



# Missionary Epistles

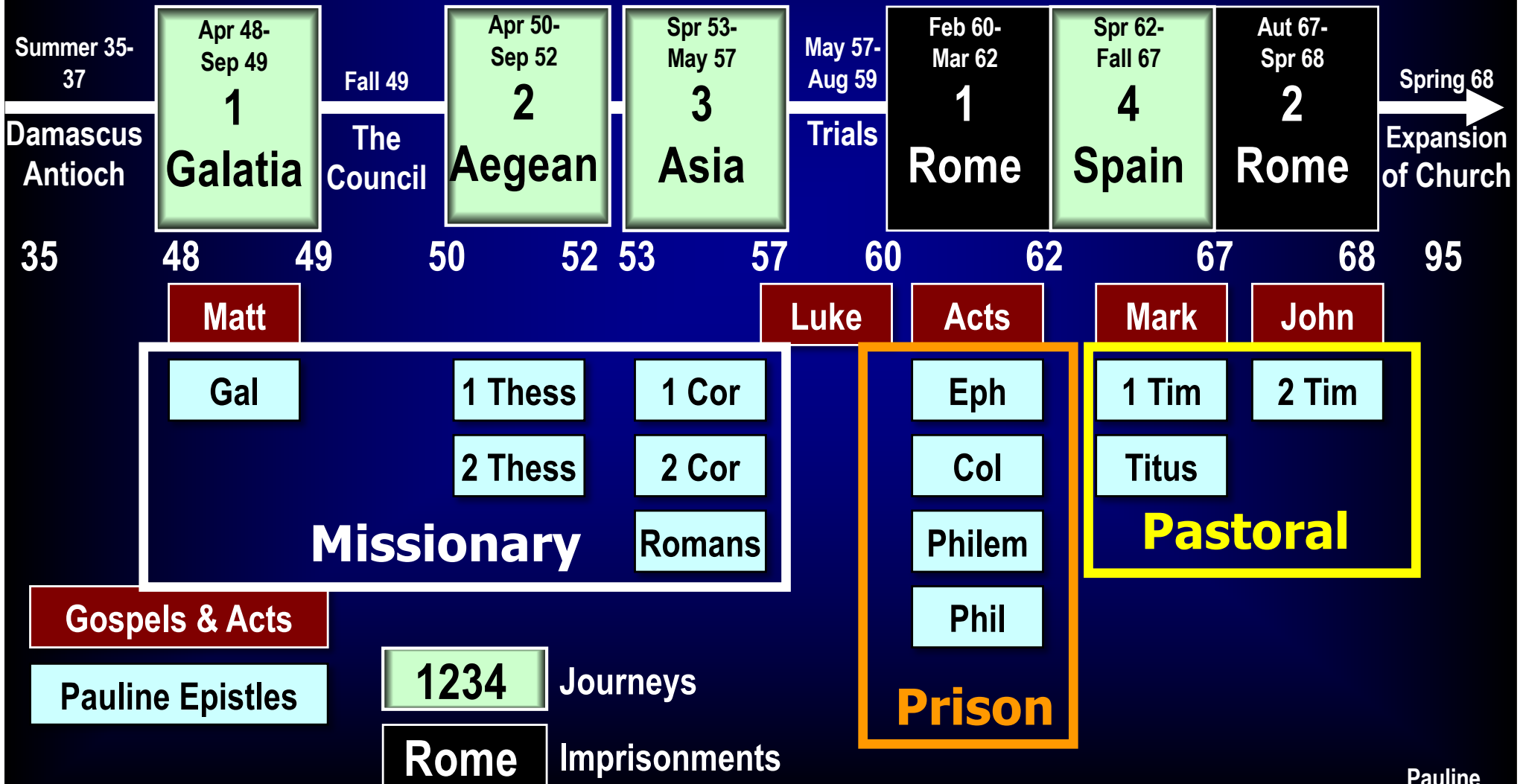
*Paul keeping in touch  
on the road*


# NT Overview (Paul's Letters)

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“To the remotest part of the earth” (Acts 1:8)

Acts 9 13 14 15 16 18 21 27 28





First Missions Trip  
Acts 13–14  
Spring 48 - Fall 49



Second Missions Trip

Acts 16–18

Spring 50 – Fall 52



Third Missions Trip  
Acts 19–20  
Spring 53 – Spring 57

## STUDY HELP #24

A.D.  
48-49



Acts 13-14

#1. "The Hook: A Laboratory"

Significance: Worshipped as gods; did miracles; Paul stoned; difficult work; churches planted; return by same route.

