

# St Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Epistle to the Corinthians

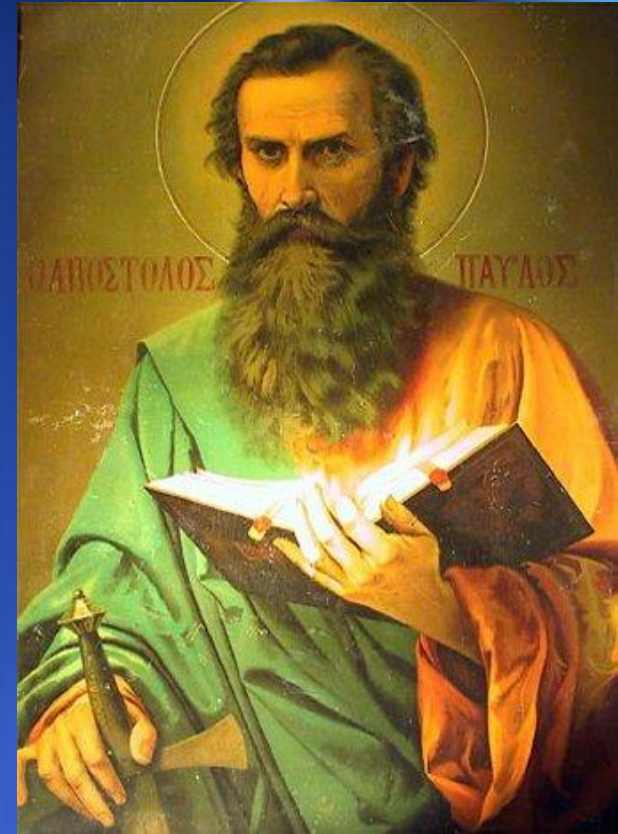


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# St Paul

- born to a Jewish family in Tarsus of Cilicia (Acts 22:3)
- received the Roman citizenship (Acts 22:38)
- given the name of Saul (Hebrew) and Paul (Roman)
- from the tribe of Benjamin
- circumcised on the 8<sup>th</sup> day according to the Law of Moses, a Hebrew, and Pharisee (Phil 3:5).
- started to read the books of the O.T in Tarsus. At the age of 15, his father sent him to Jerusalem to be educated at the feet of Gamaliel the teacher of the Law (Acts 22:3)
- He was tentmaker (Acts 18:3)
- guarded the clothes of those who stoned St. Stephen. (Acts 7:58)
- He sought orders from the High Priest to kill and torture the believers in Damascus.
- The Lord appeared to him in glory on the road.
- He was converted and received his sight when St. Ananias put his hand on him . He was baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 9: 1-22 ) [Saul was ~ 22 years old, the date was ~35 AD]
- He stayed ~ 3 years in Arabia (Gal. 1:17-18)







