**Paul's Writings (3rd Journey) - Romans, I & II Corinthians**

**Romans**

* Author: Paul (1:1, & match to history in Acts)
* Purpose:
  + Doctrinal – Explain the revelation of righteousness of God to man (1:16-17)
  + Practical – Enlist the help of the Romans in Paul’s future plans (15:21)
* Audience
  + Saints in Rome (1:7,15)
  + Local churches in Rome (16:5, 14, 15)
  + Mostly Gentiles (1:13)
* Date: During 3rd Journey (54-56 AD)
  + Compare Acts 19:21; 20:1-3 to Rom 1 & 15

**Romans Section Descriptions**

1:1-17 Introduction, prayer of thanks, theme

1:18-3:20 Gentile & Jews are sinful; all are under condemnation

3:21-4:25 God’s righteousness, by faith, and illustrated by Abraham

5:1-8:39 The results of God’s righteousness: Sin overcome

9:1-11:36 The rejection of God’s righteousness by the Jews

12:1-15:13 Practical exhortations to Christian living

15:14-33 Personal preaching and travel plans

16:1-27 Final greetings (to and from)

**Important Concepts in Romans**

* + - ***Righteousness, Justification* –** legal term for innocence or acquittal
    - ***Law, Works* –** Justification (innocence) by means of perfect law-keeping
    - ***Faith* –** Justification by means of trusting God and His plan of redemption

**I Corinthians**

* + **Author:** Paul – See Lesson 5 for background on Paul
  + **Readers:** Church in Corinth, established by Paul during his second missionary journey of 49-52 A.D. See Acts 18:1-17
  + **Time and Place of Writing:** From Ephesus, near the end of Paul’s three year stay in that city 55 A.D.
  + **Purpose & Themes:** To address issues of morality and division at Corinth and answer questions regarding a series of topics
    - Church unity and purity
    - Relationships of individual Christians – love, self-denial
    - Worship as a congregation
    - Fundamental matters of faith

**I Corinthians Sections**

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| **1:1-9** | *Greeting and Introduction* |
| **1:10 – 4:21** | *Divisions and Their Consequence* |
| **5:1 – 6:20** | *Sexual Immorality and Other Sins in the Church* |
| **7:1-40** | *Teaching Regarding Marriage* |
| **8:1 – 11:1** | *Teaching Regarding Liberty and Self-Denial* |
| **11:2-33** | *Teaching Regarding Covering and Lord’s Supper* |
| **12:1 – 13:13** | *Spiritual Gifts in the Context of Love* |
| **14:1-40** | *Teaching Regarding a Worship Service* |
| **15:1-58** | *Resurrection* |
| **16:1-24** | *Final words regarding travel and plans* |

**II Corinthians**

* + **Author:** Paul
  + **Readers:** Church in Corinth
  + **Time and Place of Writing:** 55 A.D., while traveling through Macedonia on the way to Corinth
* **Purpose & Themes:** Perhaps Paul’s most personal epistle, he defends his apostleship as a means of addressing false teaching among the Corinthians.

**II Corinthians Sections**

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| **1:1-11** | *Introduction* |
| **1:12 – 2:11** | *Explanation of Paul’s Plans* |
| **2:12 – 5:10** | *Ministers of a New Covenant* |
| **5:11 – 7:16** | *Ministry of Reconciliation* |
| **8:1 – 9:15** | *Collection for the Needy Saints* |
| **10:1 – 12:21** | *Vindication of Paul’s Apostleship* |
| **13:1-14** | *Final Warnings and Greetings* |