

07. The Risen Jesus and Paul



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- ‘A member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews’ (Philippians 3:5).
- He claims to be a ‘Pharisee’ (Philippians 3:5; see Acts 26:5)
- He studied in Jerusalem under Gamaliel, ‘educated strictly according to our ancestral Law’ (Acts 22:3).
- He claims to have been ‘intensely zealous in persecuting the Church of God and was trying to destroy it’ (Galatians 1:13; see Philippians 3:6; Acts 9:1-2, 22:4, Acts 26:9-11).



His Encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus c.34AD

Acts 9:3-7

‘Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because **they heard the voice but saw no one.**’



Acts 22:9

Those who were with me **saw the light but did not hear the voice** of the one who was speaking to me.

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Acts 26:13-14

‘I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. **When we had all fallen to the ground,** I heard a voice saying to me ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’



Paul's statements about his enlightenment

'I received the Gospel through a revelation (ἀποκαλύψεως) of Jesus Christ' (Galatians 1:12).

'God called me through his grace and was pleased to reveal his Son in (ἐν) me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles' (Galatians 1:15-16).

'Have I not seen (horaô) the Lord' (1 Corinthians 9:1).

'He was seen (horaô) also by me' (1 Corinthians 15:8).

34-37 In 'Arabia' (The Nabatean kingdom) (Galatians 1:17-18; Acts 9:20-25)

His Key Insights

- Paul is a monotheist, who sees God revealed in Jesus and in the continued presence of Jesus' Spirit.
- He sees himself as a faithful Jew, sharing the faith of Abraham, and carrying on the mission entrusted to him which is to demonstrate to everyone that God wants everyone to enjoy divine communion in a community of shared love.
- He experiences intimate communion with the risen Christ, and is committed to see the diversity of people's gifts shared in the unity of the Christian community, the 'Body' of Christ.

Letter to the Churches of Galatia 48AD



Galatians 1:1-2

Paul an apostle – sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but by Jesus the Messiah and God the Father who raised him from the dead – and all the members of God's family who are with me.
To the churches of Galatia:

Galatians 1:3-5

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus the Messiah, who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Galatians 1:11-12

I would have you know, brothers and sisters,
that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin;
for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it.
I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Paul knows *about* Jesus from others.

He knows Jesus from his enlightenment.

Galatians 2:15

We have come to believe in the Messiah Jesus,
so that we might be justified by the faith of the Messiah,
and not by doing the works of the law.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ;
and it is no longer I who live.
It is Christ who lives in me.

And the life I now live in the flesh
I live by the faith of the Son of God,
loving me and giving himself for me.

Galatians 3:26-28

You are all 'sons' of God through the faith that is in Christ Jesus.
As many of you as were baptised into the Messiah
have clothed yourselves with him.
There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female;
for all of you are one in the Messiah Jesus.

Galatians 4:6

Because you are 'sons',
God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,
crying, "Abba! Father!"

Galatians 4:19

My little children, for whom I am again
in the pain of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.

Galatians 5:6

In the Messiah Jesus the only thing that counts
is faith working through love.

Galatians 5:13-14

You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters;
only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence,
but through love become slaves to one another.
For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,
“You shall love your neighbour as yourself”.

Galatians 5:22-26

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy peace, constant loving,
kindness, generosity, faith, gentleness and self-control ...
If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Galatians 6:1-2

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression,
you who have received the Spirit
should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness ...
Bear one another's burdens,
and in this way you will fulfil the law of the Messiah.

Galatians 6:10

Whenever we have an opportunity,
let us work for the good of all,
and especially for those of the family of faith.

Galatians 6:14, 18

May I never boast of anything
except the cross of our Lord Jesus the Messiah,
by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world ...
I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

Paul's First Letter to the Church in Thessalonika



1 Thessalonians 1:1-3

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus the Messiah:
grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you
and mention you in our prayers,
constantly remembering before our God and Father
your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope
in our Lord Jesus the Messiah.

1 Thessalonians 2:7-12

We were gentle among you **like a mother** feeding and cherishing her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

For you remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how reverent, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you **like a father** with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

1 Thessalonians 2:17-18

As for us, brothers and sisters, when, for a short time, we were made orphans by being separated from you – in person not in heart – we longed with great eagerness to see you face to face.

1 Thessalonians 3:6, 9-10

He has told us also that you always remember us kindly and long to see us – just as we long to see you ...

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1 Thessalonians 3:12

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

God has destined us to obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that we may live with him.

1 Thessalonians 5:26

Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss.

Paul's First Letter to the Church in Corinth



1 Corinthians 1:9

God is faithful; by him you were called into the **communion** of his Son, Jesus the Messiah our Lord.

1 Corinthians 2:2

I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus the Messiah, and him crucified.

