

# Paul



To Live is Christ

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# Final Words

- Growing Up Years – Tarsus & Jerusalem
- Jewish Leader – Persecuting Christians
- Waiting Years – New Christian
- Teaching Years – Antioch & Journeys
- Captive Years
- Final Teaching Years

# Free to Teach Again



# Why We Believe Paul was released after Acts 28:



1) His expectation and plans in his prison letters.

# Philippians 1:19

Yes, and I will rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

# Philippians 1:25-26

<sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith,

<sup>26</sup> so that your proud confidence in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.

# Philemon 22

<sup>22</sup> At the same time also prepare me a lodging, for I hope that through your prayers I will be given to you.

# Why We Believe Paul was released after Acts 28:



2) Details in 1-2 Timothy, Titus.

# Titus 1:5

<sup>5</sup> For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you,

# Why We Believe Paul was released after Acts 28:



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3) The writings of church history.

# Acts 27:23-24

<sup>23</sup> For this very night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood before me,

<sup>24</sup> saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar; and behold, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you.'

# Romans 15:28

<sup>28</sup> Therefore, when I have finished this, and have put my seal on this fruit of theirs, I will go on by way of you to Spain.

# The End of Paul's Life



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➤ Tradition says Paul's death was ordered by Nero in about A.D. 67-68.

# The End of Paul's Life



➤ His final letter in the Bible:  
2 Timothy

# Paul's Final Words – Some Lessons to Notice



1) Paul loved:  
The truth

# 2 Timothy 2:2

<sup>2</sup> The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

# 2 Timothy 2:15

<sup>15</sup> Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

# 2 Timothy 4:2-3

<sup>2</sup> preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

# 2 Timothy 4:2-3

<sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,

# Paul's Final Words – Some Lessons to Notice



1) Paul loved:  
People

# 2 Timothy 4:9-12

<sup>9</sup> Make every effort to come to me soon;

<sup>10</sup> for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens *has gone* to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

# 2 Timothy 4:9-12

<sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me. Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service.

<sup>12</sup> But Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.

# Paul's Final Words – Some Lessons to Notice



2) Paul believed in full  
commitment!

# 2 Timothy 2:3-5

<sup>3</sup> Suffer hardship with *me*, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

<sup>4</sup> No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

# 2 Timothy 2:3-5

<sup>5</sup> Also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules.

# Philippians 3:13-14

<sup>13</sup> Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead,

<sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

# Philippians 1:21

**21** For to me, to live is Christ  
and to die is gain.

# Paul's Final Words – Some Lessons to Notice



3) Paul was willing to endure suffering, trusting in God's eternal promises.

# 2 Timothy 1:8,12

<sup>8</sup>Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with *me* in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God,

# 2 Timothy 1:8,12

<sup>12</sup> For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

# 2 Timothy 3:12

<sup>12</sup> Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

# Paul's Final Words – Some Lessons to Notice



4) Paul faced death with peace  
and sense of readiness.

# 2 Timothy 4:6-8

<sup>6</sup> For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

<sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished the course,  
I have kept the faith;

# 2 Timothy 4:6-8

<sup>8</sup> in the future there is laid up 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 loved His appearing.