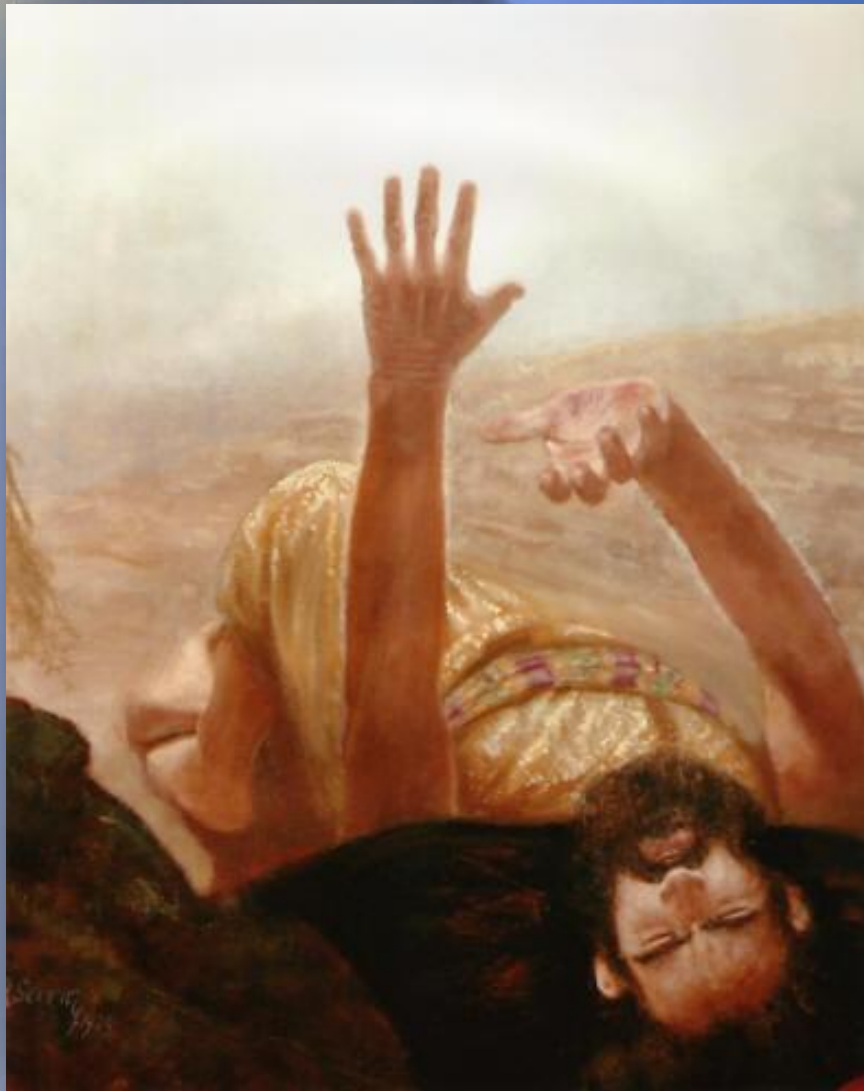
# St Stephen



*and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. (Acts 7:58)*



# Road to Damascus



*It is important to note that St Paul was a sinner who persecuted Christians but from the moment he changed he never hesitated to proclaim Jesus Christ as the risen and living Son of God in front of men of all ranks!*



# Bible Bookcase



- How many books in the New Testament?
  - **27**
- How many books did St Paul write?
  - **14**
- We read part of his Epistle's in every mass
  - **The Pauline.**
- How many letters did St Paul write to the Corinthians?
  - **At least 4**
    1. The Warning Letter
      - “I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people” (1 Cor 5:9)
    2. 1 Corinthians
    3. The Letter of tears – speaks of sorrow
      - 2 Cor 2:3-4 & 7:8. 1 Cor does not match that description; so this letter must be between 1 & 2 Cor
    4. 2 Corinthians



# The Epistles

Time of Writing	Type of Epistle
<b>Group 1 : written about 52-53 AD</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 1Thessalonins</li><li>2. 2Thessalonins</li></ol>	<b>Group 1 : To a Church or group of Churches</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 1Thessalonins</li><li>2. 2Thessalonins</li><li>3. Galatians</li><li>4. 1 Corinthians</li><li>5. 2 Corinthians</li><li>6. Romans</li><li>7. Ephesians</li><li>8. Philippians</li><li>9. Colossians</li><li>10. Hebrews</li></ol>
<b>Group 2 : written about 57-58 AD</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Galatians</li><li>2. 1Corinthians</li><li>3. 2Corinthians</li><li>4. Romans</li></ol>	<b>Group 2 : Pastoral Epistles</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 1 Timothy</li><li>2. 2 Timothy</li><li>3. Titus</li></ol>
<b>Group 3 : written about 61-63 AD (the prison epistles)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ephesians</li><li>2. Philippians</li><li>3. Colossians</li><li>4. Philemon</li></ol>	<b>Group 3 : Personal</b> Philemon
<b>Group 4 : written about 64-67AD</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 1Timothy</li><li>2. 2Timothy</li><li>3. Titus</li></ol>	
<b>Group 5 : not definite but before the martyrdom written about 64-67AD</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Hebrew</li></ol>	



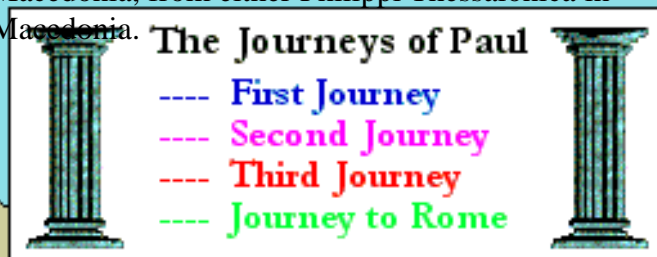


## New Testament Books

History	Letters					Prophecy
Matthew  Mark  Luke  John  Acts	Paul's				General	Revelation
	Early during missionary journeys	Later after arrest at Jerusalem			James	
	Galatians	First imprisonment	Release	Second imprisonment	Hebrews	
	1 Thess. 2 Thess.	Colossians	1 Timothy Titus	2 Timothy	Jude	
	1 Cor. 2 Cor.	Ephesians  Philemon			1 Peter  2 Peter  1 John 2 John 3 John	
	Romans	Philippians				