1 Corinthians 3:16

Do you not know that you [plural] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 6:19

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?

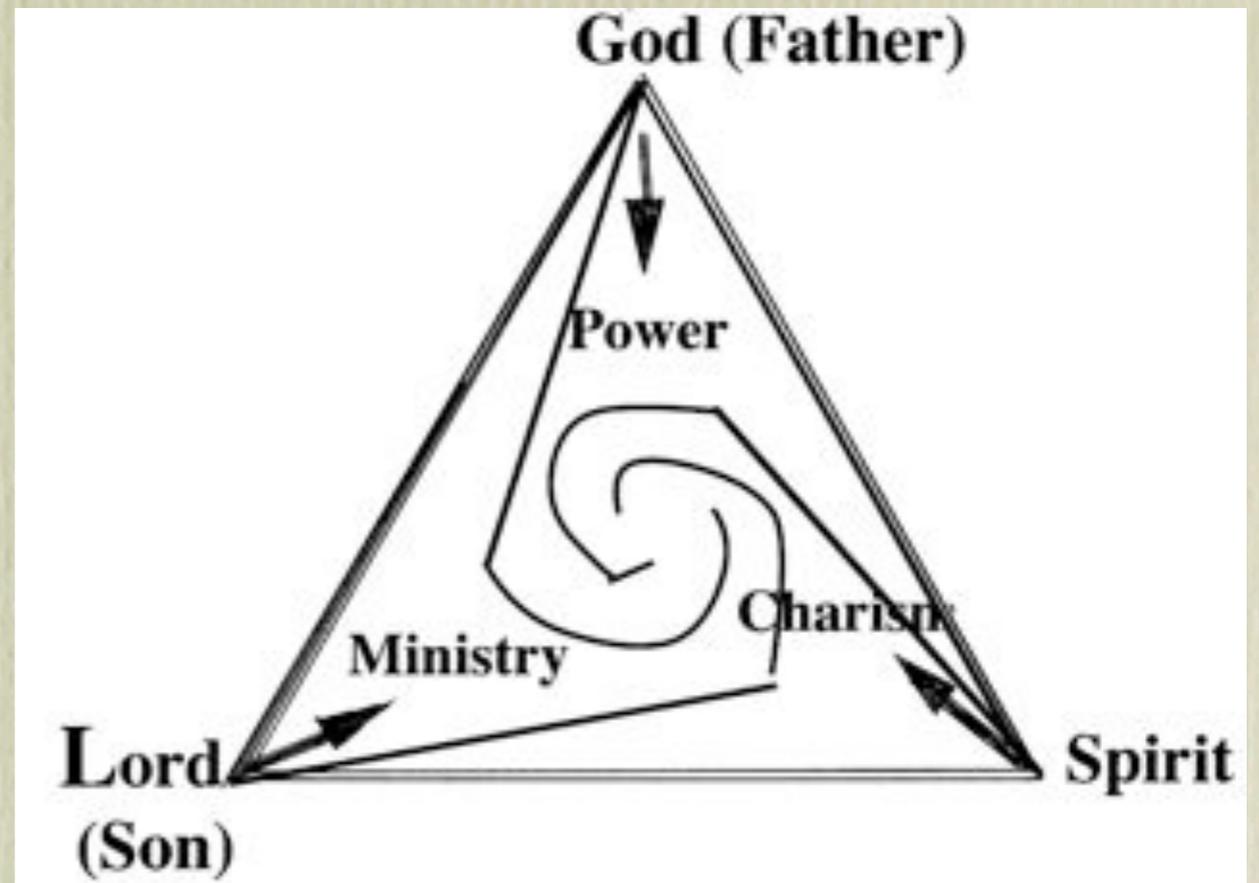
1 Corinthians 12:4-7

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There are varieties of gifts [χαρίσματα]
but the same Spirit;

there are varieties of ministries [διακονία]
but the same Lord;

there are varieties of
ways of exercising power [ἐνεργήματα]
but it is the same God who
activates them all in everyone.



To each is given the manifestation of
the Spirit for a good purpose.

1 Corinthians 12:26-27

Care for one another.

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it;

if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of the Messiah and individually members of it.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love never stops caring.

Love acts always in a kind way ...

Love takes no pleasure in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

Love has space enough to hold and bear
everything and everyone.

Love believes all things,

hopes all things,

and endures whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end.

Letters to the community at Colossae and to Philemon



Philemon verse 6

I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

Philemon verses 22-25

One thing more — prepare a lodging for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in the Messiah Jesus, sends greetings to you and so do **Mark**, Aristarchus, Demas and **Luke** my fellow workers. The grace of the Lord Jesus the Messiah be with your spirit.

