

# PAULINE EPISTLE

- His third visit to the Galatia churches
- Paul in Ephesus and received update about Apollos conversion
- He met and corrected Apollos disciples
- Paul received report about the church of Corinth
- Timothy sent to Corinth with a letter to settle their dispute
- Paul went Back to Corinth the second time
- Titus sent back to Corinth to settle their dispute
- Paul went to Macedonia to seek after Titus
- The return of Titus brought joy to Paul
- Paul wrote the book of 2 Corinthians
- Lessons to learn from the Corinthian Church

# PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

ANTIOCH

GALATIA

PHRYGIA

EPHESUS → Wrote 1 Corinthians

MACEDONIA

GREECE

MACEDONIA → Wrote 1 Corinthians

TROAS

MILETUS → Met with the Elders of Ephesians church

CAESAREA

JERUSALEM → Arrested by the Jews

CAECAREA → The Jews plotted to kill him

ROME → Extradited to Rome

## PAUL IN GALATIA

- Paul leaving his home church in Antioch, headed towards Ephesus but first visited Galatia churches for the third time to Strengthen them
- ICONIUM
- LYSTRA
- DERBY

### Acts 18:23

- No more issues in Galatia Churches as the believers enjoy their liberty in Christ

Galatia —————→ Ephesus

## **PAUL IN EPHESUS**

- In Ephesus, Paul received update about Apollos conversion and journey to Corinth Acts 18:24-28
- Paul gave further revelation to Apollos disciples living in Ephesus Acts 19:1-6
- Paul had dual duty in Ephesus. To preach Christ and to correct the teaching of Apollos

## **REPORT FROM THE CHURCH OF CORINTH**

- Their response to the missing letter of Paul 1cor 5:9
- The complain from the household of Chloe 1cor 1:11-13
- The church sent delegates to Paul with a letter
- Questions from Paul first letter Corinthians 1cor 7:1,16:17
- Apollos came back from Corinth to Ephesus and certainly intimated Paul what the problem was. 1cor 16:12

## PAUL SENT TIMOTHY TO CORINTH

- Remember that it was Timothy that went to Thessalonica to establish the church 1 Thess. 3:1-3
- Timothy sent to Corinth to resolve their problem 1 Cor. 4:17, Acts 19:22 , 1 Cor. 16 : 10 - 11
- Upon Timothy's arrival with the letter, the problem in Corinth had escalated that Paul's Apostleship is being questioned. 2 Cor. 11:5-7
- False Apostles took advantage of their disunity to completely scatter the church and the flocks of God 2 Cor. 11 : 1 - 4, 2 Cor. 13 - 15
- Out of Pastoral concern, Paul promised in his letter to visit them 1 Cor. 16 : 5- 6 . 1 Cor. 4 : 19

## PAUL'S SECOND VISIT TO CORINTH

- Paul's second visit to Corinth 2 Cor. 1 : 23 - 24, 2 Cor. 12 : 14
- Paul returned to Ephesus with a big burden for the Corinthian Church 2 Cor. 2 : 1 – 2
- Upon his return, He sent Titus back to Corinth 2 Cor. 12 : 18

**Note:** It has been argued that Titus went with another letter that is also missing **2 Cor. 7 : 8**

- Titus delay in returning raised Paul's fear over his safety and the condition of the Church
- Filled with Pains Paul left the open door he had in Troas to Macedonia to find Titus 2 Cor. 2 : 12 – 13
- The return of Titus brought Joy to Paul 2 Cor. 7 : 5 - 16

## **THE BOOK OF SECOND CORINTHIANS**

- Paul wrote to congratulate them over their repentance 2 Cor. 7 : 10
- Paul wrote To further speak to the rebellious minority who rejects his authority 2 Cor. 12 : 20 – 21

## **LESSONS FOR US IN SECOND CORINTHIANS**

- Living in unity requires us to humbly forgive one another 2 Cor. 2 : 7
- The book of Second Corinthians reminds us that even as Christians, we hurt each other and need to forgive those who wrong us
- Paul's effort to reconcile true relationship in the church of Corinth is the real meaning of this verse. 2 Cor. 5 : 17 - 19

## **CORINTIANS EXPERIENCE BECAME A SERMON TO EPHESIAN CHURCH AND TO US TODAY**

- Paul warned the Ephesians' elders to watch against false Apostles Acts 20:29
- Look out disunity among the brethren Acts 20 : 30
- The Ephesians church heeded this advise of Paul as Jesus in Revelation commends them for spotting the false Apostles in their midst and rejecting them Rev. 2 : 2



## POINTS TO NOTE

- THE BOOK OF GALATIA WAS WRITTEN 17 YEARS AFTER HIS CONVERSION
- FIRST CORINTHIANS WAS WRITTEN 19 YEARS AFTER HIS CONVERSION
- SECOND CORINTHIANS WAS WRITTEN 19 YEARS PLUS AFTER HIS CONVERSION
- FIRST CORINTHIANS WAS WRITTEN 24 YEARS AFTER HIS CONVERSION
- SECOND CORINTHIANS WAS WRITTEN 24 YEARS PLUS AFTER HIS CONVERSION
- WAS PAUL A NOVICE?
- TODAY WE HAVE NOVICE PASTORS AND PROPHETS WHO ARGUES PAULS LETTERS

**NEXT WEEK WE CONTINUE**



**PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY**