



The Jesus that won  
Paul's Heart 3

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54AD From Ephesus  
to Colossae



Colossians 1:15-17

‘Christ is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

‘Wisdom is a breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty ... She is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness’(Wisdom 7:25-26).

‘The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth ... then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always’(Proverbs 8:22-23, 30).

‘Wisdom was created before all other things, and prudent understanding from eternity’(Sirach 1:4).

‘With you is wisdom, she who knows your works and was present when you made the world’(Wisdom 9:9).

‘The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens’(Proverbs 3:19).

‘If riches are a desirable possession in life, what is richer than wisdom, the active cause of all things? And if understanding is effective, who more than she is fashioner of what exists?’(Wisdom 8:5-6).

He is the head of the body,  
the church;  
he is the beginning,  
the first-born from the dead,  
so that he might come to have  
first place in everything.  
For God was pleased for  
all the fullness to dwell in Christ,  
and through him  
to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
by making peace through the  
blood of his cross'(Colossians 1:18-20).



'I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake,  
and I am completing what is lacking in my flesh  
of the afflictions of Christ  
for the sake of his body, that is, the church'(Colossians 1:24).

The gospel is that

'Christ is in you [Gentiles], your hope of glory'(Colossians 1:27).

'In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.'

(Colossians 2:3)

'As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord,  
continue to live your lives in him'(Colossians 2:6).

‘In him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,  
and you have come to fullness in him’(Colossians 2:9-10).

‘God made you alive together with Christ, when he  
forgave us all our trespasses’(Colossians 2:13).

‘You have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
When Christ who is your life is revealed,  
then you also will be revealed with him in glory’(Colossians 3:3-4).

55-56AD Letter to Corinth  
from Macedonia

1) 2Corinthians 1-9

(while spending the winter  
in Philippi?)



‘Just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us,  
so also our consolation is abundant through Christ’(2 Corinthians 1:5).

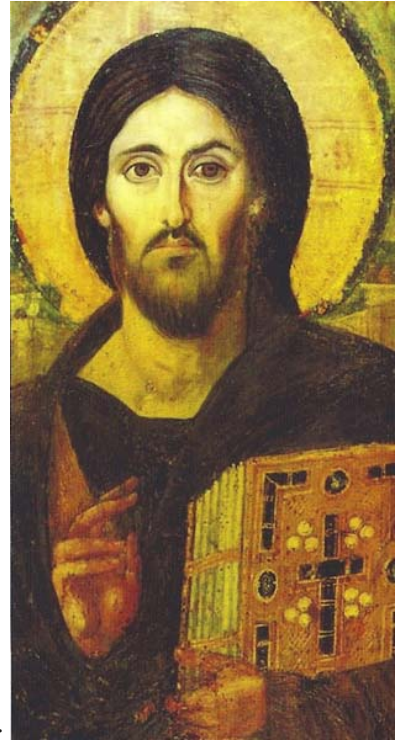
‘The Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you  
was not ‘Yes and No’; but in him it is always ‘Yes.’  
For in him every one of God’s promises is a ‘Yes’(2 Corinthians 1:19-20).

‘We are the aroma of Christ to God’(2 Corinthians 2:15).

‘You are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink  
but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone  
but on tablets of human hearts’(2 Corinthians 3:3).

‘The Lord is the Spirit,  
and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.  
And all of us, with unveiled faces,  
seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror,  
are being transformed into the same image  
from one degree of glory to another;  
for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit’(2 Corinthians 3:17-18).

‘The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God’ (2 Corinthians 4:4).



‘It is the God who said,  
‘Let light shine out of darkness’  
who has shone in our hearts  
to give the light of the knowledge  
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ’

(2 Corinthians 4:6).

‘We are always carrying in the body Jesus’ dying,  
so that Jesus’ living may also be made visible in our bodies.’

(2 Corinthians 4:10).

‘The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced  
that one has died for all; therefore all have died.  
And he died for all,  
so that those who live might live no longer for themselves,  
but for him who died and was raised for them’ (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

‘In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself’ (2 Corinthians 5:19).

2) 2Corinthians 10-13

56AD. Letter to Corinth while journeying in Illyricum (Romans 15:19).



‘I appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ’(2 Corinthians 10:1).

‘I feel a divine jealousy for you, for I promised you in marriage to one husband, to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I am afraid that your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ’(2 Corinthians 11:1).

‘I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that this person was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat’(2 Corinthians 12:2-4).

‘The Lord said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you,  
for power is made perfect in weakness’.  
So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses,  
so that the power of Christ may dwell in me’(2Corinthians 12:9).

Winter 56-57AD  
From Corinth to Rome





‘God put Christ Jesus forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith’(Romans 3:25).

‘God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us’(Romans 5:5).

‘God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. We have been justified by his blood’(Romans 5:8-9).

‘You have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God’(Romans 7:4).

‘You are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him’(Romans 8:9).

‘I am convinced that nothing in the whole of creation,  
will be able to separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord’(Romans 8:38-39).

‘Christ is the goal of the law, so that there may be righteousness  
for everyone who believes’(Romans 10:4).

‘Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh,  
to gratify its desires’(Romans 13:14).

‘Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s’(Romans 14:9).

‘I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has  
accomplished through me to win obedience from the Gentiles.’

(Romans 15:18).

Always loving you (singles)