

VIA EMMAUS:

A CHRIST-CENTERED WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE

Paul: Pastoral Epistles and Philemon (compiled by David Crater)

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’; preaching/planting; prison; martyred

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 Timothy 3:15; 1 Corinthians 12-14; Ephesians 3
 Ethics – Romans 12-14; Galatians 5-6; Ephesians 4-6; Colossians 3-4

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 & 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 & Testament</i>

* *Prison Letters*

** *Pastoral Letters*

PHILEMON: Friendship, Brotherhood, Slavery, and Freedom

Occasion *Paul in prison in Rome (v. 1, 9); Onesimus a runaway slave in Rome converted by Paul (v. 10) and sent back to Colosse (Col. 4:9) to his master, Philemon, whom Paul had also converted (v. 19). Philemon hosted a (the?) Colossian church in his house (v. 2). Letter to Philemon probably carried with the letter to the Colossians by group accompanying Onesimus.*

Message *Spiritual family (v. 1, 7, 10, 19-20); forgiveness (v. 18); obedience of slaves to masters (Eph. 6:5) and kindness of masters to slaves (v. 16); elimination of master-slave distinction in Christ (Gal. 3:28).*

I TIMOTHY: Doctrine, Conduct, and Leadership in the Church

Occasion *Paul free after first imprisonment in Rome; may have already gone to Spain; Timothy left as senior pastor in Ephesus when Paul left for Macedonia (1:3); Paul writing encouragement and instructions on doctrine and church life.*

Message *Sound doctrine; ruling authorities; men, women, and widows; elders and deacons; greed, contentment, and wealth; slaves and masters; fighting the good fight*

TITUS: Doctrine, Conduct, and Leadership in the Church, Part II

Occasion *Titus, a Gentile who had traveled with Paul (Gal. 2:1-3), was a pastor Paul had temporarily (3:12) left in Crete – probably on the same journey where he left Timothy in Ephesus – helping to organize churches in multiple cities (1:5). Paul writes Titus for the same reasons he wrote I Timothy and probably at the same time, probably from Macedonia.*

Message *Sound doctrine; elders; men and women; slaves and masters; ruling authorities; good works;*

2 TIMOTHY: Last Will and Testament – Steadfastness and Perseverance

Occasion *Paul's final letter, shortly before his execution in Rome, to Timothy, still in Ephesus; Paul forsaken by his churches in Asia and by his teammates (1:15, 4:16)*

Message *Stand fast, oppose false doctrine, preach the Word, suffer like a good soldier, earn the eternal crown.*