

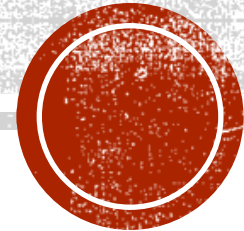


ASK FOR THE OLD PATHS

**EXPOSING THE FALSE TEACHING IN
THE BOOKS OF DR. ATEF AZIZ**

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IT IS NOT ABOUT PEOPLE BUT ABOUT TEACHING

Then he said to them, “You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation.

But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean. Acts

10:28

THEY HAVE A ZEAL FOR GOD

¹ Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. ² For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. ⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. Rom 10:1-4

SIMPLE STATISTICS

BOOK: “THE INNER MAN & THE FORMATION OF CHRIST”

- Early church fathers mentioned 48 times in the book
- **One quote: “the human soul was found in man to be a throne for Christ”.**
Reference no. 4 : 50 homilies of St Macarius.
- Church fathers who are named in the book:4 : St Macarius, St Philoxenos, st john Chrysostom, St John of Demascus,
- The Word : Sacraments (never mentioned in the whole Book)
- The Words : **Eucharist, Baptism, Confirmation, confession, Priesthood, Holy matrimony and unction** (never mentioned in the whole book)
- The Word : **Holy Trinity** Never mentioned in the whole book
- The Words : **Epiphany or Theophany** never mentioned in the whole book

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO COVER?

- 1) **Dilemma**
- 2) **Solution**
- 3) **Results**



DILEMMA



ST BASIL THE GREAT

ON THE HUMAN CONDITION, 16, P43,44

“Let us make humans being according to our image and according to our likeness”(Gen 1:26) by our creation we have the first, and by our free choice we build the second. In our initial structure co-originate and exits our coming into being according to the image of God. By free choice we are conformed to that which is according to the likeness of God. And this is what is according to free choice: the power exists in us but we bring it about by our activity. If the Lord, in anticipation, had not said in making us, “let us make”, and “according to our Likeness”, if he had not given us this power to come to be according to the likeness, **we would not have received the likeness of god by our own authority.**

THE EARLY CHURCH FATHERS AND THE TABLE AND CLOTH?

The Early Church fathers had special spiritual gifts which enabled them to see the inner man of a person when this person spoke with them. They noticed that the inner man is exactly like outer man; having parallel members, eyes, ears, hands, legs, and so on. When a person departs to heaven, they were also able to see the inner man of that person. We may think that they just saw a spirit (a ghost) going to heaven, but it is not a spirit; it is an inner man having the same countour like the outer one. It thus becomes clear that the outer man, which is the flesh, is just like the cloth over a table; the table is the real thing, and the cloth is only the cover. The outer man is a cover and not the real thing. It is there to enable us to deal with the material world; yet, the inner man is the actual reality of the person. P 13,14

A FACE AND NECK WITHOUT HANDS

However, this inner man is not formed in this complete shape from the beginning. It begins in the form of a seed, in our spirit. Yet, this seed has to grow within us to be an inner man. This will happen if we allow it to grow and if we know how to make it grow. However, it can also be stunned in growth – exactly like what may happen with the outer man. Of course, you all will know that some people can have delayed growth or developmental delay, whether physically or intellectually. The same thing can happen in the spirit; when the flesh or tent – as Apostle Peter calls it (2Pet 1:13) – is put off and the inner man is seen, it can be seen as a face without eyes, a face and neck without hands, a face, a neck and hands without abdomen, or missing any of the parts or members. In this case, it would have been stunned in growth and its growth was not completed. P14,15

ST GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS

QUOTED IN :PAUL EVDOKIMOV: ARE YOU LIVING AS A LITURGICAL BEING?

“Your glory, O Christ, is man, whom you have stationed in this world like an angel, a crier of your splendour; it is for you that I live, for you that I speak; I have become a living oblation to you—the one talent that is left of all my possessions.”

