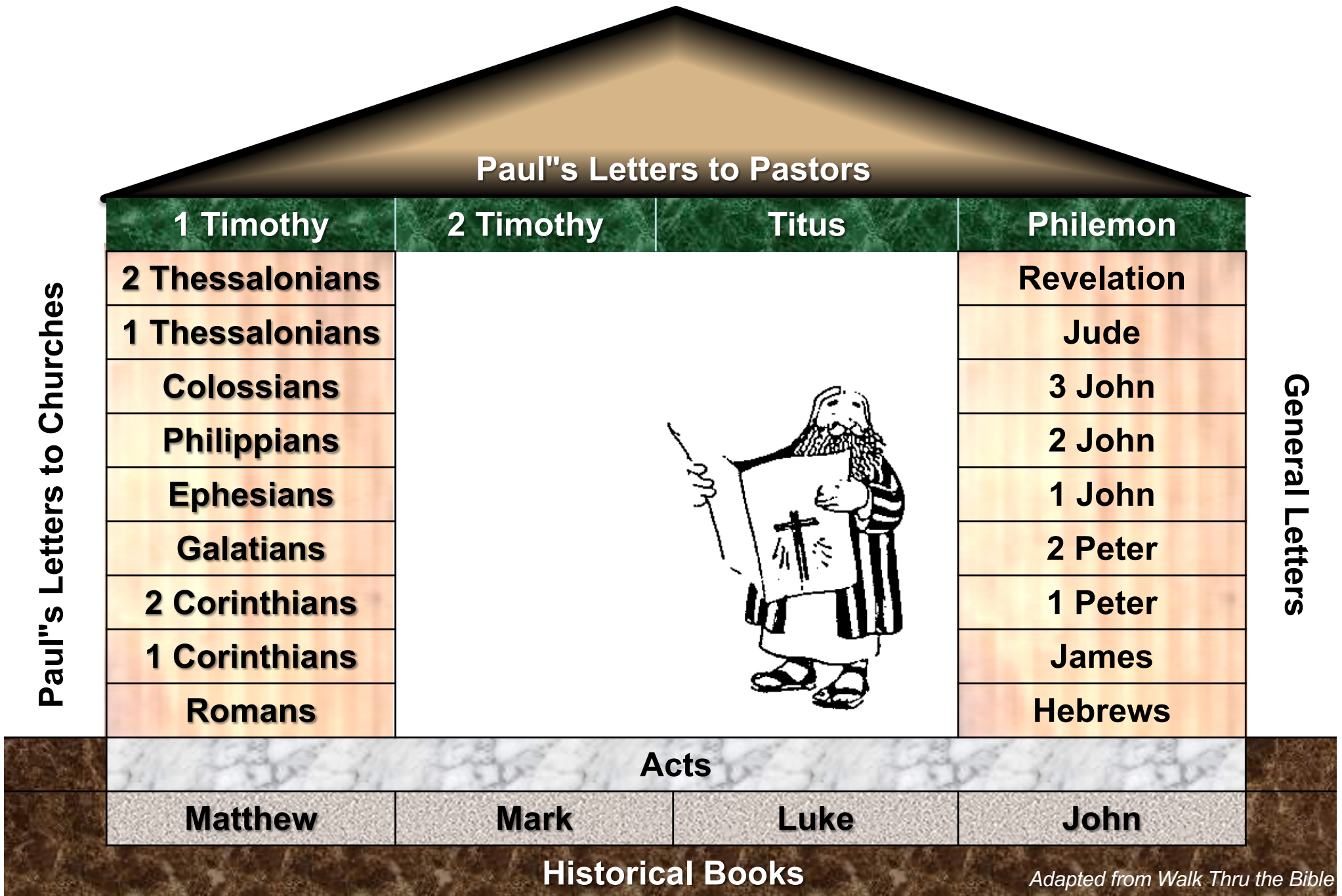




# The Pauline Epistles

# The New Testament "Building"

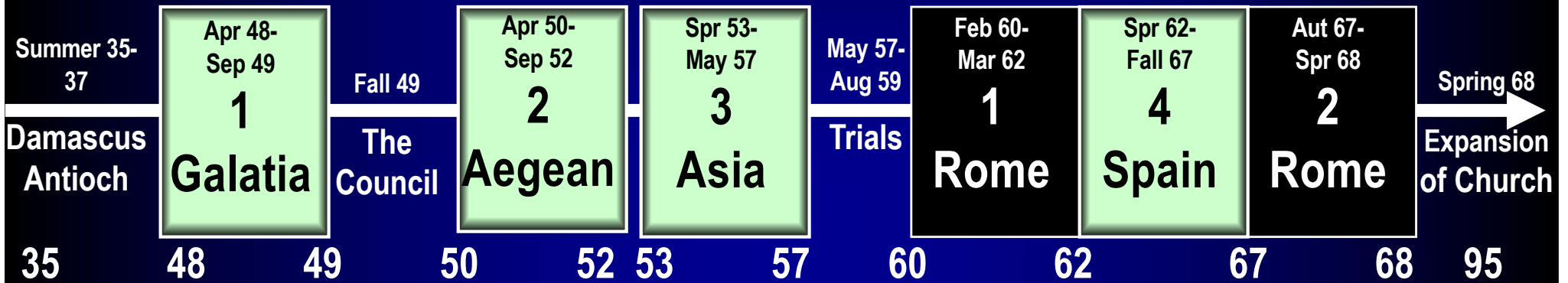


# NT Overview (Paul's Letters)

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

Acts 9 13 14 15 16 18 21 27 28



**Matt**

**Luke**

**Acts**

**Mark**

**John**

**Missionary**

- Gal
- 1 Thess
- 2 Thess
- 1 Cor
- 2 Cor
- Romans

**Prison**

- Eph
- Col
- Philem
- Phil

**Pastoral**

- 1 Tim
- 2 Tim
- Titus

**Gospels & Acts**

**Pauline Epistles**

**1234**

Journeys

**Rome**

Imprisonments

# Paul's Epistles in Mostly Scriptural Order

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

# Authors of the New Testament

Name	Nationality	Home Town	Occupation	Relationships	Chapters Written	Verses Written	Books Written
Paul	Jew	Tarsus	Tentmaker	Apostle of Jesus Christ	87 (100)*	2,033 (2,336)*	Romans 1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians Philemon 1 Thess. 2 Thess. 1 Timothy 2 Timothy Titus (Hebrews?)

\*Indicates total if Hebrews is assigned to Paul.

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

Date	Book	Key Word	Paul's Life	Key Doctrine
60	Ephesians	Unity	1st imprisonment	Christology (Head)
61	Colossians	Deity	1st imprisonment	Christology (God)
61	Philemon	Forgiveness	1st imprisonment	Christology (Reconciler)
62	Philippians	Attitude	1st imprisonment	Christology (Example)
62	Acts	Sovereignty II		Missiology
