

ask yourself, "do I appreciate the Saints more than I used too?" Hopefully you will answer yes as you have grown in the Lord to love all the Saints with His love.

Paul's Ten noted Visitors at Rome

So who were these ten Saints Paul has had eye to eye contact with during his two years of imprisonment here at Rome according to what he wrote in PHILEMON; COLOSSIANS; EPHESIANS; and PHILIPPIANS? (1) Timothy, also called Timotheus -- PHILEMON 1:1; COLOSSIANS 1:1; PHILIPPIANS 1:1; and 2:19-23. (2) Onesimus -- PHILEMON 1:10 and COLOSSIANS 4:9. (3) Epaphras -- PHILEMON 1:23; COLOSSIANS 1:7 and 4:12. (4) Marcus -- PHILEMON 1:24 and COLOSSIANS 4:10. (5) Aristarchus -- PHILEMON 1:24 and COLOSSIANS 4:10. (6) Demas -- PHILEMON 1:24 and COLOSSIANS 4:14. (7) Lucas, also known as Luke, the beloved physician, (the author of ACTS, and the gospel according to LUKE) -- PHILEMON 1:24 and COLOSSIANS 4:14. (8) Tychicus -- EPHESIANS 6:21 and COLOSSIANS 4:7. (9) Jesus, which is called Justus -- COLOSSIANS 4:11. (10) Epaphroditus -- PHILIPPIANS 2:25 and 4:18. These ten as a group can be classified as fellowlabourers, fellow workers, companions in labour, and fellowsoldiers of the Apostle Paul. Four of the men mentioned here were with Paul when he sailed from Macedonia into Asia, and presumably continued with Paul on his last journey to Jerusalem: Timothy, Aristarchus, Tychicus, and Luke. {Study ACTS 20:4-6 real close to see this.} Of these four, Luke and Aristarchus were with Paul during the storm of ACTS 27. {Study ACTS 27:1 & 2.} Additionally two of these ten men are Church Apostles: Timothy and Epaphroditus, which we will explain more about further down in these notes. Truly these ten are quite a collection of Saints coming from all segments of life, and whose lives are worthy of some further study, which we also will do as we continue. The common thread between all of the above mentioned Saints is that they were at this point in Paul's life, followers of Paul, and devoted followers of Christ. Not all went on to have God's best however, at least as far as we are told in scripture. 2 TIMOTHY records: *For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica...*

As we begin to look a little closer at these ten Saints whom we know Paul had face-to-face contact with during his two year stay in Rome, note this: Paul did not call them friends! In fact you will not find the words "friend," or "friends" in Paul's epistles! Why? Certainly these men listed above were Paul's friends, true enough, but really they were far more than friends. We will find Paul using better words to describe these close associates, such as: "fellowlabourers," "fellow workers," "fellowservant," "companions in labour," "fellowsoldiers," "well beloved," "dearly beloved," "profitable to me," "servants of Jesus Christ," "fellowprisoner," and "faithful and beloved." There were other like adjectives used to describe the importance of these men to Paul's life, which we will see as we take a snap shot of each one of these ten men. The common link each of these men shared with Paul was their love of Jesus Christ. Also each of these ten men appreciated Paul's gospel message, and assisted Paul as the Lord enabled them in spreading Paul's gospel message. Yes, they all were far more than just friends, as we will continue to see in studying a little more about each of these men.

Timothy

Of these ten men who had face-to-face contact with Paul while here in Rome during this two year prison stay mentioned in ACTS 28:30 & 31, the first we will look at is Timothy, also called Timotheus, whom we have studied much about in previous lessons from this study. Recall that Timothy is called Timothy seven (SPIRITUAL PERFECTION or SPIRITUAL COMPLETION) times in scripture, and called Timotheus seventeen (VICTORY IN CHRIST JESUS) times in scripture. Timothy means: "honoring God." Timothy is one of the blessings, and one of the fruit of Paul and Barnabas first missionary journey; one of the ones that Paul desired to visit when he made this statement to Barnabas in ACTS 15:36*Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.* Without