

# PAUL AND ESCHATOLOGY IN HIS EPISTLES

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## ROMANS

- **Romans 2:5–16** – Future judgment according to truth
- **Romans 8:18–25** – Future glory, resurrection, and redemption of the body
- **Romans 11:25–27** – Israel’s future restoration
- **Romans 13:11–12** – Nearness of final salvation
- **Romans 14:10–12** – Judgment seat of God/Christ

**Emphasis:** Resurrection, judgment, Israel’s future, consummation

## 1 CORINTHIANS

- **1 Corinthians 1:7–8** – Awaiting the revelation of Christ
- **1 Corinthians 3:12–15** – Testing of works at the judgment seat
- **1 Corinthians 4:5** – The Lord’s coming will bring hidden things to light
- **1 Corinthians 6:2–3** – Saints judging the world and angels
- **1 Corinthians 15:20–28** – Resurrection order and final kingdom
- **1 Corinthians 15:35–58** – Resurrection body and victory over death

**Emphasis:** Resurrection, judgment, glorification, kingdom consummation

## 2 CORINTHIANS

- **2 Corinthians 1:14** – Boasting at the day of the Lord
- **2 Corinthians 4:14–18** – Eternal glory contrasted with present suffering
- **2 Corinthians 5:1–10** – Resurrection body and judgment seat of Christ

**Emphasis:** Eternal reward, resurrection, accountability

## GALATIANS

- **Galatians 1:4** – Deliverance from this present evil age
- **Galatians 6:7–9** – Future harvest and eternal life

**Emphasis:** Age to come, final outcomes of faithfulness

## EPHESIANS

- **Ephesians 1:10–14** – Future summing up of all things in Christ
- **Ephesians 1:21** – The age to come
- **Ephesians 2:6–7** – Future display of God’s grace
- **Ephesians 5:5–6** – Kingdom inheritance and judgment

**Emphasis:** Future ages, kingdom inheritance

## PHILIPPIANS

- **Philippians 1:6** – Completion at the day of Christ
- **Philippians 1:10** – Sincerity until the day of Christ
- **Philippians 3:20–21** – Christ’s return and bodily transformation

**Emphasis:** Transformation, completion, citizenship in heaven

## COLOSSIANS

- **Colossians 1:5** – Hope laid up in heaven
- **Colossians 3:4** – Appearing with Christ in glory

**Emphasis:** Future glory with Christ

## 1 THESSALONIANS (PAUL’S MOST ESCHATOLOGICALLY FOCUSED LETTER)

- **1:10** – Waiting for God’s Son from heaven
- **2:19–20** – Joy at Christ’s coming
- **3:13** – Blameless at Christ’s coming
- **4:13–18** – Resurrection and gathering of believers
- **5:1–11** – Day of the Lord
- **5:23** – Preservation until Christ’s coming

**Emphasis:** Return of Christ, resurrection, hope, readiness  
*(Every chapter ends with Christ’s return)*

## 2 THESSALONIANS

- **1:6–10** – Christ’s return in judgment
- **2:1–12** – Day of the Lord, man of sin, restrainer
- **3:5** – Steadfastness awaiting Christ

**Emphasis:** Day of the Lord, judgment, deception

## 1 TIMOTHY

- **1 Timothy 6:14–16** – Appearing of Christ
- **1 Timothy 6:19** – Laying hold of eternal life

## 2 TIMOTHY

- **2 Timothy 1:12, 18** – The “day” of reward
- **2 Timothy 4:1** – Judgment at Christ’s appearing
- **2 Timothy 4:8** – Crown of righteousness at His appearing

**Emphasis:** Reward, judgment, perseverance

## TITUS

- **Titus 2:11–13** – Blessed hope and glorious appearing
- **Titus 3:7** – Heirs of eternal life

**Emphasis:** Hope shaping holy living

## PHILEMON

- *No explicit eschatology*  
(Implicit eternal accountability and fellowship)

## SUMMARY BY THEME

### **Resurrection**

- 1 Corinthians 15
- 1 Thessalonians 4
- Romans 8

### **Christ's Return / Appearing**

- Philippians 3:20–21
- Titus 2:13
- 1–2 Thessalonians (multiple)

### **Judgment / Reward**

- Romans 14
- 1 Corinthians 3
- 2 Corinthians 5
- 2 Timothy 4

### **Kingdom / Future Ages**

- Ephesians 1–2
- Colossians 3