



Why is it important?

Acts 20:24 incorrect view of when Paul preached the gospel of the grace of God. Acts 20:24 finishes his course, not new he has been doing it.

Acts 28:28 incorrect view of when

Order?

Dates? Events?

Apostolic Ministry not missionary ministry.

Markers

Their order in scripture is the correct order to study, but knowing the order of when he wrote them, we see the progressiveness of the revelation.

Acts 9 salvation of Saul

Acts 22:1-21, Acts 26:1-18 defense before Agrippa

Acts 10, 11 Peter and Cornelius

Acts 12 Herod kills James, then he dies. Tried to silence the word of God, but he was silenced by God.

Acts 13, 14 Paul's First Apostolic Journey Paul does not go out as a missionary, but an Apostle.

Acts 15 The council at Jerusalem.

Acts 15:40-18:21~ Paul's Second Apostolic Journey :22 he is back at Antioch

Acts 15:23-21:17 Paul's Third Apostolic Journey 17 he is in Jerusalem, taken prisoner.

Acts 21-28 no longer a free man. Very little travel, but as a prisoner.

Review.

Why?

How come Paul is still healing, baptizing, sign gifts, etc?

Acts 26:16 - Christ talking to Paul "those things in the which I will appear"

2 Corinthians 12:1-4 "I will come to visions" Still going to get more information.

This clarifies the growth of Paul's understanding.

Paul is an Apostle, not a missionary.



First Apostolic Journey

Acts 13:4 Island of Cypress - important sign performed by Paul Blinding of an unbelieving Jew, open door to Gentiles, and stoned to death.

Acts 13:14 Antioch

Acts 14 Iconium, Galatia Lystra, Derbe, stoned to death, Rock Party for Paul whatever it was God wanted accomplished, was accomplished. Open the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

Paul had to have written Galatians after Acts 14

Acts 15 Jerusalem Council Are Gentiles held to the law? Disputation, not a doubtful disputation. He does not ask Peter's blessing of his ministry, but to dispute with them.



Second Apostolic Journey

Acts 15:40-18:21

Acts 16:1 Picks up Timothy why did the Spirit forbade them to go to Asia. First time the gospel gets into Macedonian territory. 16:11 Philippi. Philippian jailer. 16:27 First major ministry is at Philippi does not mean he wrote Philippians here, it is much later. He takes them back to chapter 16 in the book. Philippians 4:15, 1:6

Acts 16:12 Lydia starts the Church at Philippi.

Acts 17:1 Three major movements

1. Thessalonica - 17:1 Think 1 and 2 Thessalonians he is ran out of town.
2. Berea - 17:10 Jews here are more noble than the Jews in Thessalonica
3. Athens - 17:15 an important clue when he wrote Thessalonians.

Acts 18:1-18 Corinth Think 1 and 2 Corinthians 18:11, 19 - He was in Corinth for at least a year and a half + a good while...

Paul had to have written Galatians after Acts 14, 1 & 2 Thessalonians after Acts 17, 1 & 2 Corinthians after Acts 18, and Philippians after Acts 16.

Enough information to know the earliest he could write them?

1 Thessalonians 1:1 Timothy and Silvanus were with Paul. "Remember "

2 Thessalonians 2:5 "when I was yet with you." Acts 17

Philippians 1:1 Timothy is with Paul. There is a structure there.

Philippians 4:15 "When I departed from Macedonia." Acts 16. Thessalonica, he was helped by them. Acts 17.

Philippians 1:12 "My bonds in Christ.", verse 13. What palace? Rome.

Philippians 4:22. Caesar's house.



Third Apostolic Journey

Acts 18:23 - 21:17

Acts 18:22 Antioch - home base

Acts 18:23, 24 Apollos Acts 19 - Ephesus not the first time in Ephesus. 18:19 very brief stay in Ephesus toward the end of his second Apostolic Journey.

Acts 19:1 I. Ephesus for 2 years maybe?

Acts 19:8 - 3 Months and 2 years.

Miracles

Name of Lord Jesus was magnified.

Macedonia-Achaea-Jerusalem-Rome Acts 19:22 sends Timotheus and Arestis to Macedonia; he stayed in Asia for a season. 19:23 "no small stir"

Acts 19:41

Acts 20:1

1 Corinthians 16:5 I will tarry at Ephesus. He writes 1 Corinthians while in Ephesus.

2 Corinthians 1:8 includes the uproar in Asia Acts 19.

Acts 20:1 leaves Asia and goes to Macedonia

Acts 20:2 goes to Greece

Acts 20:3 he has to change his plan.

