ephesus, possibly in the spring between Passover and Pentecost (1 Cor 5:7; 16:8) – On Paul's third journey
- ▶ Theme: Admonition for unity in the faith. Written to correct irregularities and abuses prevailing in the church over matters such as dealing with an immoral brother, lawsuits, problems about marriage, eating meat offered to idols, abuses of the Lord's Supper, improper attitudes about spiritual gifts, and heresies about the resurrection.

INTRODUCTION TO 2ND CORINTHIAN LETTER

- ▶ When: A.D. 57 – Within a year after 1 Corinthians letter was sent
- ▶ Where: From Philippi (Macedonia), (2 Cor 7:8; 9:4) – On Paul's third journey
- ▶ Theme: 2 Cor 2:14-17 – Paul's expression of joy at their reception of his first letter and his defense as an apostle of Jesus Christ against the false accusations of Judaizing teachers. This is the most personal of all his letters, giving us insight into his feelings, desires, dislikes, ambitions, and obligations.

INTRODUCTION TO LETTER TO THE ROMANS

- ▶ When: A.D. 57 – On Paul's third journey within months of writing 2nd Corinthian letter
- ▶ Where: From Corinth (Acts 20:3; Rom 16:1, 23; 1 Cor 1:14)
- ▶ Theme: Rom 2:11 – God is no respecter of persons

Rom 1:16 – The gospel is God's power unto salvation to everyone that believes. This letter primarily answers the question, "Can a Gentile be a Christian without first becoming a Jewish proselyte?" Judaizing teachers had insisted that Gentiles must also be circumcised and keep the Law of Moses.

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- ▶ Outline:
 - Paul is an Apostle through Jesus Christ and not after man (ch1-2)
 - Justification is my faith in Christ and not by the works of the law of Moses (ch3-4)
 - Exhortations to steadfastness and faithfulness to responsibilities of a Christian (ch5-6)