

**A Time To Reflect**  
**Romans 15: 14-21**

**October 12, 2025**

# The Epistles of Paul

	To Kingdom of God
	To Church
	To both KG and Church
	To individuals

<b>First Missionary Trip</b>	None			
<b>Furlough</b>	<b>Galatians</b> from Antioch Autumn AD. 51	 <b>No need to follow Judaism</b>		
<b>Second Missionary Trip</b>	<b>1 Thessalonians</b> from Corinth Summer AD. 51	<b>2 Thessalonians</b> from Corinth Summer AD. 51		
<b>Third Missionary Trip</b>	<b>1 Corinthians</b> from Ephesus Spring AD. 56	<b>2 Corinthians</b> from Macedonia October AD. 56	<b>Romans</b> from Corinth Winter AD 56/57	
<b>First Imprisonment</b>	<b>Ephesians</b> from Rome Autumn AD. 60	<b>Colossians</b> from Rome Autumn AD. 61	<b>Philemon</b> from Rome Autumn AD. 61	<b>Philippians</b> from Rome Early Spring AD. 62
<b>Release</b>	<b>1 Timothy</b> from Macedonia Autumn AD. 62	<b>Titus</b> from Asia Minor Summer AD. 66		
<b>Final Imprisonment</b>	<b>2 Timothy</b> from Rome Autumn AD. 67	<b>Church order</b>		

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,  
I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me  
the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous  
Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me,  
but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

**2 Timothy 4:7-8**

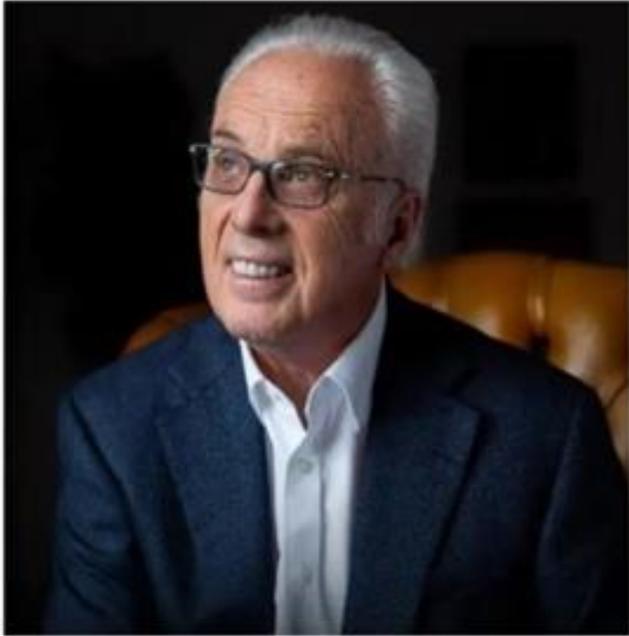
“Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.”

Hebrews 13:7

# "Let Us Run With Endurance The Race That Is Set Before Us"

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NKJV)

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- A silhouette of a person running on a beach at sunset. The runner is on the left side of the frame, moving towards the right. The background is a warm, orange glow from the setting sun over the ocean. The runner's shadow is cast on the sand.
- <sup>1</sup>Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,  
<sup>2</sup>looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



**Verse 14**

**Reflecting on a solid Church**

## What marks a solid Church?

Goodness - 1) Defined as doing the will of God

2) Morally good and kind;

A mark of a Spirit-controlled believer = KINDNESS

Knowledge – Sound in doctrine, Bible teaching; teaching what the Scripture says in context

- Scripture has been removed from most Churches today; this deception has worked!

But the [Holy] Spirit explicitly and unmistakably declares that in later times some will turn away from the faith, paying attention instead to deceitful and seductive spirits and doctrines of demons, [misled] by the hypocrisy of liars whose consciences are seared as with a branding iron [leaving them incapable of ethical functioning],

1 TIMOTHY 4:1-2 AMP

Admonish – To put into the mind; instruct; warn

The goal is to guide, correct and instruct

Genuine love will speak the truth regardless of how unpopular the truth is

*“Where the tide flows to increasing State control, Christianity must be treated as the enemy.”*

C.S. Lewis

The Christian worldview is viewed as the enemy – *just ask Charlie Kirk!*

**Verse 15 - 16**

**Reflecting on Paul's mission**

**God's grace gave Paul the impetus, the strength, to write boldly his letter to the Romans**

**It was God who gave Paul the grace to accomplish his mission**

***Stay on mission!***

***Finish your mission!***

***Don't become distracted  
from your mission!***

## Verse 17 - 19

Reflecting on all credit goes to Christ

**Paul does not boast in himself; he boasts in Jesus!**

**Gentile converts are from GOD!**

**All signs and miracles were to confirm or authenticate a message was from GOD!**

**All wonders, and the wonders that produce amazement in those who witness the miracle, are from GOD!**

**Paul did not squander his life - Paul kept going!  
*Paul impacted his world!!***



Rome

ILLYRICUM

MACEDONIA

ACHAIA

Corinth

Cenchrea

← SPAIN

Jerusalem

**Salvation is the greatest miracle of all!**

May you have a life where you can reflect on you doing your part in God's plan

**ALL ABOARD FOLKS!**

*and remember. . . . .*

**ALL CREDIT GOES TO CHRIST!!**

**Verse 20 - 21**

**Reflecting on where God used him**

TO BOLDLY GO WHERE NO  
MAN HAS GONE BEFORE



**We are all called to something for God's glory!**

**When God calls a man or a woman to a particular task,  
and at an appointed time, that is the *moment of truth*  
for that person**

## CLOSING:

### REFLECTING on moments of truth in your life

A moment of truth can be understood as an instance when a person's faith, character and loyalty is tested

THE MOMENT OF TRUTH: Will I obey the call of God, or not?

This remains to be seen for all of us

Divine moments orchestrated by God, tests! *What will I do?*

*How will I respond?*

I call these ambassador moments:

*Will I represent God or not?*

*Will I murmur, whine or complain?*

**Murmuring is contagious!**



**Your next moment of truth test is coming soon to your doorstep, *possibly today!***

**Respond like Daniel:**

***“Daniel determined in his heart”***

**Determine to respond differently!**

**THIS TAKES COURAGE!**

**THIS TAKES CHANGE!**

***THIS TAKES JESUS!***

HAVING BEEN WITH

# JESUS

*When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.*

**Acts 4:13** NIV

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**MAY THIS BE SAID OF YOU!**

**A TIME TO REFLECT  
ON HOW GOD HAS CHANGED YOU!!**