

READING OUR BIBLE

Encouragement for a lifetime
of rejoicing in Christ!

Class 6 (Epistles)

Winter 2025



THE EPISTLES – BY DATE

James

1, 2 Thessalonians
Galatians

1, 2 Corinthians
Romans

“Prison”

“Pastorals”

Hebrews

1, 2 Peter

Jude

1, 2, 3 John

45 AD

90 AD



PAUL, JERUSALEM, JOURNEYS

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| 35 A.D. | Conversion | Acts 9:18; Gal 1:15 |
| 38 | 1st Jerusalem Visit | Acts 9:28; Gal 1:18 |
| 44 | Famine Relief Visit | Acts 11:27ff |
| 49 | Jerusalem Council | Acts 15:3ff, Gal 2:1-10 |
| 49-52 | Second Missionary Jny | Acts 18:22, Gal 2:11-14 |
| 54-7 | Third Missionary Jny | |
| 57-9 | Arrest in Jerusalem, to Rome | Acts 21:15 |



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“Disappointment”
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ROMANS

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith"

**Jesus our
Righteousness**

**Law
Gospel**

PAUL'S PRISON EPISTLES

- Ephesians (60-61)
- Colossians (60-61)
- Philemon (61-62)
- Philippians (62)

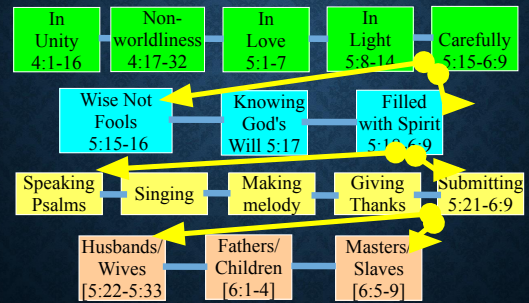
Philippians 2: 19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly

| Position | How Different |
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| Blessed beyond belief! | Walk in unity Walk in non-worldliness Walk in love Walk in light Walk carefully |
| 1:3 | 4:1 6:9 |

3 chapters of NO COMMANDS culminating in MASSIVE LOVE of JESUS

Amazing love – walk

EPHESIANS 4-6



LAST PAULINE EPISTLES

- 1 Timothy
- Titus

Conduct as ministers

written to individuals!

- 2 Timothy
- [Philemon]

Personal charge

Personal appeal

THE NON-PAULINE EPISTLES

| Hold On! | | | | | |
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| World, Christ, Witness | | | False Teachers | | |
| James | Hebrews | 1 Peter | 2 Peter | 1-3 John | Jude |