Acts 20:4 heading back to Asia to go to Jerusalem.

Acts 20:17 Miletus small town on the coast of Asia, close to Ephesus.
Acts 20:36 they are worried they would not see him again.

Acts 21:17 Jerusalem Ends third Apostolic Journey

For the most part, at the end of this until 28, he is no longer a free man.
He is freed for a year or two and then imprisoned in Rome and died.

Significant events in Acts related to the conversion of Saul and when he penned his letters.

1. First return to Jerusalem after his conversion:

Acts 9:26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

2. 2nd return to Jerusalem Acts 11:30

Acts 11:27 And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.

Acts 11:28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

Acts 11:29 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea:

Acts 11:30 Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Acts 12:24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

3. 3rd trip return to Jerusalem after conversion

Acts 15

4. 4th return to Jerusalem and end of 2nd Apostolic Journey

Acts 18:22 And when he had landed at Caesarea, and gone up, and saluted the church, he went down to Antioch.

Beginning of the 3rd Apostolic Journey

Acts 18:23 And after he had spent some time there, he departed, and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.

5. Return to Jerusalem, last trip as recorded in the book of Acts

Acts 21:17 And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.

Major territory he went to during his 1st Apostolic Journey:

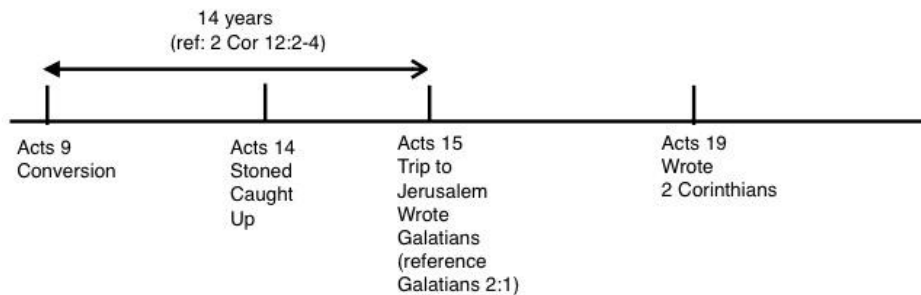
Galatia

Galatians 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

2 Corinthians 12:2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

2 Corinthians 12:3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

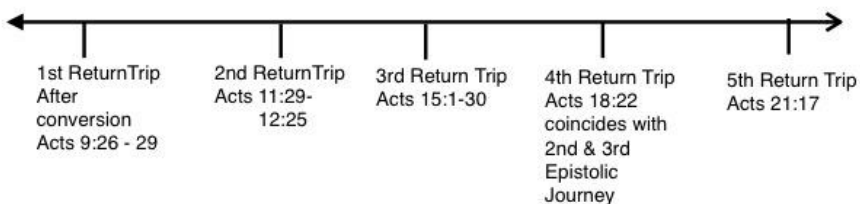
2 Corinthians 12:4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.



Acts 14:20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

Acts 14:21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,

Paul's 5 Trips to Jerusalem



Acts epistles Galatians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Corinthians, and Romans - Pre Prison Epistles

Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians Acts 28 and beyond Prison

1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon. In prison when he writes 2 Timothy and Philemon.

First Apostolic Journey Acts 13-14

Antioch

Seleucia

Cyprus

Salamis

Isle of Paphos blinding of a Jew

Perga

Pamphylia John went back to Jerusalem

Antioch in Pisidia different than Antioch in Syria - Paul's home base

Iconium

Lustration

Derbe

Lycaonia

Lystra

Derbe

Lystra

Iconium

Antioch in Pisidia

Pamphylia

Perga

Attalia

Antioch

Second Apostolic Journey Acts 15:40-18:21

Galatians

Certain events take place to help pinpoint when he pens his epistles.

Galatians 1:13-18 Three years after his conversion and those events occurred.

Galatians 2:1 Then 14 years after

Galatians 1:6 he would have had to have completed his First Apostolic Journey.

Galatians 2:1-9 Acts 15 - Jerusalem council. Paul's second Apostolic Journey

Galatians 2:11-14 Peter comes to Antioch. Acts 16. Paul had to have written Galatians shortly after Acts 16 because of the mention of Peter in Antioch and the urgency of the doctrine.

There are some important issues that Paul must address, so he needs to deal with them quickly.

Acts 15:22-24, 30 Paul is sent back to those he was ministering to in Antioch, not Peter.