62	1 Timothy	Order	4th journey	Ecclesiology
64	1 Peter	Suffering		Eschatology
64	2 Peter	Knowledge		Eschatology
64-68	Mark	Discipleship		Eschatology

Date	Book	Key Word	Paul's Life	Key Doctrine
66	Titus	Conduct	4th journey	Ecclesiology
67	2 Timothy	Doctrine	2nd imprisonment	Ecclesiology
67-68	Hebrews	Superiority		Christology
c. 69	John	Belief		Soteriology
75	Jude	Pretenders		Eschatology
85-95	1 John	Love		Soteriology
85-95	2 John	Limits		Missiology
85-95	3 John	Missionaries		Missiology
95-96	Revelation	Triumph		Eschatology

# 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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<b><i>Ephesians</i></b> ( <i>Christology</i> )	<b><i>Jew-Gentile</i></b> disunity within the church hindered their testimony before unbelievers	God's mystery of Jew-Gentile <b><i>unity</i></b> in the Church under Christ as Head must show itself in love for each other
<b><i>Colossians</i></b> ( <i>Christology</i> )	<b><i>Heretics</i></b> led believers into combining legalism, asceticism, and angel worship	Christ is God ( <b><i>deity</i></b> ), so the church must worship Him alone in holy living
<b><i>Philemon</i></b> ( <i>Christology</i> )	A Christian slave owner (Philemon) was tempted to <b><i>mistreat</i></b> his now-believing former slave, Onesimus, who had returned	This master must grant <b><i>forgiveness</i></b> to his former slave to model the reconciliation of believers to God through Christ

