A Brief Survey of the Bible - The Epistles: Letters by Paul and others March 8 & 15, 2015

Undisputed Pauline authorship: Romans; 1 & 2 Corinthians; Galatians; Philippians; 1Thessalonians; Philemon

Disputed or "Deutero-Pauline": 2Thessalonians; Colossians; Ephesians

Pastoral Letters: 1, 2 Timothy; Titus

Others: Hebrews; James; 1, 2 Peter; 1,2,3 John; Jude

Letter writing in the ancient world

-couriers

Form of Greco-Roman Letters

- -sender's name and that of recipient
- -short salutation
- -body of letter introduced an appeal to God's with gratitude and thanksgiving or a prayer for the welfare of the recipient
- -conclusion: conveyance of greetings

Hellenist letter would begin: "Greetings"

Epistles begin: "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Another familiar ending: Numbers 6:24-26

Paul gave pastoral instruction on early Christian doctrine and prescribed conduct

-concluded with personal news and a final greeting.

He would never end with the Greek form "farewell." Rather: "The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

Letters to be explored in class: Philemon, 1Corinthians, 2Timothy, Ephesians chapters 4 & 3

Time Line: St. Paul's Epistles and Journeys 2nd 3rd Arrest in 1st 2nd 1st 4th Missionary Missionary Missionary Roman Jeru-Roman Council in Missionary Journey Imprisonment Journey salem: Imprisonment Journey Jerusalem Journey; Trials: Acts 15 Visit to S. Galatia. S. Galatia, Prison Paul House Cyprus, Spain Coastal Asia, Beheaded: S. Galatia Macedoin Cae-Arrest nia, Achaia, Macedonia, Peter Crucified sarea Greece Achaia, Greece 60-63 67-68 AD 48 49 63 50 53 57 60 67 68 Acts Acts Acts Acts Acts Acts AD 70: 13-14 15 16:1-18:23-21:15-27-28 Destruction The End 18:22 21:14 26:32 of Jerusalem of Acts Galatians 1 Cor. **Ephesians** 2 Tim. Eschatological Thess. 1 Tim. From Antioch From Ephe-From Rome From Corinth From Macedo-From Rome Christological-Ecclesiological 48-49? Pastoral-Ec-2 Cor. Colossians Titus Thess. clesiological From Macedo-From Rome From Corinth From Macedo-Philemon Galatians Heb. AD 64-68 Note: There is much scholarly From Ephe-From Rome 1 Peter AD 63-64 debate over the 2 Peter AD pre-70 exact dates and John, 1,2,3 John AD 90-100 Romans Philippians places of origin Jude c. 70 From Corinth From Rome of Paul's Epis-Acts c. 60-68