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- When he later wrote this church in Corinth, he defended his right to receive support for his preaching work (1 Corinthians 9:1-15).



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- Soon, Silas and Timothy joined him from Macedonia (vs. 5). At that point, Paul stopped making tents and "devoted himself completely to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ."



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- "Many of the Corinthians when they heard were believing and being baptized" (vs. 8).



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- The New Testament contains 27 books.
- Four are the gospels.
- One is a book of history (Acts).
- Twenty-two are letters written to various churches and individuals.
- Paul wrote at least 13 of these letters.



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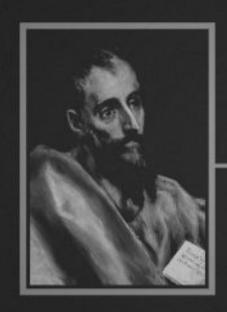


Galatians

- It may have been written as early as 50 A.D.
- Since Jesus has died, the OT Law is no longer binding.
- We are justified by faith in Christ (Galatians 3:26-29)!







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