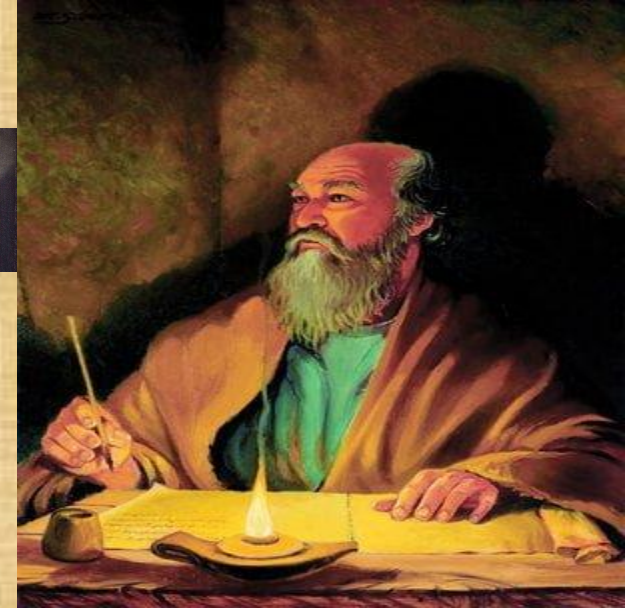


St Paul Epistles

Colossians 1:28-29 ²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.



2 Timothy 2:8 ⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

What is your vision of service ?



St Paul Epistles written starting 2nd Journey



Cities of Paul's Journeys



14 Letters in 100 Chapters
9 Letters written to cities
4 Letters written to individuals
1 Letter written to the Hebrews
= 40% of New Testament

When ? Why ? Where ?

Cities of Paul's Journeys



| Epistle Name | Year | Reason | Summary | Where Written |
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| 1 Thessalonians | 53 | Persecutions | Jesus second coming | Corinth |
| 2 Thessalonians | 53 | Persecutions | What Jesus 2 nd Coming will Look Like | Corinth |
| Romans | 58 | Judaism issue | Salvation to all (Jews & Gentiles) through faith in Jesus not the Law | Corinth |
| Galatia | 57 | Judaism issue | St Paul authority from God - Salvation through Jesus not the Law | Corinth |
| 1 Corinthians | 57 | Various issues | Alert from divisions - scold them and teach them how Christians act | Ephesus |
| 2 Corinthians | 57 | Various issues | Paul happy that Corinthians now trying to live the way God wanted them to - Paul defends himself against the people who were angry with him and saying untrue things about him | Macedonia |



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| Epistle Name | Year | Reason | Summary | Where Written |
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| Ephesians | 62 | The prison letter | The church is the body of Jesus | First prison in Rome |
| Philippians | 63 | The prison letter | Spiritual Joy Rejoice in the Lord Always | First prison in Rome |
| Philemon | 62 | The prison letter | Paul changed Onesimus from a slave who had stolen from his master (Philemon) to a dear brother, servant, Bishop and a martyr through his care to him, love, forgiveness and meditation to his master. | First prison in Rome |
| Colossians | 62 | The prison letter | Jesus is the head of the Church. Thus Church should please Jesus. | First prison in Rome |



