**Chronological Order of the Writing of Paul's Epistles**

**Epistle Place Written Doctrinal Focus Period Date Scriptures**

1Thessalonians Corinth Eschatology 2nd Missionary Journey\* 51 Acts 18:11

**Divine Election**, the way that the Gospel 'worked' in them and among them (chs.1-2), the symbiotic cooperation of Servants of the Gospel and Churches (ch.3), aggressive Sanctification (ch.4), Eschatology / end-times, Church life

2Thessalonians Corinth Eschatology 2nd Missionary Journey 51 Acts 18:11

Persecution (ch.1), Eschatology again – 'Day of the Lord,' Divine Election, cooperative prayer, Church life - laziness

1Corinthians Ephesus Soteriology 3rd Missionary Journey\* 55 Acts 19:20-21

Nature of Ministry / Gospel (chs.1-2), the servant's role in the outworking of the Gospel (ch.3), Church discipline (5), Lawsuits, Sexual sin (6), Marriage (7), idolatry (chs.8-11), Worship (11), Spiritual gifts (12-14), Resurrection (15)

2Corinthians Philippi Soteriology 3rd Missionary Journey 55 Acts 20:1

Church 'restoration,' God's sovereign providence in ministry(ch.2), calling and equipping (3), methods and character in Christian ministry (4-6), holiness, privileged partnership in ministry (8-9), nature of warfare – spiritual (10-11), church life (13)

Galatians Corinth Soteriology 3rd Missionary Journey 55\* Acts 20:2-3

Gospel – false and true (1), Gospel of Grace – righteousness / justification by faith, nature of the Law / Legalism (3-5), church life

Romans Corinth Soteriology 3rd Missionary Journey 56 Acts 20:2-3

Sin, Salvation, Sanctification, Sovereignty, Service

Ephesians Rome Ecclesiology 1st Roman Imprisonment 61 Acts 28:30

Salvation – divine Election, Power of God (1-2), Apostolic foundation of Min (3); practical – unity in diversity, Christian walk (4-5), spiritual warfare (6)

Colossians Rome Ecclesiology 1st Roman Imprisonment 61 Acts 28:30

Christology! (1),

Philemon Rome Ecclesiology 1st Roman Imprisonment 61 Acts 28:30

Philippians Rome Ecclesiology 1st Roman Imprisonment 61 Acts 28:30

Cultivating an eternal fellowship, Paul's standing; Unity in Christ (1-2), defending chief doctrine – J by faith, perseverance (3), church life

**1Peter 62-64**

Salvation (1), suffering / trials (2-3), worldliness (4), church life – young and old, Lion (5)

1 Timothy Macedonia Pastoral 4th Missionary Journey 65 1Tim 1:3

Gospel ministry (1), Church life – women, men – elders / deacons (2-3), apostasy and faithfulness (4), widows (5)

Titus Moving Pastoral 4th Missionary Journey 65 Titus 1:5

Elders (1), groups in body (2), life in the city

2 Timothy Rome Pastoral 2nd Roman Imprisonment 67-68 2 Ti 4:20

Perseverance in ministry (1-2), apostasy (3), the Word of God (3-4)

James 69

Temptation (1), practical worship, Partiality, Faith / Works (2), tongue (3), worldliness (4), wealth, sickness, trial (5)

John's Epistles

Hebrews

Gospels

Revelation