# St Paul's Missionary Journey's





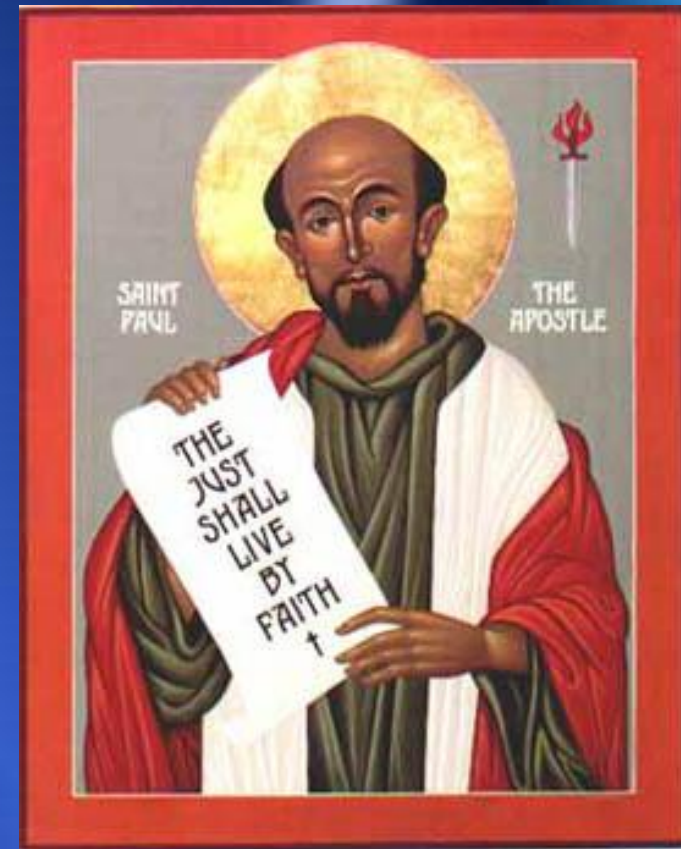
# Differences Between 1st & 2nd Corinthians

- **1st Corinthians - Practical**

- Focuses on the character of the Corinthian Church
- Deals with questions on marriage, freedom, spiritual gifts and order in the Church
- St Paul instructs in matters concerning Church's well being
- Contains advice to help the Church combat the heathen influences in the wicked city of Corinth

- **2nd Corinthians - Personal**

- Focuses on St Paul as he bares his soul and tells of his love for the Corinthian Church
- Deals with the problem of false teachers, whereby St Paul defends his authority and the truth of his message
- St Paul gives his testimony because he knows that acceptance of his advice is vital to the church's well-being
- Contains testimony to help the church combat the havoc caused by false teachers





# 2 Corinthians: Major Themes

- *There are 3 major sections in 2nd Corinthians*

## *1. Chapters 1 – 7*

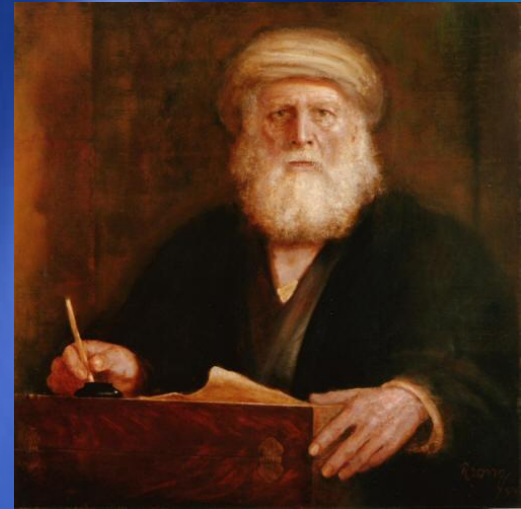
- *relates to St Paul's explanation of his ministry.*
  - *“Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God... For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.” (2 Cor 4:1-2, 5)*