Colossians 1:8

Epaphrasis is a faithful minister of the Messiah on our behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

Colossians 1:28

The mystery is the Messiah in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 2:2-3

I want the hearts of all who have not seen me face to face to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have knowledge of God's mystery, that is, the Messiah himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 3:11

In this renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but the Messiah is all and in all!

Colossians 3:12-14

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and long-suffering, bearing with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Second Letter to the Corinthians



2 Corinthians 3:2-3

You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts,
to be known and read by all;
and you show that you are a letter of the Messiah, prepared by us,
written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God,
not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

2 Corinthians 4:6

It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness'
who has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus the Messiah.

2 Corinthians 6:11-13

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians;
our heart is wide open to you.

There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours.

In return — I speak as to children —
open wide your hearts also.

2 Corinthians 13:13

The grace of the Lord Jesus the Messiah,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with all of you.

Letter to the Romans



Romans 1:11

I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you – or rather, so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

Romans 5:5

Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Romans 8:37-39

We are more than conquerors through him who is loving us.
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us
from the love of God in the Messiah Jesus our Lord.

Romans 9:1-3

I am speaking the truth in the Messiah — I am not lying;
my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit —
I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.
For I could wish that I myself were cut off from the Messiah
for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh.

Romans 12:9-12

Let love be genuine;
hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;
love one another with mutual affection;
outdo one another in showing honour.
Do not lag in zeal,
be ardent in the Spirit, serve the Lord.
Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering,
persevere in prayer.

Romans 12:13-16

Contribute [κοινωνεω] to the needs of the saints;
extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,
weep with those who weep.

Have a common mind;

do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly;

do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Romans 12:20

If your enemies are hungry, feed them;

if they are thirsty, give them something to drink

Romans 14:15

If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love.

Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom the Messiah died.

Romans 15:5

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with the Messiah Jesus.

Romans 16 - a long list of people Paul has befriended and are now living in the Roman community.

Letter to the Ephesians

Circular Letter written to Gentile communities in the East



Ephesians 1:3-4

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah,
chose us in him to be holy and blameless before him in love.

Ephesians 2:7

God, who is rich in mercy,
out of the great love with which he loved us,
even when we were dead through our trespasses,
made us alive together [συζωοποίηω] with the Messiah.

Ephesians 2:9

We are God's work of art, created in the Messiah Jesus

Ephesians 3:17

I pray that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith,
as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

Ephesians 4:1-3

I beg you to lead a life
worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another in love,
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:15

Do the truth in love.

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind [χρηστος] to one another, tenderhearted [εὐσπλαγχνος],
forgiving [χαρισμομαι] one another,
as God in the Messiah has forgiven you.

Ephesians 5:1

Be imitators of God, as beloved children,
and live in love, as the Messiah loved us gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:21

Be subject to one another out of reverence for the Messiah.

Ephesians 6:23-24

Peace be to the whole community,
and love with faith,
from God the Father and the Lord Jesus the Messiah.
Grace be with all who have
an undying love for our Lord Jesus the Messiah.

Letter to the Philippians



Philippians 1:3-5

I thank my God every time I remember you,
constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers
for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel.

Philippians 1:7-8

It is right for me to think and feel this way about all of you,
because you hold me in your heart,
for all of you share in God's grace with me,
For God is my witness, how I long for all of you
with the compassion of the Messiah Jesus.

Philippians 2:1-5

If then there is any appeal in the Messiah,
any consolation from love
any communion in the Spirit,
any movements of compassion and feelings of love
make my joy complete:
be of the same mind, having the same love
being of one soul and of one mind.