THE ABSOLUTION OF THE 9TH HOUR

Grant us to walk worthy of the calling to which Thou hast called us, that **when we depart this flesh we may be numbered with the true worshipers, worthy of the sufferings of Thine Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord, and may obtain mercy and forgiveness of our sins, and salvation with the host of saints who have pleased Thee from the ages and unto the end.** O God, bring to naught all the power of the disobedient-one and all his evil hosts, as Thine Only-begotten Son has trodden them by the power of His Life-giving Cross.

THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOU

“... So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith..”
Eph 3:17. Here, St Paul is writing to the believers of the
Christian churches, telling them that he is praying for
them that Christ may dwell in their hearts.

Hasn't Christ already dwelt in them when they were
saved? **What then happened when they received
salvation?** Also, both verses (Gal 4:19, Eph 3:17) are
preceded by a time of birth-pains and prayer that Paul
goes through in a special way, this indicates that it is not
an easy process. (Cont.) p22,23

THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOU (CONT.)

It is quite apparent that this is a further step, different from the first step when they have received Christ as a Saviour. Paul has pain in his spirit because he wants those believers to move to another stage. He does not want them to stop at the stage of just being believers because if it happens, they will be infants or childish in their spiritual walk with all the ups and downs. Therefore, he urges them to step into another important stage. What is this stage? He said : ‘Until Christ is formed in you; ‘Christ may dwell in your hearts’. p23

**IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ACCEPTING
CHRIST TO BE SAVED AND THE INDWELLING OR THE
FORMATION OF CHRIST IN US? P23**

From the above two references (*Gal 4:19, Eph 3:17*)
– and also it is **clear in many of Paul's writings** to
Romans, Colossians, and Ephesians- we understand
that **the starting point is to accept the saving grace;**
but, **after that, the believer need to receive Christ
Himself as a Person,** as their own Saviour.
Therefore, **what is received at the beginning is the
saving grace, but , this saving grace is different
from the Person of Christ.** p23,24

RECEIVED THE SAVING GRACE
BUT NOT THE SAVIOUR !!!

Salvation has been completed ; and also salvation needs to be worked out. It has been completed by Jesus and **we received it as the saving grace, but we need to work it out to receive the Saviour as a 'Person',** living in us (Gal 2:20). P 76,77

HIS SON IN US HOW???

God wants us to be His sons, and so we should have His Son inside us. In Eph 1:5, it is written : ‘having predestined us **to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself**, according to the good pleasure of His Will.’ In order to be adopted as

His sons in Jesus Christ and be real sons, **we must have His Son in us, we need the Person of Christ to be in us.** P 24

HOW CAN I HAVE A PERSON IN ME WHEN I AM ALREADY A PERSON? P24

This is a mystery, It cannot be fully understood by the human mind; it is much higher than the understanding of the mind; and so, it requires the revelation of the Spirit through the word of God. The Mystery is to receive Christ as a Person, in me. **If I do not have Him as a Person in me, I will remain a child in spirit and will only have the saving Grace but not the Saviour.** P 24

EMBRYO VS FORMED?

Searching the origin of the words, sheds light on what Paul refers to in the above verse (Gal 4:19).

During Paul's time, the word 'to be formed' was used in the medical field to describe the formation of the embryo inside the mother's womb. This means that Paul is aspiring for a spiritual step that is similar to the formation of the embryo in the mother's womb. **Understanding this physical truth will help us understand the Spiritual truth.** P 24,25

WORD STUDIES IN THE GREEK NEW TESTAMENT V1
KENNETH WUEST , EPHESIANS 3:17, P88

The purpose of the strengthening by the Spirit is now given, “that Christ may dwell in your hearts”. The **personal presence of the Lord Jesus in the heart of the believer is not in view here**. That is taken for granted. The word “dwell” is **κατοικέω (G2729)** made up of **οἰκέω (G3611)** ‘to live in as a home’ and **κατά (G2596)** ‘down’ thus “to settle down and be at home”. The tense is aorist, showing finality. The expanded translation is :
“That Christ might finally stettle down and feel completely at home in your hearts.”