Galatians 1:6, the doctrine is urgent. Galatians written at the end of Acts 15, or early Acts 16.

This book is the hardest one to pinpoint. Beginning of his second Apostolic Journey.

1 Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 1:1 absolute earliest it could be written? After the church at Thessalonica was established. When did he go to Thessalonica to establish the church? Acts 17 - Second Apostolic Journey - Acts 17:1

1 Thessalonians 2:17 Taken from you, no longer in Thessalonica, trying to get back.

1 Thessalonians 3:1 Sent Timotheus back, 3:6, 10 Timotheus comes from them to meet with Paul and he is encouraged.

He wrote it after those events had occurred.

Acts 17:1-10 1 Thessalonians 2:17

Acts 17:11-14 1 Thessalonians 3:1

Acts 17:16 1 Thessalonians 3:1

Acts 17:33 leaves Athens and moves to Acts 18:1-5 They get back to Paul and tells him of the church of Thessalonica, then he pens the 1st Epistle.

1 Thessalonians 3:1-6 Acts 18:5 1 Thessalonians 3:6-7 Paul is comforted.

Acts 18:5

2 Thessalonians

After 1 Thessalonians because of the information 1 Thessalonians 3:10 he wants to perfect what was lacking in their faith, so he writes 1 Thessalonians. 1 Thessalonians 3:11 increase in love one to another ... verse 12 and 13 would come true. God perfects what we are lacking through His word working through us. God does not overthrow your free will, he put the doctrine in 1 Thessalonians to perfect what was lacking in their faith. 1 Thessalonians 5:27

How did they respond?

Read 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4 their faith grew in charity or love. They had a very positive response to the doctrine in 1 Thessalonians. So he wrote this epistle after they read 1 Thessalonians, learned, and applied the doctrine.

Acts 17, 18, and 19 he uses Timothy and Silvanus to dispatch the document and doctrine.

2 Thessalonians 2:2 a particular attack of the coming of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 the coming of Christ he taught them the doctrine of the rapture. But, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-9 , 1:10

Something shakes their faith. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 Someone wrote a letter to the church in Thessalonica that claimed Paul as the author. The letter tells them that they will go through the wrath. He needs to reorient them to the doctrine he taught in 1 Thessalonians.

How soon do you think he wrote 2 Thessalonians? Did he wait to address the false doctrine and false document? He taught them, 2 Thessalonians 2:5. Maybe still at Corinth or in Ephesus middle to the end of Acts 18.

1 Corinthians

When would the earliest time he could have written it? Acts 18, he establishes the church in Corinth. 18:11, 18, 20, 21. Written after this.

1 Corinthians 16:5 Macedonia 16:8 tarries in Ephesus until Pentecost. Where is Paul when he writes the book? Ephesus. He is experiencing some trouble.

Acts 19:10 there's the door he mentions, 19:23 no small stir there's the enemies he mentions.

Clues - 1 Corinthians 3:1- , 7:1, 1:11, 4:17, sent (past tense)

2 Corinthians

Acts 20:1 And after the uproar...

2 Corinthians 1:8 the earliest could have been after this uproar

2 Corinthians 2:12 Ephesus to Troas leaves for Macedonia after those events probably visited Philippians and Thessalonians. Had to have written after these events.

2 Corinthians 7:5 Come into Macedonia. Comforted how? Titus, who visited Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 12:14 third time I'm ready to come to you. Sending Titus and others

2 Corinthians 13:1 Third time coming...he is on his way but not there yet. Can we find where Paul deals with uproar, leaves Ephesus, goes to Macedonia but on his way to Corinth?

2 Corinthians 8:16 Sent Titus and others with a collection from Macedonia for the saints in Jerusalem. 2 Corinthians 8:22

2 Corinthians 12:14 he is making preparations to go, 12:18 he sends this letter with them before he goes to Corinth the third time.

2 Corinthians 13:1

Acts 19 he is in Ephesus

Acts 20:1 goes to Macedonia

Acts 20:2 Thessalonians, Philippians, Bereans, he has arrived at Greece, Corinth

Written right around verse 1

Romans

Romans 1:10-13 He had never been to Rome yet, he had wanted to do so. Writing it prior to his arrival to Rome, has to be before Acts 28.

Romans 15:22, 23 still not been there. But now I go to Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. Macedonia and Achaia Galatians, Philippians, Thessalonians, Berea, and Corinth

Romans 15:28 He is planning to go to Jerusalem to give them the collections he had gathered and will then go to Rome.