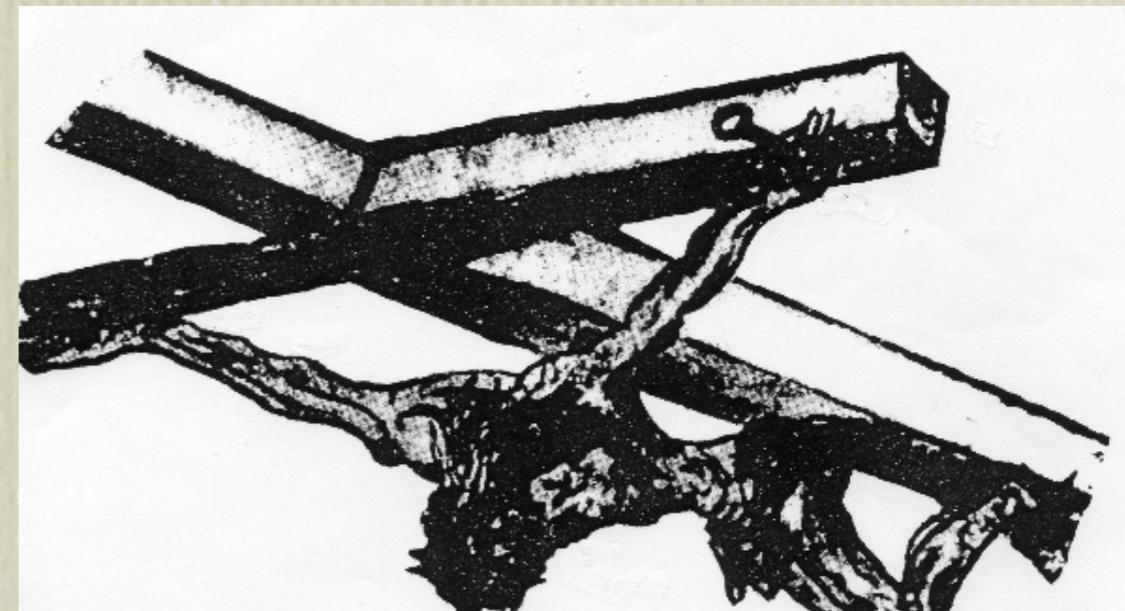
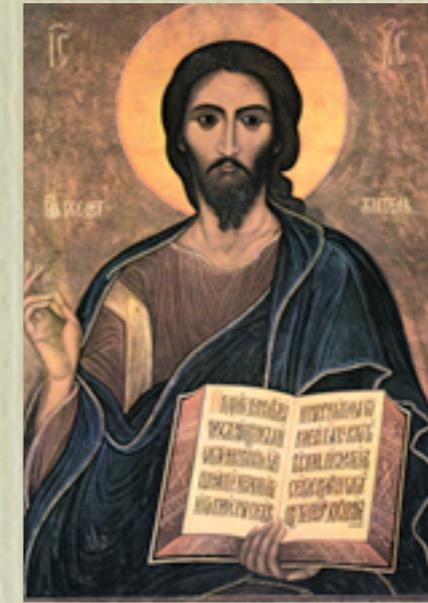
Do nothing from selfish ambition
Do not strive after or seek to find your value
in things that are worthless,
but in humility regard others above yourselves,
so that not everyone is focused on themselves,
but each is looking to the interests of others.
Let the same mind be in you that was in the Messiah Jesus.

Philippians 2:6-9

Let the same mind be in you that was in the Messiah Jesus,

who, being in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself and became
obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God highly exalted him.'



Philippians 2:18

Even if I am being poured out as a libation
over the sacrifice [θυσια]
and the priestly service [λειτουργια] of your faith,
I am glad and rejoice with you all
and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

Philippians 2:19-24

I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon,
so that I may be cheered by news of you.

I have no one like-souled [ἰσοψυχος]

who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare ...

Timothy's worth you know, how like a son with a father
he has served with me in the work of the gospel.

I hope therefore to send him as soon as I see how things go with me;
and I trust in the Lord that I will also come soon.

Philippians 2:25-30

Still, I think it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus —
my brother and co-worker and fellow soldier,
your messenger and minister [λειτουργος] to my need;
for he has been longing for all of you,
and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill.
He was indeed so ill that he nearly died.

But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also,
so that I would not have one sorrow after another.

I am the more eager to send him, therefore,
in order that you may rejoice at seeing him again,
and that I may be less anxious.

Welcome him then in the Lord with all joy, and honour such people,
because he came close to death for the work of the Messiah,
risking his life to make up for those services that you could not give me.

Philippians 3:7-11

I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing the Messiah Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish,

in order that I may gain the Messiah and be found in him ...

I want to know the Messiah and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 4:7-8

Finally brothers and sisters whatever is true [ἀληθης, 'real'],
whatever is inspiring of reverence,
whatever is just [δικαιος],
whatever is pure [ἄγνος, 'able to be offered to God'],
whatever is attracting of love [προσφιλη],
whatever is commendable [εὐφημος],
if there is any excellence [ἀρετη]
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
give consideration to these things.

Philippians 4:14

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress.

Paul's Second Letter to Timothy



2 Timothy 1:2-5

To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace
from God the Father and the Messiah Jesus our Lord ...
I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.
Recalling your tears, I long to see you
so that I may be filled with joy.
I am reminded of your sincere faith,
a faith that lived first in your grand-mother Lois
and your mother Eunice
and now, I am sure, lives in you.

2 Timothy 4:9-13

Do your best to come to me soon... Only Luke is with me.

Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.

I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

s. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

2 Timothy 4:19-22

Greet Prisca and Aquila. and the household of Onesiphorus.

Erastus remained in Corinth;

Trophimus I left ill in Miletus.

Do your best to come before winter.

Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens

and Linus [first chief presbyter in Rome after Peter, Eusebius HE III.3.3.]

and Claudia and all the brothers and sisters.

The Lord be with your [singular] spirit. Grace be with you [plural].