GAL 4:19

19 My **little children**, for whom I **labor in birth** again until Christ is **formed** in you,

VINE'S EXPOSITORY DICTIONARY OF NEW TESTAMENT WORDS

Formed: μορφόω : G3445

Refers, not to the external and transient, but to the inward and real; it is used in Gal 4:19,
expressing the necessity of a change in character and conduct to correspond with inward spiritual condition, so that there may be moral conformity to Christ.

THAYER'S GREEK LEXICON

μορφόω, -ῶ : 1 aor pass. subj. 3 pers. sing. μορφωθῆῖ ;
[cf. μορφή, init.]; *to form* : in fig. discourse ἄχρις [T Tr
WH μέχρις, q. v. 1 a.] οὗ μορφωθῆῖ Χριστὸς ἐν ὑμῖν, i. e.
literally, until a mind and life in complete harmony with
the mind and life of Christ shall have been formed in
you, Gal. iv. 19. (Arat. phaen. 375 ; Anth. 1, 33, 1 ; Sept.
Is. xliv. 13.) [COMP. : μετα-, συμ-μορφόω.]*

WORD STUDIES IN THE GREEK NEW TESTAMENT V1
KENNETH WUEST , GAL 4:19, P129,

The word formed is from ‘morphoo’ which **refers to the act of giving outward expression of one’s inner man.** We use the English word form in that way sometimes. For instance, “I went to the tennis match yesterday. The winning player’s form was excellent.” we mean by that, **the outward expression which he gave of his inward ability to play tennis was excellent.**

ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

HOM. ON GAL 4:19

Do you see his parental compassion? Do you see the anguish that is fitting for an apostle? Do you see how he has lamented more bitterly than women giving birth? “you have ruined the image of God”, he is saying “you have lost the kinship, you have exchanged the likeness. You need a rebirth and a reformation. Yet nonetheless I still call the miscarriages and the abortions my children”.

HENRY GEORGE LIDDELL, ROBERT SCOTT, A
GREEK-ENGLISH LEXICON, ON PERSEUS

First attested in English in the mid-14c., the word *embryon* derives from Medieval Latin *embryo*, itself from Greek ἔμβρυον (*embruon*), lit. "young one"

DE FELICI, MASSIMO; SIRACUS, GREGORIO (2000). “

THE RISE OF EMBRYOLOGY IN ITALY: FROM THE RENAISSANCE TO THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY” (PDF). INT. J. DEV. BIOL. 44: P515

As recently as the 18th century, the prevailing notion in western human embryology was preformation: the idea that semen contains an embryo – a preformed, miniature infant, or *homunculus* – that simply becomes larger during development. **Until the birth of modern embryology through observation of the mammalian ovum by von Baer in 1827, there was no clear scientific understanding of embryology. Only in the late 1950s** when ultrasound was first used for uterine scanning, the true developmental chronology of human fetus was available.

EARLY CHURCH TEACHINGS & SPIRITUAL ZYGOTE

According to the Early Church teachings, salvation comes inside us like a zygote bearing in it all the ability and the potential of living being and all the blessings of salvation. The Spiritual zygote is the saving Grace. “For by the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. (Titus 2:11) This grace certainly brings true salvation. Exactly as a zygote contains all the secrets of the ordinary physical life, **the saving grace also contains in it all the mysteries of the things we need to live victorious fulfilled, and mature Christian life. It is the complete work of Christ which we receive through the Holy Spirit. P25 (When and how if there is no baptism)**

SAVED BUT NOT WORKING OUT OUR SALVATION!!!

However, this saving grace can be stunted. **We can stop at this point where we will be actually saved; but , we will not be working out our salvation with fear and trembling (Phil 2:12). The person can live and die only at the stage of being saved and Christ will not be formed in Him. P26 (is it zero inner man status?+ Zero Robe of Righteousness?)**

THREE BIRTHS !!! P27

- Thus, it is as if the person goes through three births: born as a child in the flesh; born again through salvation???,; and then the third birth is this breakthrough. This conviction is derived from Paul's word about having labour pains, indicating a birth process and a real inner person being delivered.⁵
- 5: Saint Philoxenos, 6th century, bishop of the old city 'Hieapolis'

ST GREGORY OF NYSSA ON THE THREE BIRTHS

(AGAINST EUNOMIUS, BK IV)