Christ Jesus,
the Head of the Church



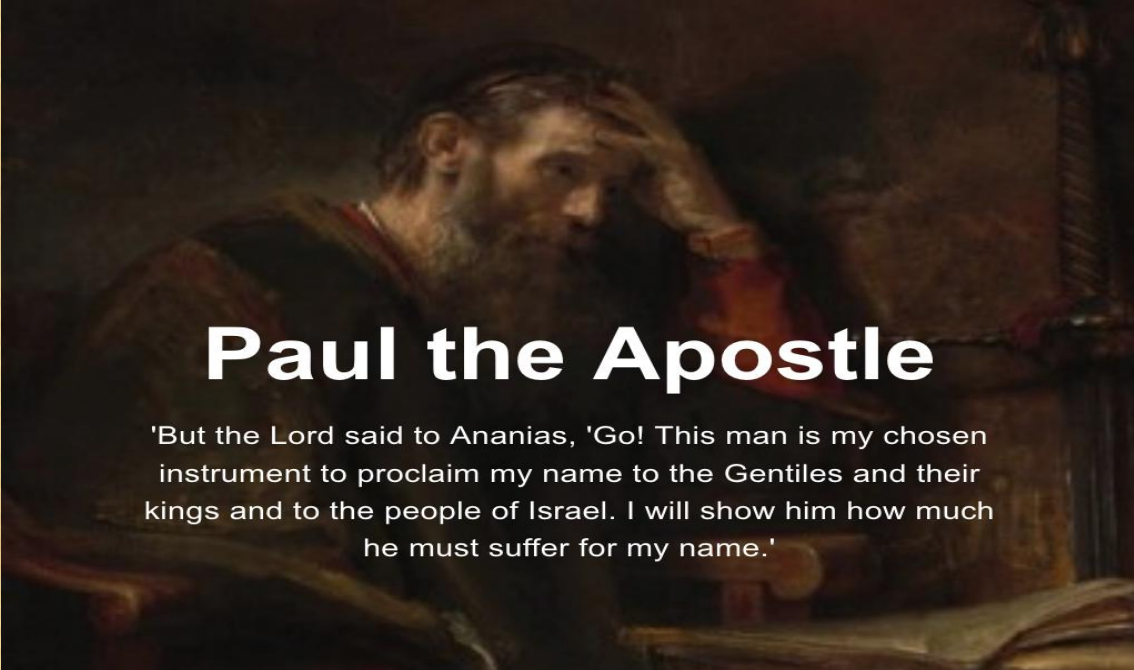
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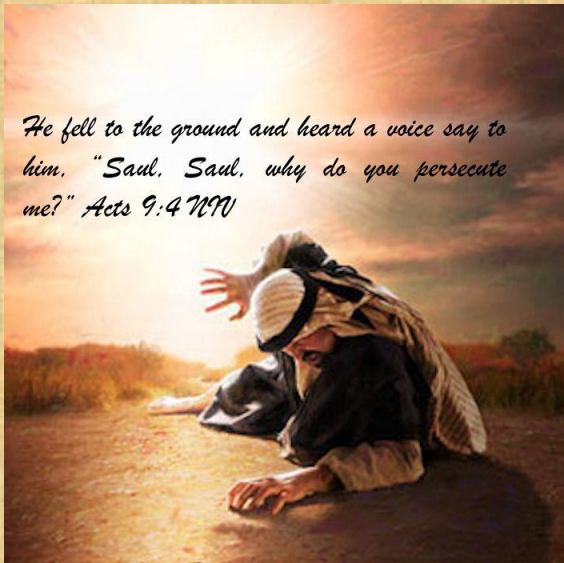
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| 1 Timothy | 65 | Pastoral Letters Bishop of Ephesus | Advice to Timothy (Bishop of Ephesus) – warning from False Teachers | In the way from Ephesus to Macedonia |
| 2 Timothy | 67 | Pastoral Letters Bishop of Ephesus | Farewell letter – encouragement & instructions to lead the Church | Second prison in Rome |
| Titus | 64 | Pastoral Letters Bishop of Crete | Holy life & relationships in Church – Jesus our teacher & role model | Ephesus or Greece |
| Hebrews | 63 | Persecutions | Strengthen faith of Jewish Christians returning to Jewish faith because of persecution | Prison in Rome |





Paul the Apostle

'But the Lord said to Ananias, 'Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.'



He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Acts 9:4 NIV

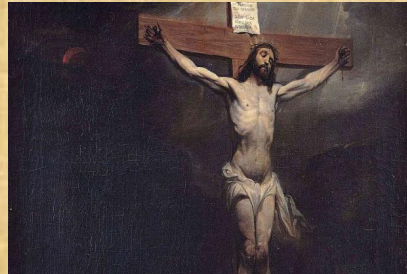
I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. ¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus ([1 Timothy 1:12](#))

Through God's mercy, grace and His strength , and, my faith and love to Him, I became worthy to be His servant

¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life ([1 Timothy 15:16](#))

Do I also as a servant show mercy and patience to others who will believe in Him and receive eternal life?

I will show him how much he must suffer for My Name (Acts 9:16)

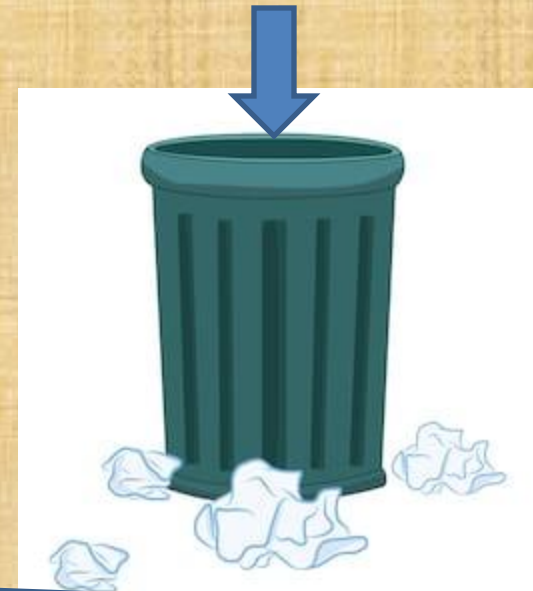


Circumcised
Israelite
Tribe of Benjamin
Hebrew
Pharisee
Persecuting the Church
Faultless regarding Law