A.D. 49

Acts 15:1—Must a Gentile become a Jew, and accept his laws and ceremonies, before he can become a Christian?

GRACE ONLY!

ASIA

ROME

Antioch

Acts 15

1(-)2 "The Jerusalem Council"

Antioch  
Jerusalem

The issue was permanently settled: GRACE, not LAW!

ARABIA

A.D.  
49-52



ANCIENT ATHENS

Acts 15-18

## 2. "The European Thrust"

Significance: many church plants; call to Macedonia, on to Athens, "the unknown god"; Mars Hill; lengthy Corinthian stay.



A.D.  
53-57



ANCIENT EPHEBUS

Acts 18-21

### 3. The Asian Thrust"



Significance: extended time at the church in Ephesus;  
young man raised from the dead; important letters written;  
riot with Ephesian artisans at amphitheatre.

# Paul's Epistles in Mostly Scriptural Order

Foundational	Prison	Prophetic	Pastoral
<b>Romans</b> <b>1 Corinthians</b> <b>2 Corinthians</b> <b>Galatians</b>	<b>Ephesians</b> <b>Philippians</b> <b>Colossians</b> <b>Philemon</b>	<b>1 Thessalonians</b> <b>2 Thessalonians</b>	<b>1 Timothy</b> <b>2 Timothy</b> <b>Titus</b>
<b>Christ &amp; the Cross</b>	<b>Christ &amp; the Church</b>	<b>Christ &amp; the Second Coming</b>	<b>Christ &amp; the Congregation</b>
<b>Soteriology</b>	<b>Christology</b>	<b>Eschatology</b>	<b>Ecclesiology</b>

Date	Book	Key Word	Paul's Life	Key Doctrine
40s	Matthew	Kingdom		Ecclesiology
44-47	James	Works		Soteriology
49	Galatians	Justification	1st journey	Soteriology
51	1 Thessalonians	Rapture	2nd journey	Eschatology
51	2 Thessalonians	Tribulation	2nd journey	Eschatology
56	1 Corinthians	Sanctification	3rd journey	Ecclesiology
56	2 Corinthians	Apostleship	3rd journey	Ecclesiology
56-57	Romans	Righteousness	3rd journey	Soteriology
57-59	Luke	Sovereignty I		Missiology