To speak briefly, as there are in us three births, whereby human nature is quickened, ¹one of the body, ²another in the sacrament of regeneration, ³**another** **by that resurrection of the dead for which we look**

MY LITTLE CHILDREN

ACCORDING TO KENNETH WUEST, GAL 4:19, VOL I, P 129

He speaks of them as his children (tekna, born ones). He is for the second time distressed for his Galatian convert with same anguish that he experienced in his effort at their conversion. The metaphor speaking of a Christian winning converts to the Lord Jesus, **as those who give birth to spiritual children**, is found in I Cor 4:15, Philemon 10.

I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU

For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *you do not have many fathers*; **for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.** 1 Cor 4:15

MY SON, WHOM I HAVE BEGOTTEN

I appeal to you for my son
Onesimus, whom I have
begotten *while* in my chains.
Philemon 10

SIN IS A QUEEN

In Romans 6:12 we read about ‘sin’ which is portrayed as a ‘queen’ who reigns in our members. Therefore, sin is a physical condition but it also has a personified picture of a king or queen who reigns. P 27

HALF FACT?

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³ And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, **and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God.** ¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. Rom 6:12-14

THE NEW NAME

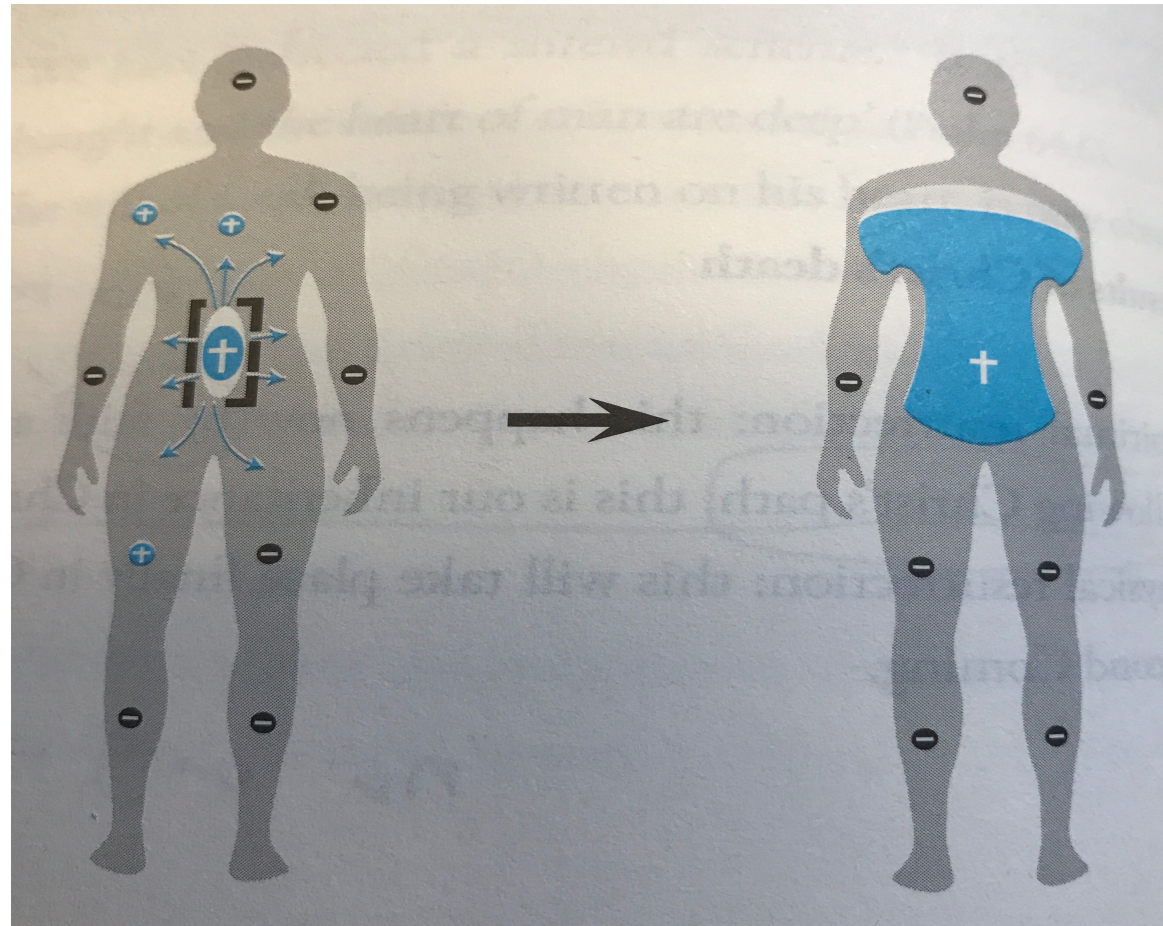
- The new name (Isa 62:2, Rev 2:17) is the mystery of Christ in each one of us. We should know the new name here and now on earth. !!!????
- My new name may be the man of sorrows, the man of Joy, or the man of wisdom, because this is how I am created ???!!! and I am called to achieve important things in His Kingdom; and those things needs this wisdom or this sorrow, or this patience and so on. p 32,33

