

# EPHESIANS

ORDER IN NEW TESTAMENT

10

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

6

TYPE

EPISTLE, PAULINE



## OVERVIEW

Paul wrote this letter while imprisoned in Rome to encourage the Ephesians. He was under house arrest, but was allowed to receive visitors and write letters. The Ephesians were important because the city of Ephesus had become a natural center for the church, due to its location and commercial success. Paul had spent two years in Ephesus establishing the church, but then had to depart due to a disturbance with the silversmiths. Their business, which included making idols, had suffered due to many people converting to Christianity. His epistle has universal application and was written to help converts grow in their spirituality and commitment to the church.



**WRITTEN**  
60-62 AD



**TIME PERIOD COVERED**  
All Eras in the Age of Grace



**AUTHOR**  
Apostle Paul

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**ENCOURAGEMENT**

**EPHESIANS 1–3**

Paul calls believers “adopted sons” of God and reminds them that God chose them before the foundation of the world. He prays for a spirit of wisdom and revelation and discusses the fundamental doctrine of salvation.

2

**APPLICATION OF SALVATION**

**EPHESIANS 4–6**

Paul encourages the members in positive behaviors, emphasizing unity and love, and following God’s example. He warns them to live righteously as they are examples to others. He tells of the Armor of God and encourages them to pray.

# PHILIPPIANS

ORDER IN NEW TESTAMENT

11

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

4

TYPE

EPISTLE, PAULINE



## OVERVIEW

Paul wrote this letter from house arrest in Rome to the church at Philippi. Paul had visited Philippi early in his ministry and he returned on his journeys years later. When the Philippians heard of Paul's house arrest, they sent a messenger Epaphroditus with supplies to minister to him. The messenger returns with this epistle, expressing Paul's gratitude and love. As one of the few books in the New Testament not written to provide correction, this letter contains encouragement and thanksgiving and is full of joy despite Paul's impending death.



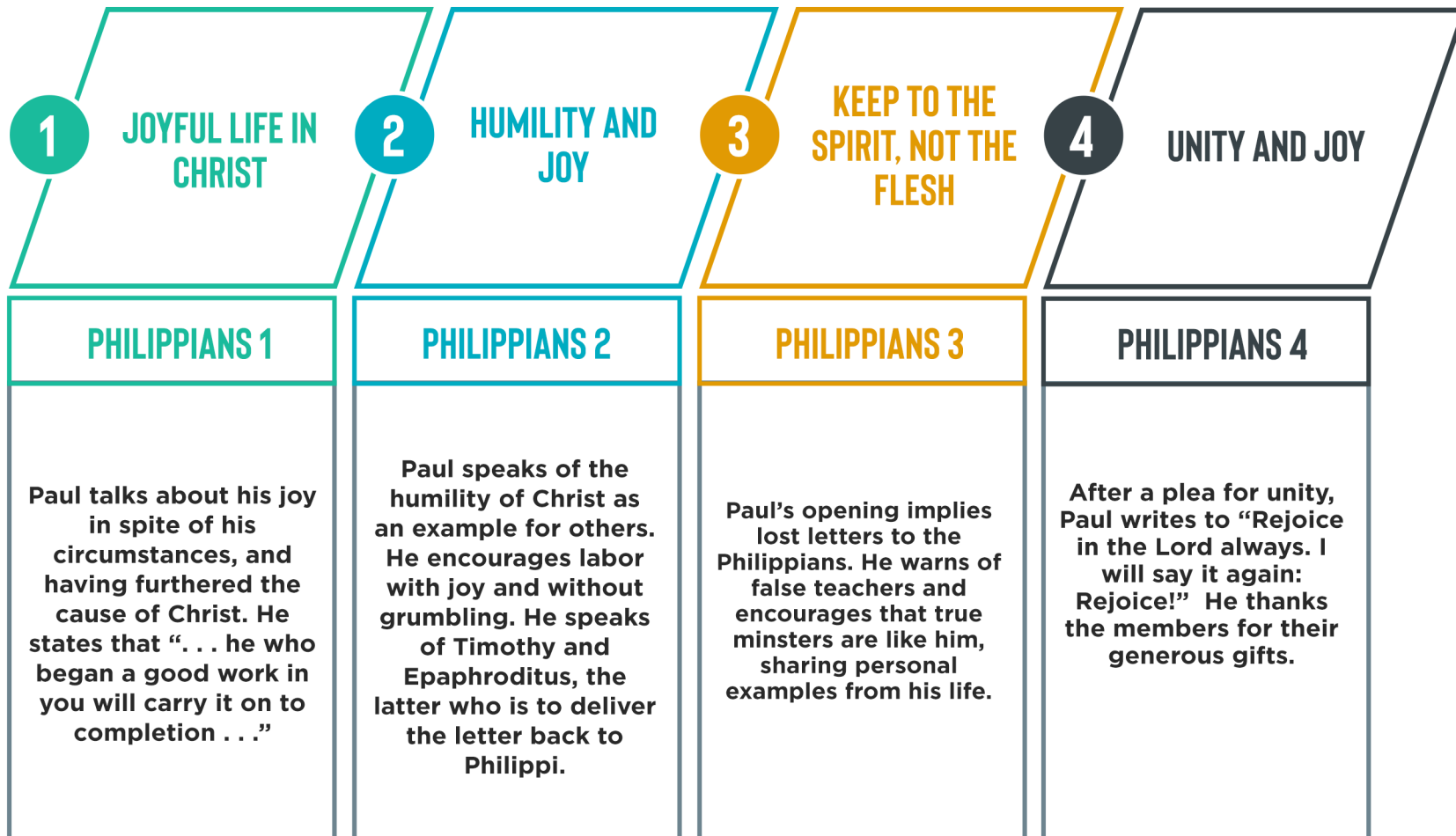
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# COLOSSIANS

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12

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4

TYPE

EPISTLE, PAULINE



## OVERVIEW

Paul wrote this epistle to the church in Colossae after reports were brought back that the church had fallen into serious error. The Colossian church was trying to mix Greek philosophy with Christian theology, resulting in an erroneous philosophy being taught that focused on perfection through mechanical means and sanctification through severe discipline from the physical world. Paul wrote to correct this by emphasizing sanctification unity through Jesus Christ.



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# PHILEMON

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18

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

1

TYPE

EPISTLE, PAULINE



## OVERVIEW

Paul wrote a personal letter to Philemon about his former slave Onesimus, who had robbed and abandoned his master, but later converted to Christianity. Paul asked that Onesimus be received as a brother instead of a slave.



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**THANKSGIVING AND  
PLEA FOR ONESIMUS**

**PHILEMON 1**

Paul describes his love for Onesimus. He asks that when Onesimus returns, he is no longer treated as a slave but as a brother.