

# VIA EMMAUS: A CHRIST-CENTERED WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE

## Paul: The Apostle to the Gentiles (38)

### INTRODUCTION

**Conversion** *From Saul to Paul* – Acts 9:1-18; 22:3-21; 26:1-32; cf. Gal 1:13-24; Phil 3:4-8; 1 Tim 1:12-17

**Ministry** 14 years between conversion + missions; 3 ‘missions’; missionary-preacher-theologian

**Gospel** *Preacher of the Gospel* – 1 Cor 2:2 + Acts 20:27 = Rom 1:1-7; 1 Cor 15:3-8; Eph 2:1-10

**Theology** God in Christ – 1 Corinthians 8:1-6; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15-20  
 Union in Christ – Romans 6:4-11; Galatians 3:25-29; Ephesians 1:3-14; 2:5-7

Salvation History – Creation (1 Cor 8:6), Fall (Rom 5:12-21), Redemption (2 Cor 5:14-21)  
 Salvation – God (Rom 1; 9-11), Man/Sin (Rom 1-3), Christ (Rom 3:25-26), Response (Rom 4-8)

Order of Salvation – Predestination/Election (Rom 9-11; Eph 1:4-5); Calling (2 Tim 1:9);  
 (Romans 8:28-31) Conversion (Eph 2:1-10); Justification (Rom 3:25-26; 4:5; Gal 2:16)  
 Adoption (Gal 4:4-7); Sanctification (1 Cor 6:11; 1 Thess 4:23); Glorification

Church – *Letters addressed to churches*; (1 Cor 12-14; 2 Cor 8-9; Eph 3; 1 Thess 1)  
 Ethics – *Theology + Practice* (Rom 12-14; Gal 5-6; Eph 4-6; Col 3-4)  
 Suffering – *Suffering for the Sake of Christ* (Phil 1:29; 3:10-11; Col 1:24; 2 Cor 1:3-7; 4:7-12)

### LETTERS

LETTER	DATE	MOOD	RECIPIENTS	THEME
Galatians	48	Strong Warning	South Galatian Churches	Justification & Sanctification
1 Thessalonians	49–51	Encouragement	Church in Thessalonica	Faith, Hope, and Love
2 Thessalonians	49–51	Encouragement	Church in Thessalonica	Judgment & Salvation
1 Corinthians	53–55	Corrective	Church in Corinth	True Church
2 Corinthians	55–56	Corrective	Church in Corinth	True Apostleship
Romans	57	Hopeful	Church in Rome	True Gospel
<i>Philippians</i> *	62	<i>Thankful</i>	<i>Church in Philippi</i>	<i>Joy in Christ</i>
<i>Colossians</i> *	62	<i>Gentle Warning</i>	<i>Church in Colossae</i>	<i>The Glory of the Christ</i>
<i>Philemon</i> *	62	<i>Friendship</i>	<i>Philemon</i>	<i>Freedom &amp; Slavery</i>
<i>Ephesians</i> *	62	<i>Encouraging</i>	<i>Churches in Asia Minor</i>	<i>The Glory of the Church</i>
<i>1 Timothy</i> **	62–64	<i>Motivating</i>	<i>Timothy</i>	<i>Conduct in the House of God</i>
<i>Titus</i> **	62–64	<i>Motivating</i>	<i>Titus</i>	<i>Sound Teaching → Good Fruit</i>
<i>2 Timothy</i> **	64–67	<i>Motivating</i>	<i>Timothy</i>	<i>Final Will &amp; Testament</i>

\* *Prison Letters*

\*\* *Pastoral Letters*

## **GALATIANS: Justification and Sanctification**

Occasion *Churches of Galatia = First churches Paul planted (Acts 13-14); Paul False teachers (1:6-9; 5:7-9), Tempted to add Circumcision (Gal 5:2-6, 11; 6:12-13; cf. Acts 15)*

Message *Justification by Faith (Gal 2:16-20; 5:6); Freedom in Christ (5:1); Sons of Abraham (3:1-4:31; 6:16) The centrality of the cross (2:20; 3:13-14; 6:14); Walking in the Spirit (5:16-25; 6:1-10)*

## **1 THESSALONIANS: Faith, Hope, and Love**

Occasion *False teaching – resurrection had already taken place (4:13) + Need to work (4:11; 5:12-13)*

Message *Faith, Hope, Love (1:1-5; 5:8); Faith(fulness) (1:6-9; 2:1-16); Holy Love (3:11-13; 4:3-8, 9-11 5:23) Hope (1:10; 2:17-21; 3:11-13; 4:13-5:11)*

## **2 THESSALONIANS: Judgment and Salvation**

Occasion *Idleness as a problem in Thessalonica (3:6-15); Encouragement to persevere (2:13-17; 3:1-5)*

Message *Judgment awaits the righteous & wicked (1:5-12); The Man of Lawlessness (2:1-12)*

## **1 CORINTHIANS: True Church**

Occasion *Divisions in Corinth (1:10-17; 3:1-9); Particular questions (4:1; 5:1; 6:1; 7:1; 8:1; 12:1) Main Ideas: apostleship, sanctity, unity (1:1-3); speech, knowledge, spiritual gifts (1:4-9)*

Message *The Gospel Unites (15:1-10); Love is more important than gifts (12-14); The church has order*

## **2 CORINTHIANS: True Apostleship and Ministry**

Occasion *Paul writes to affirm his ministry against false teachers (2:14-17; 4:7-12; 6:3-10; 11:23-33)*

Message *God reveals his glory through our suffering (1:3-4, 11, 20; 4:15-16; 9:11-15; 10:17-18)*

## **ROMANS: True Gospel**

Occasion *Paul's desire to visit (1:8-15) + Paul's mission to Spain (15:24) + Division in the church (14:1-23)*

Message *The gospel of God (1:1-7); The power of the gospel (1:16-17); Sin (1:18-3:23); Salvation (3:24-6:23); Sanctification (7:1-8:39); Sovereignty (9:1-11:36); Self-less Love (12:1-16:27)*

## **PHILIPPIANS: Joy in Christ**

Occasion *Writing to thank the Philippians for their participation in the gospel (1:3-6; 4:10-20)*

Message *Our joy is in Christ (1:12-18; 1:18b-22; 3:4-11; 4:11-13); Christ is our model (2:1-30)*

## **COLOSSIANS: The Glory of Christ**

Occasion *Warning about false teaching (2:1-5) – worldly philosophies (2:8-15) + false law (2:16-25)*

Message *Glorious exaltation of Christ (1:15-20; 2:3, 9); How to live in light of Christ (3:1-4:6)*

## **EPHESIANS: The Glory of the Church**

Occasion *Paul writes a circular letter to the churches in and around Ephesus to remind them of gospel life This church is the one he spent so much time with (Acts 19-20); Similar to Ephesians*

Message *Blessings in Christ (1:3-14); Effect of salvation (2:1-21); Wisdom of God in the church (3:9-11) Walking together in love, light, truth, and the spirit (4:1-6:24); Prayer (1:15-22; 3:14-21; 6:18-19)*