BP CAESARIUS OF ALRES

ON REV 2:17

“And I shall give him a white stone” that is, **the body made white by Baptism**. “and on the stone is written a **new name**” that is , **the knowledge f the Son of man**. “which no one knows except him who receives it.” That is, no one knows except through revelation, and for that reason it is said of the Jews, “for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory.

BREAKING THE BARRIER???



A BARRIER WAS CREATED BETWEEN THE SPIRIT AND SOUL: P41

For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, **piercing even to the division of soul and spirit**, and **of joints and marrow**, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Heb 4:12

BREAKING THE BARRIER???

The barrier between the spirit and the soul still exists. It needs to be broken so that the saving grace may extend to fill the inner man: I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

(Gal 2:20) p47

THIS REIGN OF SIN IS STILL IN THE MEMBERS

The reign of sin **is no longer in the spirit of Man because he has already received the seed of grace, yet, this reign of sin is still in the members. It needs to be dethroned:**” so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Rom 5:21 p47

PIERCING !!!

KENNETH WUEST VOL II, HEBREWS 4:12, P89

Piercing is the translation of “**diikneomai**” which means “**to go through**” The words ‘The dividing asunder of soul and Spirit’ **do not mean, ‘The dividing asunder of soul and Spirit’**. Nor it is “the dividing asunder of joints and marrow”. The case in Greek is genitive of description, defining the action in the verb in this case. **It is going through the soul and a going through the spirit.** The preposition prefixed to the verb “*dia*” which means “through” in the sense of “the sword through the heart” **the dividing asunder here is not that of one thing from another, but of one thing in itself by the action something separating its constituent elements from one another by piercing it.**

