

# *Paul* Gentiles and Galatians

## The Pauline Corpus

### *The Early Letters* *Suggested date*

1 Thessalonians 50-51  
*possibly* 2 Thessalonians

### *The Great Letters*

Romans 55-59  
1 Corinthians  
2 Corinthians  
Galatians  
(?Philippians)

### *Captivity*

Philemon early 60's  
(?Philippians)

Most scholars question some or all of the above datings, but few doubt that Paul wrote all of these letters. There is far less consensus about

Colossians  
Ephesians  
Titus  
1 & 2 Timothy

which evince later thinking, other experiences and situations, and profoundly different modes of expression. We shall do well in the specific study of *Paul* to confine ourselves to the undoubtedly Pauline works - and there is plenty to do there. It is not outrageously disrespectful to question Pauline authorship. (Before the advent of textual criticism, the *Letter to the Hebrews* was universally ascribed to Paul; no-one now would agree).