## *2. Chapters 8 – 9*

- *relates to St Paul's collection for the saints and giving to the Macedonians who were poor at the time*

## *3. Chapters 10 – 13*

- *St Paul fully declares his apostleship*
  - *“For I consider that I am not at all inferior to the most eminent apostles.” (2 Cor 11:5)*
  - *“... for in nothing was I behind the most eminent apostles, though I am nothing. (2 Cor 12:11)*







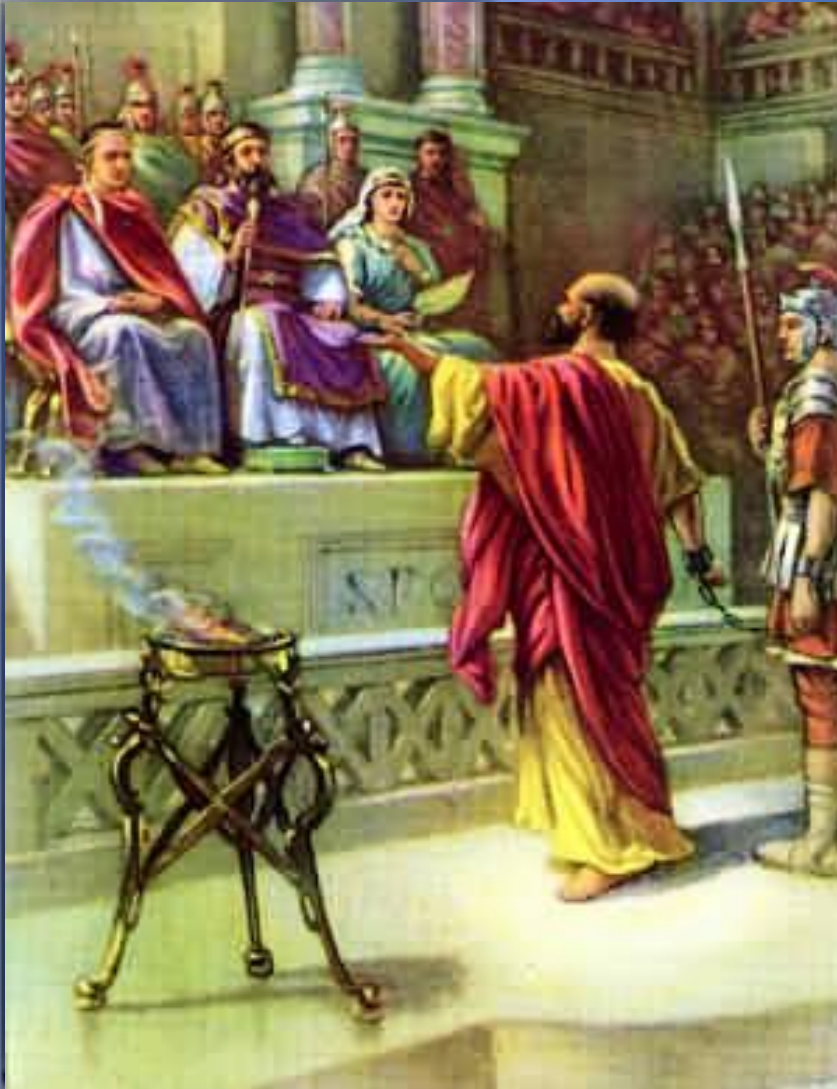
# His Authority

- *But the Lord said to him, Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. (Acts 9:15)*
- *So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, to open their eyes...' (Acts 26:15-18)*
- *As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went... (Acts 13:2-4)*