FULL REALITY

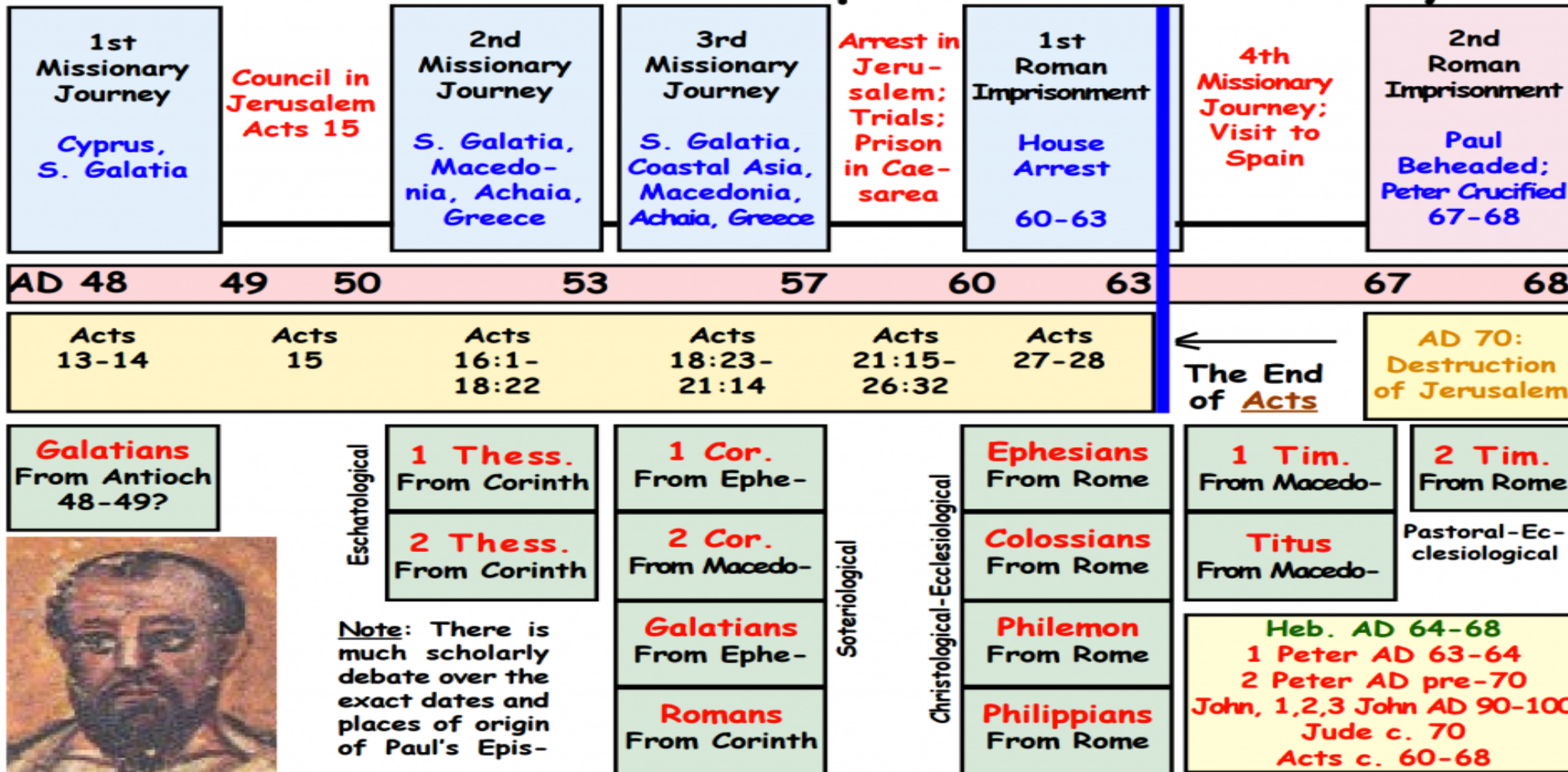
¹⁹ I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just **as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness**, and of lawlessness *leading to more* lawlessness, so **now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.** ²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death. ²² **But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.** Rom 6:19-22

IF THE SALVATION PROCESS IS COMPLETED !!!

- In II Cor 2:17, Paul writes “**For we are not as many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.**”
- Paul did all his talks, sermons, and preaching as if he was always in the sight of God. He says that he speaks with sincerity in the sight of God, like a man sent from God. **If salvation process is completed in us,???? it will surely touch our body and its members; ????? making them cleansed members that have the blessing over them.** As a results, our ministry will surely be different in every way and aspect. P 56

WHEN DID ST PAUL WROTE II COR.?

Time Line: St. Paul's Epistles and Journeys



ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

IN 2 COR. HOM. IN 2 COR. HOM. 5: 3.

+ FR TADROS COMMENTS

- **He will never hear that divine saying directed to the false apostles and prophets:** *“Your silver has become dross; your wine mixed with water (Isaiah 1: 22);* As the false prophets and the wicked priests used to corrupt the word of God by their own evil thoughts.
- **The apostle confirms that he is sent by God, and that he utters what He directly says to him as His ambassador;** and that he speaks before Him and in His presence. He seeks the realization of the message of Christ: *“Be reconciled to God”* (2 Corinthians 5: 20).
- ❖ **Paul talks in Christ, not by his own wisdom, but by the power given to him by God. St John Chrysostom**

