

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	- Born—an Israelite—in Tarsus of Cilicia (Acts 22:3; Phil 3:5) - A Roman citizen by birthright (Acts 22:28)
c. 15-20	- At the school of Gamaliel, Jerusalem (Acts 22:3)
31ish	- Became a Pharisee (Phil 3:5)
32	- Present at Stephen's stoning (Acts 7:58-8:1)
33-34	- Persecutor of the church (Acts 8:1-3; Phil. 3:6)
34	- Paul's repentance on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-19)
34-37	- Travels to Arabia and remains there (Gal. 1:17)
37	- Returns to Damascus (Gal. 1:17; Acts 9:20-25; 2 Cor. 11:32-33) - Goes up to Jerusalem (Acts 9:26-29; Gal. 1:18) - Goes back to Tarsus for safety (Acts 9:30)
37-46	- In Tarsus
46	- Barnabas travels to Tarsus in order to seek Saul (Acts 11:25)
47	- Goes to Antioch with Barnabas teaching many people (Acts 11:26) - o Agabus prophesies a famine (Acts 11:27, 28) - o Aid sent to Jerusalem through Barnabas and Saul (Acts 11:29, 30) - o Barnabas and Saul return to Antioch with John Mark (Acts 12:25) - Barnabas and Saul "separated" and sent out (Acts 13:2, 3)
- FIRST MISSIONARY TOUR	
47-48	- They travel from Antioch to Seleucia, then to Cyprus (Acts 13:4) - While on Cyprus they go to Salamis and Paphos (Acts 13:5-12) - From Paphos they go to Perga of Pamphylia where John Mark departs for home (Acts 13:13) - Ministry in Antioch of Pisidia (Acts 13:14-50) - At Iconium (Acts 13:51 - 14:6) - Flees to Lystra and Derbe, preaching the gospel (Acts 14:6-7) - o In Lystra Paul and Barnabas are mistaken for gods (Acts 14:8-18) - o Stoned at Lystra, supposed to be dead, but re-enters the city (Acts 14:19-20) - o Departs with Barnabas to Derbe, preaching the gospel (Acts 14:20-21) - They return to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch to strengthen disciples and appoint elders (Acts 14:21-24) - From Pisidia they returned to Antioch of Syria and reported their journey to the church (Acts 14:24-28)
- INTERLUDE	
49	- Goes up to the Jerusalem Council with Barnabas (Acts 15:1-29; Galatians 2:1) - Paul and Barnabas return to Antioch of Syria, teaching and preaching (Acts 15:30-35; Galatians 2:11-14) - Contention over John Mark; Barnabas and John Mark sail to Cyprus (Acts 15:36-39)
- SECOND MISSIONARY TOUR	
49	- Paul and Silas depart, going through Syria and Cilicia strengthening the churches (Acts 15:40-41)
50 – Early 53	- Goes to Derbe and Lystra and picks up Timothy, strengthening the churches (Acts 16:1-5) - They go to Troas and Paul sees a vision of a Macedonian man (Acts 16:6-10) - They sail from Troas to Neapolis (Acts 16:11) - To Philippi where Paul meets Lydia (Acts 16:12-15) - Paul and Silas imprisoned after casting out a demon from a slave girl (Acts 16:16-25) - Prison doors opened miraculously and the jailer saved (Acts 16:25-34) - Departs from Philippi (Acts 16:35-40) - They passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia (Acts 17:1) - At Thessalonica and preached Christ, but had to flee (Acts 17:1-10) - At Berea where he leaves Silas and Timothy (Acts 17:10-14) - At Corinth and rejoined with Silas and Timothy (Acts 18:1-17) - (The last 1½ years are in Corinth)
Writes Galatians Writes 1 & 2 Thessalonians	

	- Paul returns to Antioch after stopping at Ephesus, Caesarea, and Jerusalem (Acts 18:18-22)	
- THIRD MISSIONARY TOUR		
53	- Travels through Galatia and Phrygia strengthening the disciples (Acts 18:23) - Passes through the upper regions on his way to Ephesus (Acts 19:1)	
53 – 56	- Ministry in Ephesus (Acts 19:1-41)	Writes 1 Corinthians
56	- Goes to Macedonia (Acts 20:1) - Travels to Greece (Acts 20:2) - Goes back to Macedonia (Acts 20:3) - At Troas (Acts 20:4-12) - Assos. Mitylene. Chios. Samos. Togyllium. (Acts 20:13-15) - Paul exhorts the Ephesian elders at Miletus (Acts 20:15-38) - Cos. Rhodes. Patara. Phoenicia. (Acts 21:1, 2) - At Tyre (Acts 21:3-6) - At Ptolemais (Acts 21:7) - At Caesarea (Acts 21:8-14)	Writes 2 Corinthians Writes Romans
- ARREST & IMPRISONMENT		
57	- At Jerusalem (Acts 21:15-25) - Paul gets arrested in the temple and causes a mob (Acts 21:26-36) - Addresses the mob (Acts 21:37 - 22:21) - Paul's citizenship saves him from scourging (Acts 22:22-29) - Before the Sanhedrin (Acts 22:30 - 23:10) - Jesus tells Paul that he will bear witness of him in Rome (Acts 23:11) - The plot against Paul's life (Acts 23:12-22) - Sent safely to Felix the governor (Acts 23:23-35) - Paul before Felix (Acts 24:1-27)	
59	- Paul before Festus (Acts 25:1-12)	
- JOURNEY TO ROME		
59	- Paul's appeal honored - turning point towards Rome (Acts 25:12) - Paul before Agrippa (Acts 25:13 - 26:32) - Paul departs for Rome and sails to Myra (Acts 27:1-5) - They sail to Fair Havens on Crete (Acts 27:6-8) - In spite of Paul's warning, they set sail again (Acts 27:9-12) - In the midst of a terrible storm they get shipwrecked on the island of Malta (Acts 27:13 - 28:1) - At Malta (Acts 28:2-10) - Sails to Syracuse (Acts 28:11, 12) - Sails to Rhegium then Puteoli (Acts 28:13)	
- FIRST ROMAN IMPRISONMENT		
60	- Arrives in Rome (Acts 28:14-16) - Meets with the Jews (Acts 28:30-31)	
61-62	- Preaches the gospel without hindrance for two whole years in his rented house (Acts 28:30-31).	Writes Philemon Writes Colossians Writes Ephesians Writes Philippians Writes 1 Timothy Writes Titus
	- Released from Roman imprisonment	
- INTERLUDE		
63-65	- Further Missionary Work	
- SECOND ROMAN IMPRISONMENT		
66	- Second imprisonment and martyrdom	Writes 2 Timothy