**Context and Themes for Paul’s Epistles**

**Directions:** At the beginning of each of Paul’s epistles, annotated the following information in your scriptures. Showing me these annotations in your scriptures will count for one makeup day.

# Romans

## **Context:** Written 57 AD from Corinth while on 3rd mission.

**Theme:** Paul wrote of how we are justified and saved through faith in Jesus Christ.

# 1st Corinthians

## **Context:** Written 55 AD from Ephesus while on 3rd mission.

**Theme:** Paul chastised them for their sins and false doctrine being taught about the resurrection.

# 2nd Corinthians

## **Context:** Written 56 AD while on journey through Macedonia while on 3rd mission.

## **Theme:** Paul making up with love for the harshness of 1st Corinthians. Paul defends himself as an apostle.

# Galatians

## **Context:** Written to various churches in Galatia (modern day Turkey), 57 AD while on journey through Macedonia while on 3rd mission.

## **Theme:** Paul taught that gentile converts do not need to practice the Law of Moses to be saved.

# Ephesians

## **Context:** Written 60 AD while under house arrest in Rome.

**Theme:** Paul wrote how we are united by the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ and the organization of apostles and Prophets in the Church

# Philippians

## **Context:** Written 60-62 AD while under house arrest in Rome. Also see Acts 16:12-40

## **Theme:** An expression of love and gratitude to the Philippians. Paul teaches of his own faith in Christ.

# Colossians

## **Context:** Written 60-62 AD while under house arrest in Rome.

**Theme:** Advice to Epaphras and others at Colosse on how to deal with the problems of false teaches.

# 1st Thessalonians

## **Context:** Written 50-51 AD from Corinth while on 2nd missionary journey.

**Theme:** Paul taught them to prepare for the return of the Lord and about His coming.

# 2nd Thessalonians

## **Context:** Written 50-51 AD from Corinth while on 2nd missionary journey.

**Theme:** Paul taught more about the Lord’s return and to not worry or think it will come too soon.

**1st Timothy**

**Context:** Written 64 AD from Rome to Timothy - bishop of Ephesus.

**Theme:** How to be a good church leader.

**2nd Timothy**

**Context:** Written 65 AD from Roman prison. This is believed to be the last book before Paul is beheaded.

**Theme:** Apostasy and fighting a good fight to the end.

### Titus

Context: Written 64 AD from Rome to the bishop Titus on the island of Crete.

Theme: Church leadership and teaching.

Philemon

Context: Written 62 AD from Rome. A letter asking Philemon to accept back Onesimus who was Philemon’s runaway slave.

Theme: Grace and forgiveness.

Hebrews

Context: Written 60 AD from Italy to Saints of Jewish decent.

Theme: How Jesus is greater than all other things