# His Boldness: St Paul Testifies before Kings

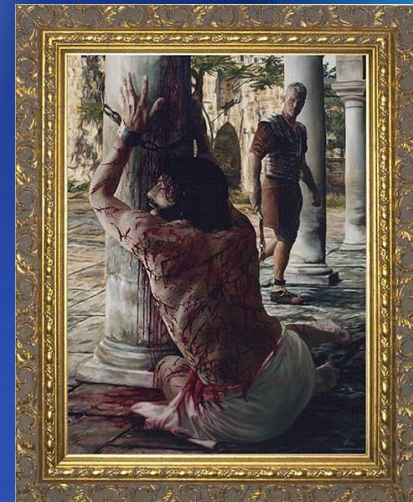
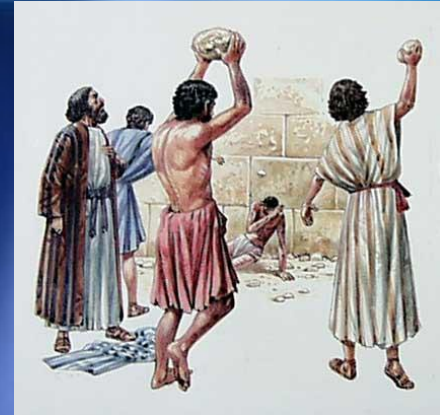
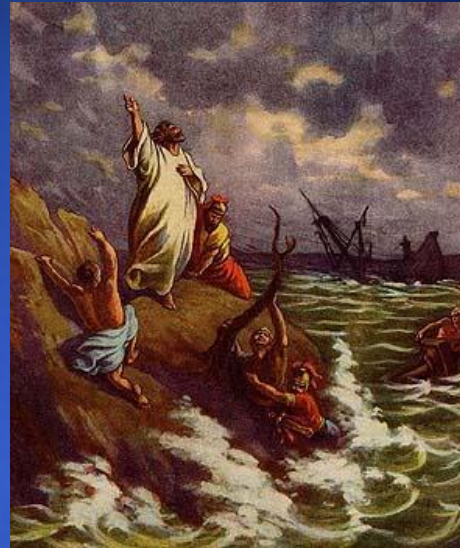


*Therefore, having  
obtained help  
from God, to this  
day I stand,  
witnessing both to  
small and great,  
saying no other  
things than those  
which the  
prophets and  
Moses said would  
come (Acts 26:22)*



# His Persecutions & Sufferings

- **2 Cor 11:24** From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one.
- **11:25** Three times I was beaten with rods;
  - once I was stoned;
  - three times I was shipwrecked;
  - a night and a day I have been in the deep;
- **11:26** in journeys often,
  - in perils of waters,
  - in perils of robbers,
  - in perils of my own countrymen,
  - in perils of the Gentiles,
  - in perils in the city,
  - in perils in the wilderness,
  - in perils in the sea,
  - in perils among false brethren;
- **11:27** in weariness and toil
  - in sleeplessness often,
  - in hunger and thirst,
  - in fastings often,
  - in cold and nakedness –
- **11:28** besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.







# How to handle suffering

- *Suffering for the sake of others*

*–Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation. For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us... (2 Cor 1:3-10)*







# How to handle suffering

- *Suffering Strengthens our Faith in God*

– But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things. (2 Cor 6:4-10)

- *Suffering makes us strong*

– But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. (2 Cor 4:7-12)



# His Humility

***“For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I...” (1 Cor 15:9-10)***



- *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. (2 Cor 4:7)*
- *Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God (2 Cor 3:5)*
- *Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation? (2 Cor 11:29)*
- *And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong... for in nothing was I behind the most eminent apostles, though I am nothing. (2 Cor 12:9-11)*
- *But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. (Gal 6:14)*
- *For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. (Romans 7:18-19)*





