

# Timeline of the Apostle Paul

## DISCLAIMER

The dates that you are about to see are by no means certain. This is not to say they aren't dependable it is just that Luke didn't really give us a lot of information about when events actually occurred. It is only by studying secular history and connecting those events with the information from Acts that we can make some educated guesses about the chronology of Paul's life. Immense research has been done on this and, as might be expected, the "scholars" are greatly divided. However, I've attempted to use the most acceptable dates.

Year	The Life of Paul
AD 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Born—an Israelite—in Tarsus of Cilicia (Acts 22:3; Phil 3:5)</li> <li>- A Roman citizen by birthright (Acts 22:28)</li> </ul>
c. 15-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At the school of Gamaliel, Jerusalem (Acts 22:3)</li> </ul>
31ish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Became a Pharisee (Phil 3:5)</li> </ul>
32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Present at Stephen's stoning (Acts 7:58-8:1)</li> </ul>
33-34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persecutor of the church (Acts 8:1-3; Phil. 3:6)</li> </ul>
34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paul's repentance on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-19)</li> </ul>
34-37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Travels to Arabia and remains there (Gal. 1:17)</li> </ul>
37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Returns to Damascus (Gal. 1:17; Acts 9:20-25; 2 Cor. 11:32-33)</li> <li>- Goes up to Jerusalem (Acts 9:26-29; Gal. 1:18)</li> <li>- Goes back to Tarsus for safety (Acts 9:30)</li> </ul>
37-46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In Tarsus</li> </ul>
46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Barnabas travels to Tarsus in order to seek Saul (Acts 11:25)</li> </ul>
47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Goes to Antioch with Barnabas teaching many people (Acts 11:26) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Agabus prophesies a famine (Acts 11:27, 28)</li> <li>o Aid sent to Jerusalem through Barnabas and Saul (Acts 11:29, 30)</li> <li>o Barnabas and Saul return to Antioch with John Mark (Acts 12:25)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Barnabas and Saul "separated" and sent out (Acts 13:2, 3)</li> </ul>
<b>- FIRST MISSIONARY TOUR</b>	
47-48	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They travel from Antioch to Seleucia, then to Cyprus (Acts 13:4)</li> <li>- While on Cyprus they go to Salamis and Paphos (Acts 13:5-12)</li> <li>- From Paphos they go to Perga of Pamphylia where John Mark departs for home (Acts 13:13)</li> <li>- Ministry in Antioch of Pisidia (Acts 13:14-50)</li> <li>- At Iconium (Acts 13:51 - 14:6)</li> <li>- Flees to Lystra and Derbe, preaching the gospel (Acts 14:6-7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o In Lystra Paul and Barnabas are mistaken for gods (Acts 14:8-18)</li> <li>o Stoned at Lystra, supposed to be dead, but re-enters the city (Acts 14:19-20)</li> <li>o Departs with Barnabas to Derbe, preaching the gospel (Acts 14:20-21)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- They return to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch to strengthen disciples and appoint elders (Acts 14:21-24)</li> <li>- From Pisidia they returned to Antioch of Syria and reported their journey to the church (Acts 14:24-28)</li> </ul>
<b>- INTERLUDE</b>	
49	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Goes up to the Jerusalem Council with Barnabas (Acts 15:1-29; Galatians 2:1)</li> <li>- Paul and Barnabas return to Antioch of Syria, teaching and preaching (Acts 15:30-35; Galatians 2:11-14)</li> <li>- Contention over John Mark; Barnabas and John Mark sail to Cyprus (Acts 15:36-39)</li> </ul>
<b>- SECOND MISSIONARY TOUR</b>	
49	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paul and Silas depart, going through Syria and Cilicia strengthening the churches (Acts 15:40-41)</li> </ul>
50 – Early 53	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Goes to Derbe and Lystra and picks up Timothy, strengthening the churches (Acts 16:1-5)</li> <li>- They go to Troas and Paul sees a vision of a Macedonian man (Acts 16:6-10)</li> <li>- They sail from Troas to Neapolis (Acts 16:11)</li> <li>- To Philippi where Paul meets Lydia (Acts 16:12-15)</li> <li>- Paul and Silas imprisoned after casting out a demon from a slave girl (Acts 16:16-25)</li> <li>- Prison doors opened miraculously and the jailer saved (Acts 16:25-34)</li> <li>- Departs from Philippi (Acts 16:35-40)</li> <li>- They passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia (Acts 17:1)</li> <li>- At Thessalonica and preached Christ, but had to flee (Acts 17:1-10)</li> <li>- At Berea where he leaves Silas and Timothy (Acts 17:10-14)</li> <li>- At Corinth and rejoined with Silas and Timothy (Acts 18:1-17)</li> <li>- (The last 1½ years are in Corinth)</li> </ul>
Writes Galatians Writes 1 & 2 Thessalonians	