

1 CORINTHIANS

ORDER IN NEW TESTAMENT

7

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

16

TYPE

EPISTLE, PAULINE



OVERVIEW

This epistle was written from Paul to the Corinthians. He had previously spent 18 months with the Corinthian Christians and they had been doing well at the time of his departure. After hearing of quarrelling and disagreement in the church, a disappointed Paul wrote to Corinth during his third missionary journey to correct the divisions and promote unity. Paul used the letter to present a model for how the church should handle the problem of sin amongst the members.



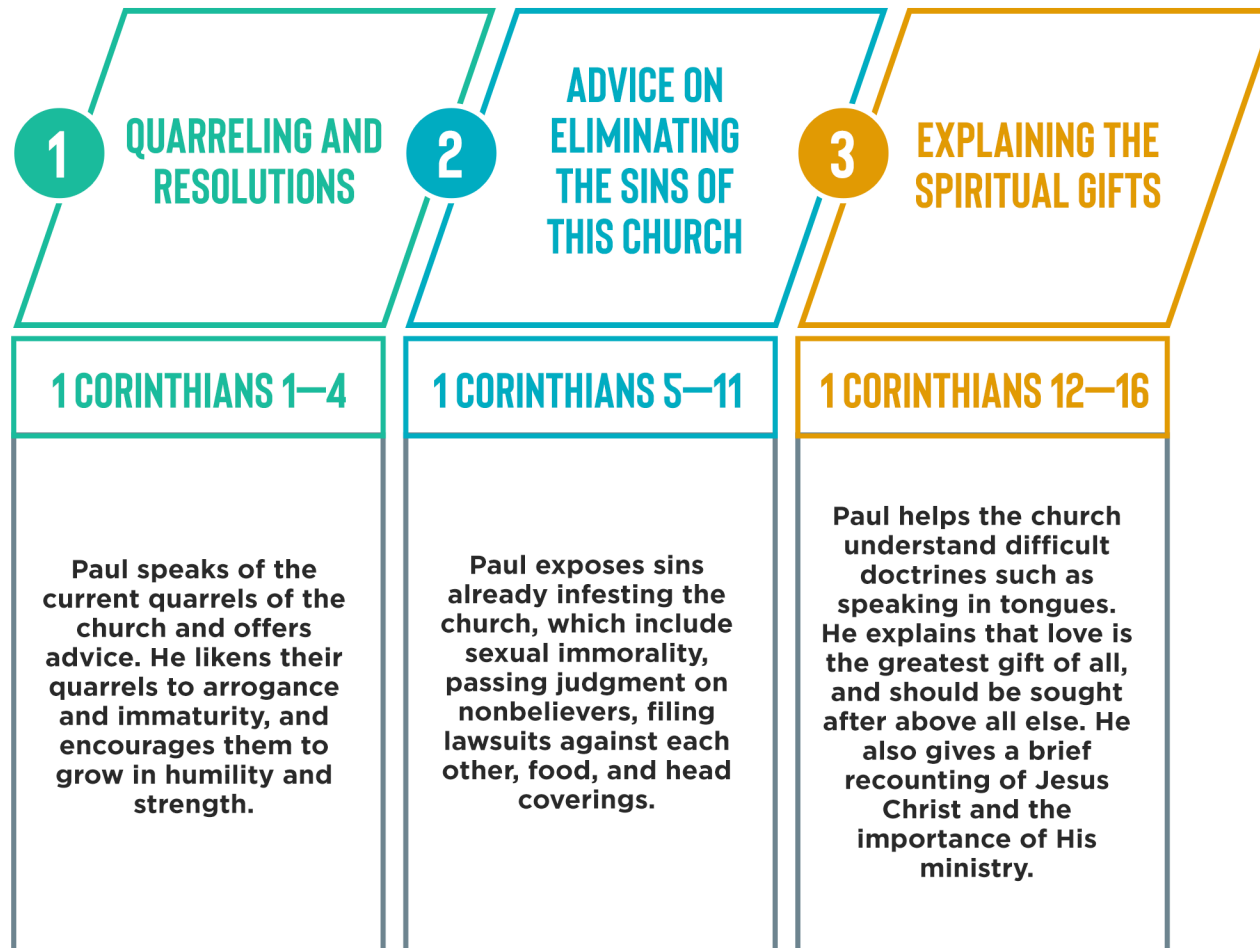
WRITTEN
55 AD



TIME PERIOD COVERED
All Eras in the Age of
Grace



AUTHOR
Apostle Paul



2 CORINTHIANS

ORDER IN NEW TESTAMENT

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NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

