

Introduction

Colosseum

"The content of this last epistle is an intermingling of personal sentiment and of administrative policy, of reminiscence and of instruction, of sadness and of confidence."



Paul's tenderest and most moving letter





Author - Paul





≻Internal Evidence



- Named 1:1-8, 11-12, 15-17, 2:2, 9-10, 3:10-11, 4:1, 6-8
 Associates - Tim, Tychicus, Lois, Eunice, Demas, Luke, Mark
- **3. Personal credentials 1:11**
- 4. Theology



Internal Evidence External Evidence Evidence Against



Author - Paul Audience - Timothy & Eph Occasion - 67



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Rome burned by Nero -Persecution of Christians

"Therefore to scotch the rumor, Nero substituted as culprits, and punished ... Christians. ... it was felt that they were being sacrificed not for the common good but to gratify the savagery of one man."

Tacitus



Rome burned by Nero -Persecution of Christians Paul arrested again Paul's defense in court -> Paul awaits execution



4:16



"neglect, darkness, and stench" gave it "a hideous and terrifying appearance," Roman historian Sallust.









Rome burned by Nero -64 **Persecution of Christians** >Paul arrested again **Paul's defense in court -**4:16 >Paul awaits execution **Paul writes** Timothy to encourage **Paul desires visits before death - 4:9**

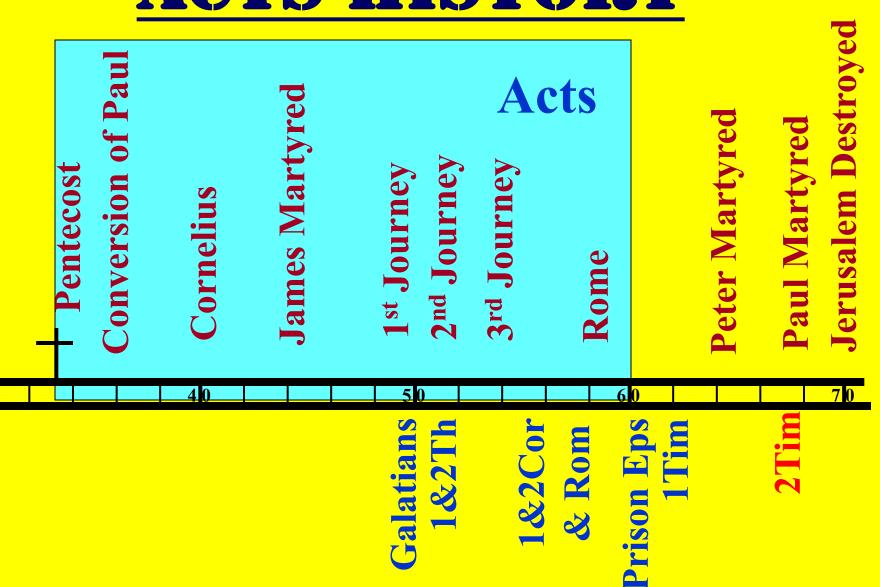












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ACTS HISTORY



>Author -Paul **>Audience - Timothy & Eph >Occasion** -67 **>Location -**Rome **Purpose - Encouragement**



To challenge Timothy to take up Paul's ministry 1:7-8, 2:1-2, 3:14, 4:1-2, 5

CHARACTERISTICS

1. Very personal letter



23 men, women, friends, & foes -1:5, 16, 4:11, 19-21

TROUBLED PEOPLE

✓ Phygellus & Hermogenes -1:15 ✓ Hymenaeus & Philetus -2:17-18 ✓ Jannes & Jambres -3:8 ✓ Demas loved world -4:10✓ Alexander the coppersmith -4:14-15



- 23 men, women, friends, & foes -1:5, 15-16, 2:17, 4:10-14, 19-21
- Paul's reminiscent mood
- Paul's personal notices 1:5, 16-18,
 - 3:14-15, 4:13
- Paul anticipates his death 4:6-8

CHARACTERISTICS

1. Very personal letter

2. Last words of great man



- 1. Dying testimony encouragement
- 2. Last advice 1:7-8, 2:3, 4:5
- 3. 6 pictures of Christian
- 4. Last warning 3:1-6, 4:3-4



I.Preparation for Faithfulness1II.Principles for Faithfulness2-3III.Reward of Faithfulness4:1-22



What is the legacy that you will leave behind?