# Paul's Dealing with Problems

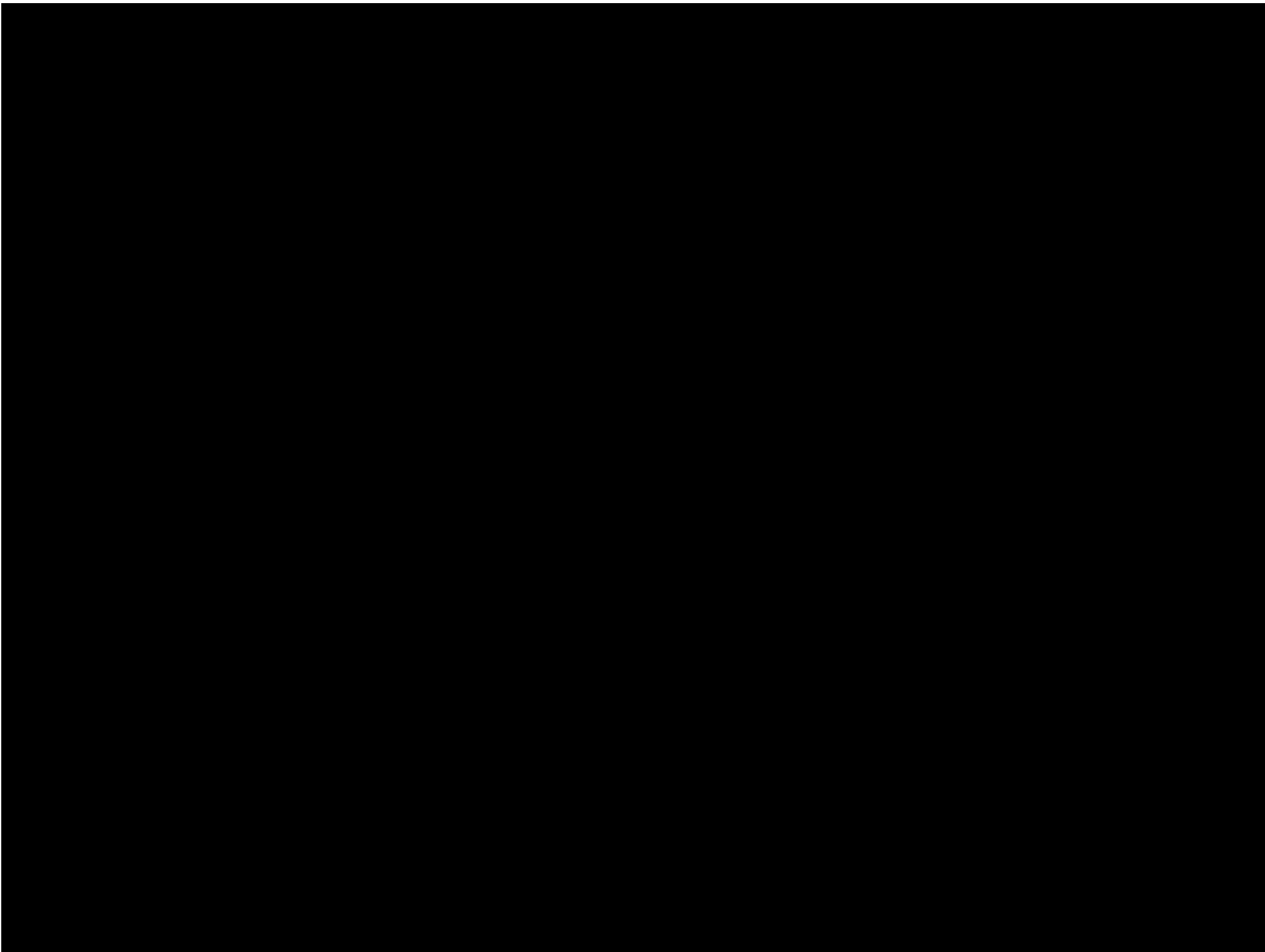
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<i>Letter</i>	<i>Recipient's Problem</i>	<i>Paul's Solution</i>
<b>Galatians</b> ( <i>Soteriology</i> )	<b>Heretics</b> taught new believers that they must obey the Mosaic Law to be saved	<b>Justification</b> is by faith alone and not by keeping the Law
<b>1 Thess</b> ( <i>Eschatology</i> )	<b>Heretics</b> questioned Paul's church planting motives and the state of believers at Christ's Return if they had already died	They should prepare for the <b>Rapture</b> by seeing Paul's pure motives and being comforted over believers who died
<b>2 Thess</b> ( <i>Eschatology</i> )	<b>Heretics</b> taught the believers were in the Tribulation due to intense persecution so some quit their jobs and became lazy	The Day of the Lord ( <b>Tribulation</b> ) won't start until after the Church is removed and they must persevere without idleness

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<b>1 Corinthians</b> ( <i>Ecclesiology</i> )	Disorder in the church came from divisions, moral deviations, and false doctrines taught by <b>heretics</b>	Proper behavior where positional <b>sanctification</b> becomes practical results only from a true theology of the gospel
<b>2 Corinthians</b> ( <i>Ecclesiology</i> )	<b>Heretics</b> undermined Paul's authority to advise the church	Paul defends his <b>apostleship</b> in his new covenant ministry to affirm the church's doctrinal foundation and giving
<b>Romans</b> ( <i>Soteriology</i> )	<b>Jew-Gentile</b> struggles disrupted body life in confusion over the role of the Law and insensitivity to one another in gray areas	Living out God's <b>righteousness</b> achieved by justification through faith will bring unity before Paul arrives



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