13

TYPE

EPISTLE, PAULINE



OVERVIEW

Second Corinthians is actually the fourth letter Paul had written to the Corinthians, the first two having been lost. After three bad reports of their behavior, Paul finally had received a positive report of the church and wrote this letter as encouragement. Paul wrote to comfort those who suffered in the midst of affliction, and uses his biography as an example of honesty, hope, and devotion despite difficult circumstances.



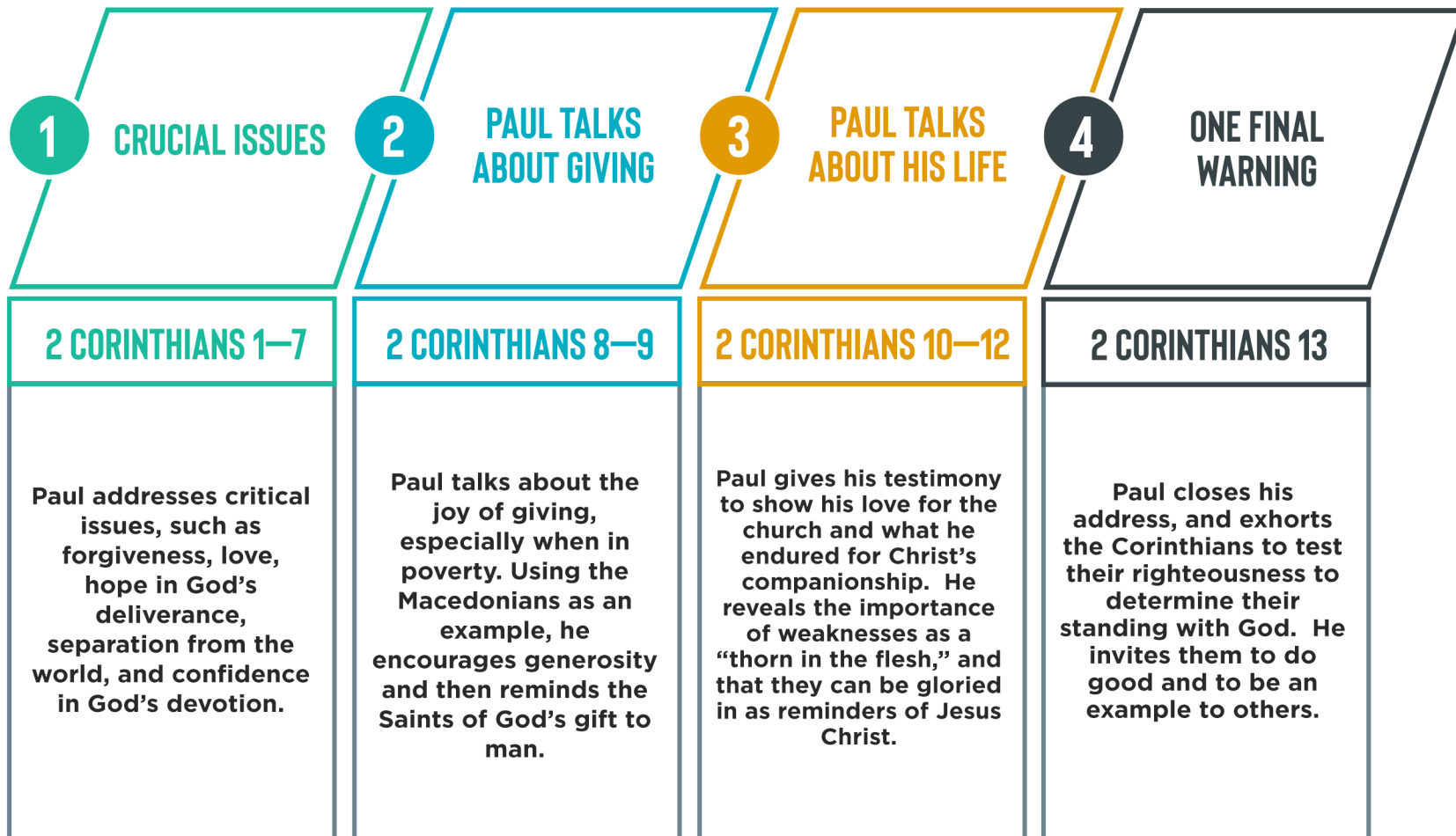
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PAUL THE APOSTLE