Philippians 3:4-11 If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. ⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

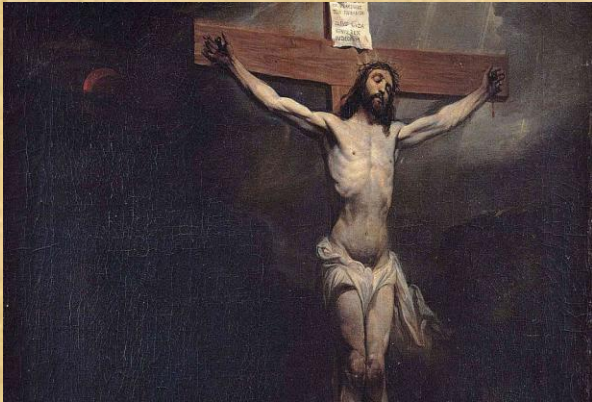


Transformation to the image of Christ



Do you rely on your credentials to serve God ?
To what extent do you participate in Jesus sufferings (Labor for others) ?

I rejoice in what I am suffering



Colossians 1:24 ²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.

Romans 5:1-5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Do you rejoice for serving and suffering for others ?

I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep

2 Corinthians 11:22-29 ²² Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's descendants? So am I. ²³ Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, ²⁶ I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. ²⁷ I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. ²⁸ **Besides everything else**, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?



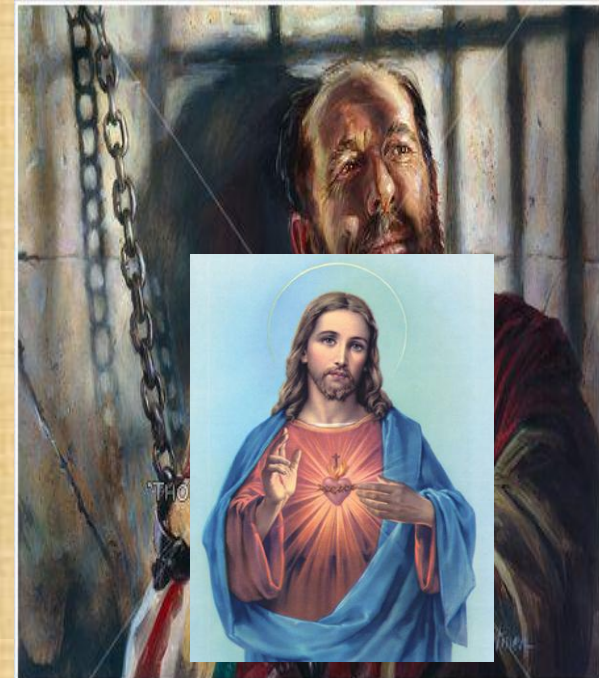
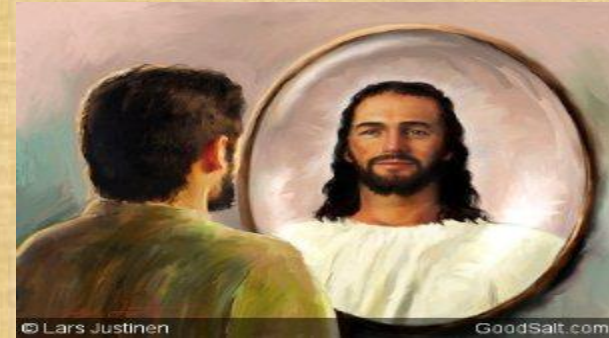
Do you inwardly burn for others who are far away from God ?

Transformation to the Image of Christ

Galatians 5:22-26 Crucifixion of the Flesh - ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Galatians 2:19-20 Crucified in Jesus that I die and Christ lives in me - "For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

2 Corinthians 4:10-12 Life of Jesus reveals in our body - ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.



Transformation to the Image of Christ

Romans 6:4 Baptism to live a new life, to become sons of God - We were therefore buried with him (Jesus) through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Galatians 3:26-27 ²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Romans 13:11-14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Romans 12: 1-2 Transform by renewing your minds - Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Galatians 4:19 My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.



Servants Duties - Examples

Timothy 2:1 Prayer for all people - I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people

Colossians 4:2-6 Prayer for servants - ² Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

1 Corinthians 13:1 Love - If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Follow an example - Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 Accept all people - Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.



Servants Duties - Examples

- **1 Corinthians 9:27** Control my body - No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.
- **2 Corinthians 12:9-10** Be filled of strength from God - ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.
- **Colossians 3:16-17** Spiritual tongue - ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.