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<i>Letter</i>	<i>Recipient's Problem</i>	<i>Paul's Solution</i>
<b><i>Philippians</i></b> ( <i>Christology</i> )	Concern over Paul's fate in prison was complicated by legalistic and libertine <b><i>heretics</i></b> and two quarrelsome women	Imitating Christ's <b><i>attitude</i></b> will give joy, humility, balance between "law extremes" and peace with God and man
<b><i>1 Timothy</i></b> ( <i>Ecclesiology</i> )	Ascetic and speculative <b><i>heretics</i></b> threatened Timothy's leadership of the Ephesian church	Church <b><i>order</i></b> will follow if Timothy guards his personal life and doctrine and shares leadership with other godly men
<b><i>Titus</i></b> ( <i>Ecclesiology</i> )	<b><i>Heretics</i></b> on Crete hindered the health of the newly planted churches	Teach believers sound <b><i>conduct</i></b> through qualified elders to silence accusations
<b><i>2 Timothy</i></b> ( <i>Ecclesiology</i> )	<b><i>Heretics</i></b> and persecution of believers caused many believers to deny Christ	Persevere in sound <b><i>doctrine</i></b> by preaching and practicing God's Word despite hardship

## Romans

- Paul expounds the ***righteousness of God*** which requires that justification be only by faith in Christ and not by works of the Law in order to solve ***conflicts between Jewish and Gentile*** believers at Rome before his soon arrival.

## 1 Corinthians

- Paul explains the ***proper functioning of the church*** in response to reports about the Corinthians' divisions, disorders, and doctrinal difficulties to assure that the church makes its ***positional sanctification practical***.

## 2 Corinthians

- Paul ***defends his apostleship*** against attacking false teachers to assure both the Corinthians' ***doctrinal foundation*** and their promise to give to Jerusalem saints, thus providing an example of respect for and giving to church leaders today.

### Galatians

- Paul defends his apostleship and *justification by faith* to the South Galatian churches to *counter false teaching* by Judaizers so that the Galatians would not live by a legalistic system based upon the Law.

### Ephesians

- Paul explains God's mystery—the *unity of Jews and Gentiles* in the Church who are equal positionally—to exhort these two groups at Ephesus to live worthy of this calling through a *unified love* for one another as a testimony to the world.

### Philippians

- Paul exhorts the believers at Philippi to *imitate Christ's attitude* that they might stand firm in a joyful, humble, and peaceful dependence upon Christ's adequacy to combat problems with *disunity and false teaching* in the church.

## Colossians

- Paul instructs the Colossian church in the supremacy and *deity of Christ* and exhorts practical outworking of this doctrine in order to fight a *syncretistic heresy* threatening the life and ministry of the church.

## 1 Thessalonians

- Paul prepares the Thessalonians for the *rapture* by defending his motives for starting the church (to silence accusations of greed) and instructing the believers (to strengthen the church's doctrinal and relational foundation so it can continue to grow).

## 2 Thessalonians

- Paul corrects the persecuted Thessalonians' misconception that the *day of the Lord* (Tribulation) had already begun to exhort perseverance among the disheartened and industry among the idle to help them stand firm in correct doctrine despite *false teachers*.

## 1 Timothy

- Paul exhorts Timothy to courageously guard his personal *life, doctrine, and local church order* in order to preserve the ministry of the Ephesian church against ascetic and speculative *false teachers*.

## 2 Timothy

- Paul exhorts Timothy to faithfully practice and *preach the Word* despite hardship in order to encourage him to persevere against *false teaching* and apostasy.

## Titus

- Paul exhorts Titus to *organize the Cretan churches* by appointing qualified elders and teaching respectable behavior as the natural result of salvation by grace in order to *defeat opposers by word and deed (conduct)*.

## Philemon

- Paul requests the Christian slave owner, Philemon, for *forgiveness* for his runaway but repentant slave, Onesimus, whom Paul led to Christ and sent back to Philemon for restatement as Christian brother to teach *how to forgive and be forgiven*.

## Hebrews

- An unknown author shows Hebrew believers the *superiority of Christ as High Priest* and the superiority of Christianity over Judaism to exhort them to endure persecution rather than *return to their former life* under Judaism.

## James

- James exhorts early Jewish believers throughout the Roman Empire that Christian *faith is shown through works* that they might replace their *hypocrisy* with good deeds in maturity and holiness.

