

The Pauline Epistles

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Date (A.D.)</u>	<u># Ch's</u>	<u>Authorship*</u>	<u>Type</u>
<u>Romans</u>	55-58	16	certain	Church
<u>1 Corinthians</u>	53-54	16	certain	Church
<u>2 Corinthians</u>	55-56	13	certain	Church
<u>Galatians</u>	49-55	6	certain	Church
<u>Ephesians</u>	60-63	6	significant doubt	Church, Prison
<u>Philippians</u>	62	4	certain	Church, Prison
<u>Colossians</u>	62	4	some doubt	Church, Prison
<u>1 Thessalonians</u>	51	5	certain	Church
<u>2 Thessalonians</u>	52	3	some doubt	Church
<u>1 Timothy</u>	62-67	6	significant doubt	Pastoral
<u>2 Timothy</u>	62-67	4	significant doubt	Pastoral
<u>Titus</u>	62-67	3	significant doubt	Pastoral
<u>Philemon</u>	61	1	certain	Personal, Prison
<u>(Hebrews)</u>	63-64	13	not Paul	General)

*Authorship:

All of these epistles (except Hebrews) were written by Paul. The "certainty of authorship" reflects the opinion of secular scholars who are, often, virulently anti-Christian. They do not know what they are talking about. It is included simply as an informative matter as to the degree of unilluminated opinion.

(Hebrews was once thought to have been written by Paul, but for a number of reasons -- primarily, because there is not much reason to think Paul did write it -- almost everyone now believes that it was not.)

Types:

Church Epistles were letters written to specific churches. The impetus for writing them was usually a need to settle some controversy that had arisen.

Pastoral Epistles were letters written to individuals who were in charge of churches, giving advice to them on how to manage their responsibilities.

Prison Epistles designate four epistles written during Paul's final imprisonment in Rome. Although the three Pastoral epistles were probably written from prison, they are not called "Prison Epistles" because some people believe that Paul was released and then reimprisoned, and that he wrote 1 Tim. and Titus between terms.

Pauline Epistles in Chronological Order

<u>1 Thessalonians</u>	51
<u>2 Thessalonians</u>	52
<u>Galatians</u>	49-55
<u>1 Corinthians</u>	53-54
<u>2 Corinthians</u>	55-56
<u>Romans</u>	55-58
<u>Philemon</u>	61
<u>Ephesians</u>	60-63
<u>Colossians</u>	62
<u>Philippians</u>	62
<u>1 Timothy</u>	62-67
<u>Titus</u>	62-67
<u>2 Timothy</u>	62-67

While the order of Paul's epistles is difficult to assess, and differences arise among some very dedicated and brilliant scholars, this is the chronology used in Daily Prayer.