AT-A-GLANCE

BOOK(S) WRITTEN:

13: Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians. 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon

TYPE OF BOOK(S):

Pauline Epistles (Paul wrote 13 of the New Testament epistles, and hence their name, Pauline)

PROBABLE DATES OF WRITING:

The first book Paul wrote was likely 1 Thessalonians, around 51 AD. The last book was probably 2 Timothy, around 66 AD. (The books in the New Testament are not presented in the order in which they are written!)



AUTHOR BACKGROUND:

Entire books have been written on the life of Apostle Paul, and he was not even one of the original 12 disciples. He did not meet Jesus until after the Crucifixion. Paul was born Saul of Tarsus, a very well-educated Jew, who was persecuting believers after the Crucifixion. He met Christ on the road to Damascus when he saw a bright light in the sky that blinded him, and Christ asked him, "Why are you persecuting me?"

Paul received his sight after three days spent with believers. Then he began traveling to preach the gospel. He completed three missionary journeys that covered most of the known western world of the time. He was imprisoned several times, including spending two years under house arrest in Rome, when he wrote several epistles mentioned above.

In all, he wrote 13 Epistles before being martyred in Rome.



UNUSUAL PLACES THIS AUTHOR WROTE:

Paul wrote four of the New Testament epistles when he was under house arrest for two years in Rome. They include Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. This two-year house arrest is thought to have been 60–62 AD.



UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THIS AUTHOR WROTE:

Paul was an enemy of believers after Christ's death and helped put them to death. This makes his testimony about seeing a vision of Jesus on the road to Damascus twice as meaningful. If Jesus could forgive a person who tried to kill his followers—and if Jesus could make that person one of his foremost witnesses—that shows the love of God for the rest of us!

New Testament Lists of Spiritual Gifts

Romans 12:6-8	1 Cor. 12:8-10	1 Cor. 12:28-30	Eph. 4:11	1 Peter 4:9-11
Prophecy	Word of Wisdom	Apostleship	Apostleship	Speaking
Serving	Word of Knowledge	Prophecy	Prophecy	Serving
Teaching	Faith	Teaching	Evangelism	
Exhortation	Healings	Miracles	Pastor/Teacher	
Giving	Miracles	Healing		
Leading	Prophecy	Helping		
Showing Mercy	Discerning of Spirits	Administrating		
	Tongues	Tongues		
	Interpretation of Tongues	Interpretation of Tongues		

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Appearances of the Risen Christ

Central to Christian faith is the bodily resurrection of Jesus. By recording the resurrection appearances, the New Testament leaves no doubt about this event.

- In or around Jerusalem
 - To Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18)
 - To the other women (Matt. 28:8-10)
 - To Peter (Luke 24:34)
 - To ten disciples (Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25)
 - To the Eleven, including Thomas (John 20:26-29)
 - At His ascension (Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:4-12)
- To the disciples on the Emmaus road (Luke 24:13-35)
- In Galilee (Matt. 28:16-20; John 21:1-24)
- To five hundred people (1 Cor. 15:6)
- To James and the apostles (1 Cor. 15:7)
- To Paul on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-6; 18:9, 10; 22:1-8; 23:11; 26:12-18; 1 Cor. 15:8)



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