# NT Epistle Contrasts

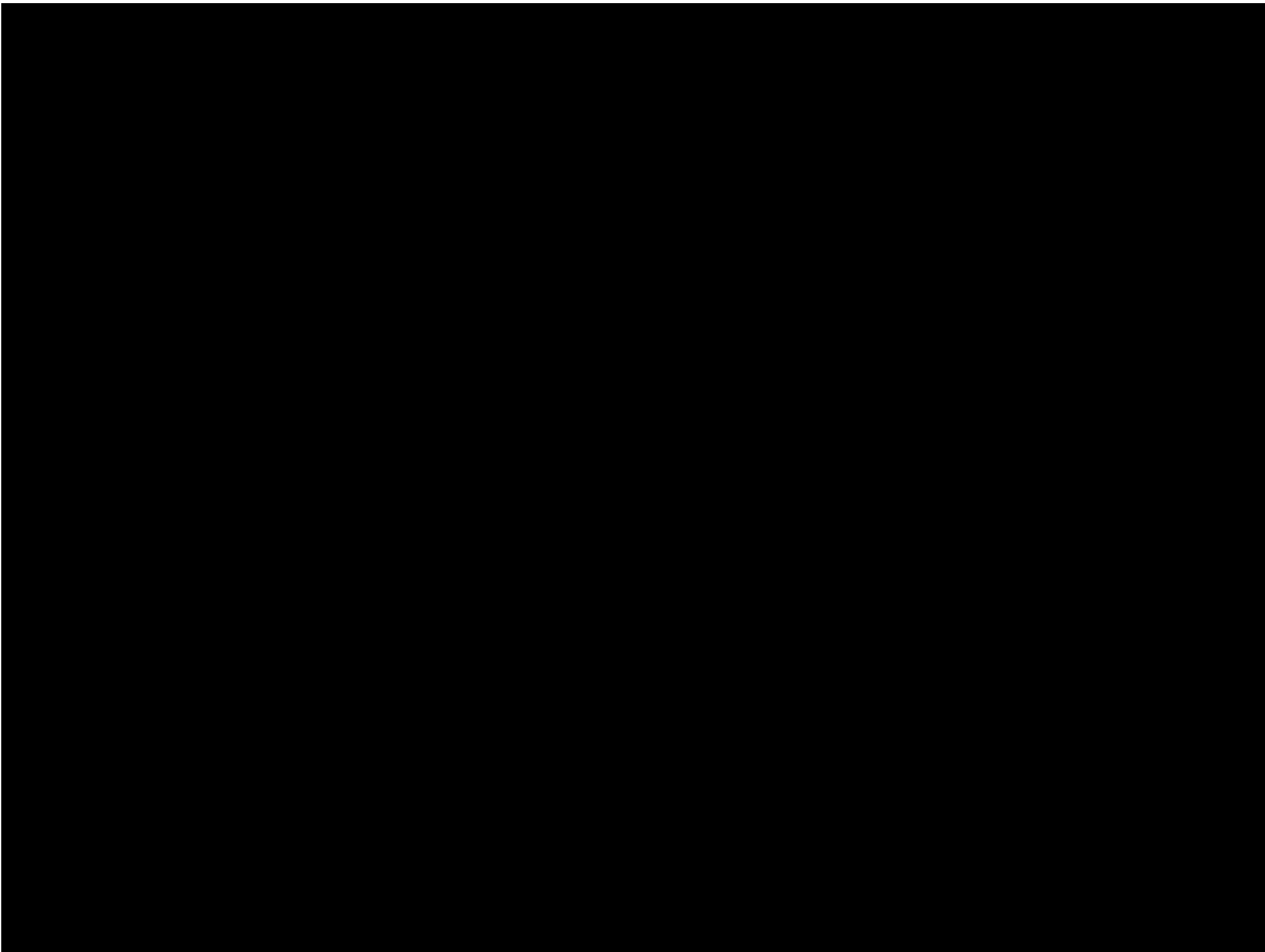
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	<b>Pauline</b>	<b>General</b>
<b>Named after</b>	<b>Recipients</b>	<b>Author (except Hebrews)</b>
<b>Authors</b>	<b>1 (Paul)</b>	<b>5 (anonymous Hebrews, James, Peter, John, Jude)</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Earlier</b>	<b>Later (except James)</b>
<b>Chronology</b>	<b>Missionary journeys &amp; Acts (except Pastorals)</b>	<b>After missionary journeys &amp; Acts (except James)</b>
<b>Number</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Number of Letters in Theological Categories (cf. p. 24)</b>	<b>Soteriology (2)</b> <b>Ecclesiology (5)</b> <b>Eschatology (2)</b> <b>Christology (4)</b>	<b>Soteriology (2)</b> <b>Ecclesiology (0)</b> <b>Eschatology (4)</b> <b>Christology (1)</b> <b>Missiology (2)</b>



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