1 Corinthians 16:1 collections to go to Jerusalem saints.

2 Corinthians 8:1-10

2 Corinthians 9:1-9 I was telling everyone about your giving, don't be embarrassed when we come to pick it up. He sends 2 Corinthians to them through Titus and others before Paul shows up in Corinth. He is warning them to get the collection ready.

Romans 15:26 he has the gift from everyone, including the one from Corinth.

So it had to be written after 2 Corinthians.

Romans 16:21 Gaius mine host, 1 Corinthians 1:14 he is staying with Gaius while he wrote Romans.

Acts 20:1-3 Macedonia and then Greece (Corinth) for three months.

During or after Acts 28.

Acts 28:15 in bonds in Rome. 28:30 2 years in prison. (1st Roman imprisonment in Acts 28)

Ephesians

Ephesians 6:20 in bonds.

Ephesians probably during his first imprisonment.
Ephesians 6:21 Tychicus

Philippians

Philippians 1:13 in bonds, palace in Rome.
Philippians 1:12 Caesars palace
Philippians 4:22 Caesar's household writes from Rome while in bonds.
Philippians 1:28, 19
Philippians 2:24 he is expecting to get out.
Philippians 1:21-24, verse 25

Colossians

Colossians 4:3 in bonds
Colossians 4:18
Sent to Colosse by way of Tychicus
During his first imprisonment

Philemon

Philemon verse 1 a prisoner, verse 10 in bonds.
Colossians 4:7 Onesimus is with him and is a believer. He sends the book of Philemon to Philemon in Colosse by way of Onesimus.
Colossians 4:17 Archipus, Philemon verse 2
Philemon verse 22 he expects to get out of prison just like in Philippians.
Philemon 24 Demas is with him.
Probably wrote Ephesians, Philippians, and Philemon at about the same time.

1 Timothy (Paul is free)

1 Timothy 1:1-5 asks Timothy to stay at Ephesus while he goes to Macedonia (Philippians, Thessalonica, Berea, Achaia) so he is free
1 Timothy 3:15 But if I tarry long.
Some believe it is possible to have been written during his third Apostolic journey, he does spend time in Ephesus and then goes to Macedonia. But there is some major departures from the faith that don't seem to be taking place during his third Apostolic journey.

Titus

Titus 1:4, 5 this purpose, left I thee in Crete. So Paul would have been there.
Titus 3:12 Nacopolis is in western Achaia, go southeast, there is Crete.
He is not in prison in Rome.

2 Timothy (2nd Roman Imprisonment)

2 Timothy 4:6 he knows he will be executed, 4:9, 21
2 Timothy 4:10 Demas hath forsaken him. He went to Thessalonica, he left Paul for the false doctrine of the resurrection had already passed.

2 Timothy 4:14 Alexander was an opponent of Paul.

Chronological Order of the Pauline Epistles

Epistle	Time of Writing	Scriptural Proof
Galatians	Shortly after Acts 16:23	Gal 6:17, Acts 16:6, 16:23, 18:23
1 Thessalonians	Acts 18:5-18:18	Acts 18:5, 18:18, 1 Th 3:6
2 Thessalonians	Acts 18:5-18:18	Acts 18:5, 18:18, 1 Th 3:6
1 Corinthians	Acts 19:22	Acts 19:1, 19:21-22, 20:1, 1Cor 4:17, 16:8-10
2 Corinthians	Acts 20:2	Acts 20:1-2, 2Cor 1:1, 2:13, 7:5, 8:1-2, 9:1-5, Rom 15:26
Romans	Acts 20:3	Acts 20:1-3, 21:17, 2Cor 9:1-5, Rom 15:22,25-26, Rom 16:1-2,23, 1Cor 1:14, 2Tim 4:20

First Imprisonment Epistles

(The First Imprisonment epistles are written during Paul's first imprisonment in Rome beginning in Acts 28:16. Philemon and Colossians are written at the same time, but otherwise, the ordering of these epistles relative to one another is uncertain.)

Philemon	1st Imprisonment	Phm 1, 2, 23-24
Colossians	1st Imprisonment	Col 1:1, 4:7-11, 4:16-18
Philippians	1st Imprisonment	Php 1:1, 2:23-24, 4:22
Ephesians	1st Imprisonment	Eph 6:20-22

Liberty Epistles

(The ordering of these epistles relative to one another is unclear.)

Titus	Liberty	Tit 3:12
1 Timothy	Liberty	1 Tim 3:14-15, 4:13

Second Imprisonment Epistle

2 Timothy	2nd Imprisonment	2Tim 4:6
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