## **Letters Written by the Apostle Paul**

ORDER, STRUCTURE, AND PURPOSE

## **The General Purpose** Some Key Thoughts **INTERCESSION PHILEMON** Forgiving others as Christ has forgiven us Gives an example of a godly attitude and demonstration of love through Paul's petition The love of Christ at work DEMONSTRATION on behalf of the unprofitable runaway slave, Onesimus. (An appeal to a friend) **EXHORTATION 87 II TIMOTHY** and TITUS Defending the faith in word and example Provides instructions for church leadership with a charge to teach and defend Church organization and leadership UTILIZATION "sound doctrine" and to admonish believers to zealously maintain Sound doctrine "good works" while looking for our "BLESSED HOPE." (Letters to individual church leaders) ENCOURAGEMENT I & II THESSALONIANS Serving the Living God while waiting for His Son from Heaven To encourage believers to live godly even while enduring times of persecution. Correction and instruction about EXPECTATION Corrects false teaching concerning the rapture or "catching away" the rapture and how to live until that time of the "Body of Christ." (Letters to a questioning church) **ADMONITION** COLOSSIANS Seeking those things which are "ABOVE" where CHRIST is seated A warning of lost rewards CULMINATION 1-2 Warnings 3-4 Practice to set their "affection on things above, not on things on the earth". (A letter to a wavering church) SERVANTHOOD **PHILIPPIANS** The upward call of God "IN CHRIST" A call to service requires believers to be like-minded with Christ who was "obedient 1-2 The mind of a servant 3-4 Application **SUBORDINATION** unto death". (A letter to a giving church) **EPHESIANS IDENTIFICATION** Explaining the Body Seated in the heavenlies with Christ and "IN CHRIST" 1-3 Doctrine 4-6 Practice EXALTATION and challenges believers to live accordingly. (A letter to a stable church) REPROOF GALATIANS Not LAW, but "LIBERTY IN CHRIST" Reproof and correction for perverting the Gospel of Grace LIBERATION departure from the Gospel of Grace to return to the Law. (A letter to a legalistic church) CORRECTION Not human wisdom, but the "WISDOM OF GOD" I & II CORINTHIANS SANCTIFICATION Reproof and correction for the abuse of our liberty in Christ his apostleship and taught on the resurrection. (Letters to a carnal church) **\*ROMANS**\* **EXPLANATION**

Romans explains the "Grace of God" and the temporary setting aside of Israel.

The foundation of the revelation of the dispensation of The GRACE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST 1-8 Doctrine 9-11 Dispensations 12-16 Practice (A letter to a far away church)

RIGHTEOUSNESS: Not by works, but by "FAITH" JUSTIFICATION

> The book of Romans gives us the fundamental truths necessary to understanding the plan and purpose of the Dispensation of the Grace of God revealed through the Apostle Paul. These truths are found only in Paul's writings and are essential to knowing in full the position, walk, commission, and hope of the Body of Christ.



Colossians warns against the danger of not holding fast to the Head of the Body. Because any departure from the truth will result in loss of rewards believers are

Philippians explains that true joy is found in serving Christ. Faithful service

Ephesians explains the heavenly position and oneness of the Body of Christ

To rebuke and call the Galatian church to repentance for their

To correct divisions among the brethren and the abuse of spiritual gifts and immortality in the church at Corinth. Paul also defended