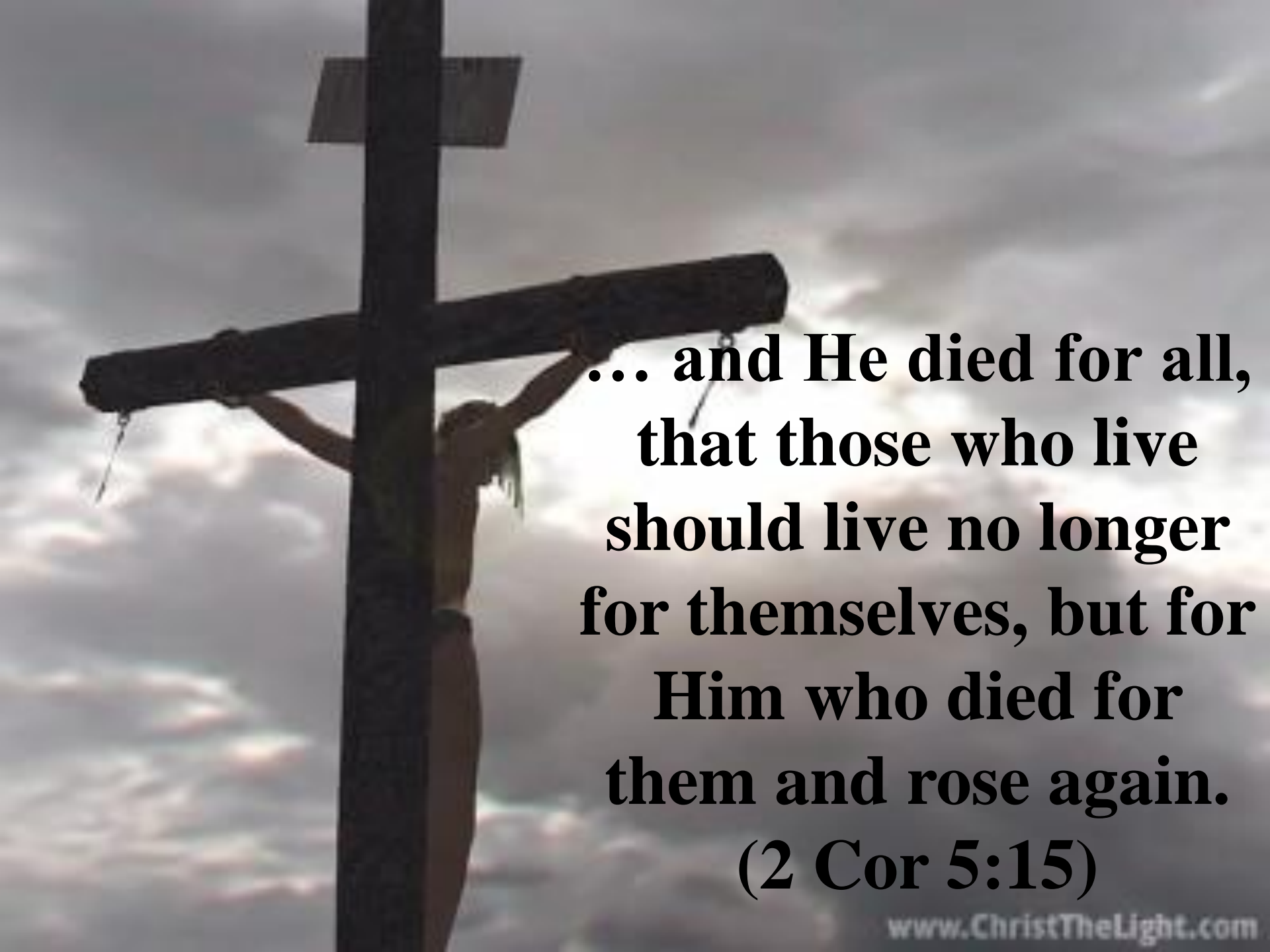
# St Paul's Execution



*For to me, to live is  
Christ, and to die  
is gain. (Phil 1:21)*

*"I have fought the  
good fight, I have  
finished the race, I  
have kept the  
faith." (2 Tim 4:7)*



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**... and He died for all,  
that those who live  
should live no longer  
for themselves, but for  
Him who died for  
them and rose again.  
(2 Cor 5:15)**



# Back Up Slides



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# Letter to Timothy





# Books of the New Testament

## Historical

Matthew  
Mark  
Luke  
John  
Acts

*"Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord,  
when I will make a new covenant"*

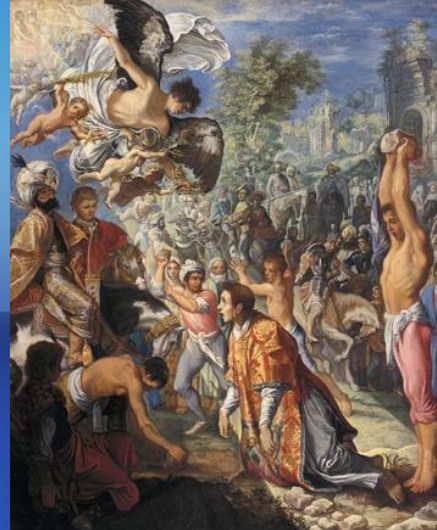
## Paul's Epistles

Romans  
First Corinthians  
Second Corinthians  
Galatians  
Ephesians  
Philippians  
Colossians  
First Thessalonians  
Second Thessalonians  
First Timothy  
Second Timothy  
Titus

## Not Paul's Epistles

Philemon  
Hebrews  
James  
First Peter  
Second Peter  
First John  
Second John  
Third John  
Jude  
Revelation





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