

The Pauline Chronology According to Jerome Murphy-O'Connor

This table compiles the chronology of St. Paul's life, based on Jerome Murphy-O'Connor's book, Paul: A Critical Life. Oxford - New York: Oxford University Press, 1996. For more details, see Paul: A Critical Life.

Note: In **bold**: Paul's authentic letters

<i>Year</i>	<i>Event</i>
Around 6 BC	Birth
15–33 CE	Paul's training in Jerusalem as a Pharisee
33	Conversion
34	On a mission in Arabia
34–37	In Damascus
37	In Jerusalem (1st visit)
37–?	In Syria and Cilicia
41	Emperor Claudius expels some Jews from a synagogue in Rome, including Prisca and Aquila, who likely move elsewhere in Italy
Winter 45–46	In Antioch
April 46	Departure from Antioch
April–September 46	Journey to Galatia, Paul's illness, and stay in Pessinus (Galatia)
September 46–May 48	Ministry in Galatia
Summer 48	Journey to Macedonia
September 48–April 50	Ministry in Macedonia (Philippi and Thessalonica)
April 50	- Departure from Thessalonica and brief stay in Athens - Timothy's arrival in Athens and Letter A to the Thessalonians (1 Thess 2:13–4:2) - Journey to Corinth
April 50–September 51	Ministry in Corinth
Summer 50	From Corinth: Letter B to the Thessalonians (1 Thess 1:1–2:12; 4:3–5:28)
Late summer–Fall 50	From Corinth: Second Letter to the Thessalonians
July or August 51	Paul's Meeting with Proconsul Gallion
September 51	Departure from Corinth, a visit to Ephesus, where he left Priscilla and Aquila, and arrival in Antioch
October 51	Journey to Jerusalem (2nd visit) and the Jerusalem Council
Winter 51–52	Paul in Antioch and conflict with the delegates from Jerusalem
April 52	Paul's permanent departure from Antioch
April–July 52	Journey to Antioch in Pisidia, second visit to Galatia
Summer 52	Apollos in Corinth
September 52	The Judaizers arrive in Galatia
September 52–October 54	Paul in Ephesus
Winter 52–53	Consolidation of the Church in Ephesus and the beginning of his missionary work in Asia
April–May 53	- Epaphras begins his mission in the Lycus Valley - Bad news from Galatia - From Ephesus: Letter to the Galatians
June 53	- Donation from the Philippians - From Ephesus: Letter A to the Philippians (Phil 4:10–20)
July–late summer 53	- Paul and his associates in prison - Epaphras returns to Ephesus and is also arrested - From Ephesus prison: Letter B to the Philippians (Phil 1:1–3:1; 4:2–9) - From Ephesus prison: Letter to Philemon (in Colossae) - From Ephesus prison: Letter to the Colossians - Paul is released from prison - Apollos arrives in Ephesus - From Ephesus: The Letter C to the Philippians (Phil 3:2–4:1) - From Ephesus: Paul writes the Previous (lost) Letter to the Corinthians
April–May 54	- Chloe's people return to Ephesus, reporting on the situation in Corinth - Timothy is sent to Corinth to investigate the situation - Stephanus, Fortunatus, and Achaicus arrive in Ephesus bearing a letter from the Corinthians - From Ephesus: First Letter to the Corinthians written before June 2, the date of Pentecost
Summer 54	- Timothy's return to Ephesus with his report on Corinth - Paul's brief visit to Corinth while Timothy and Erastus set out for Macedonia - Paul's departure from Corinth for Macedonia - Paul's return to Ephesus around mid-August - From Ephesus: Painful Letter (lost) to the Corinthians

	This letter was sent via Titus
Fall 54	- Paul is forced to leave Ephesus and travels to Troas - In Troas, Titus is not at the planned meeting place - Paul's crossing to Macedonia before the shipping season ends - Probable visit to the church in Philippi - Paul's probable meeting with Titus in Thessalonica, where he receives his report
Winter 54–55	Paul is staying in Thessalonica, Macedonia
Spring 55	From Thessalonica: Letter to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 1–9) with the help of Timothy
May–August 55	- Paul, Missionary in Illyria - From Illyria: Upon receiving news from Corinth, he wrote 2 Corinthians 10–13
Fall 55	Paul Returns to Corinth
Winter 55–56	- Paul's Stay in Corinth - From Corinth: Writing of the Letter to the Romans
Summer 56	- Return to Macedonia and a visit to the church in Troas - Farewell speech in Miletus; journey to Jerusalem
57?–61?	Paul as a prisoner in Jerusalem and Caesarea
September 61–Spring 62	Journey to Rome as a prisoner
Spring 62–Spring 64	Paul as a prisoner in Rome
Summer 64	- Paul in Spain - The Great Fire of Rome (July 19–28)
64–65	Paul returns to the East and likely spends a year in Illyria
65	The beginning of the persecution of Christians in Rome
65–66?	Paul visits the churches in Thessalonica, Philippi, Troas, Ephesus, Miletus, and Corinth
66–67	- Paul Imprisoned Again in Rome - Writing of the Second Letter to Timothy - Paul was martyred by beheading in Rome