

**Banned Questions about the Bible, Part 4 of 4:
Paul, Revelation, and the Rest of the New Testament**

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John Wycliffe

- 1382 - translated Bible (Latin “Vulgate”) into the English vernacular.
- Anti-clerical and taught that individuals should study the Bible for themselves
- 1384 - died, but in 1428, his corpse was exhumed, burned, and the ashes thrown into river

Michael Servetus (1511 - 1553)

- [1455: Gutenberg invents moveable type printing press]
- 1531: *De Trinitatis Erroribus* (“On the Errors of the Trinity”) - read Bible for himself and discovered there was “not one word about the Trinity” (talking about God in three ways is different from the doctrine of the Trinity was wasn’t established until the 4th century).
 - no *homo(o)ousios* (“Great Vowel Debate”)
- 1533: *The Restoration of Christianit*
- Minister-scientist - 1st in the West to grasp the circuit of the blood in the heart and lungs.
- 1553 - Executed/martyred by John Calvin in Geneva for anti-Trinitarianism and anti-paedobaptism
- For more, see *Out of the Flames: The Remarkable Story of a Fearless Scholar, a Fatal Heresy, and One of the Rarest Books in the World* (2003) by Nancy and Lawrence Goldstone

Genre: New Testament Letters

- I. **Why Letters?** If Jesus was coming back soon, then need “immediate literature”
- II. **13 letters/epistles attributed to Paul**
 - a. 9 to communities (Rom, 1-2 Cor, Gal, Eph, Phil, Col, 1-2 Thess)
 - b. 4 to individuals (1-2 Tim, Titus, Phlm)
 - c. Descending length
 - d. Catholic Epistles (James, Peter, John, Jude) — order of Gal 2:9

Scribe (1 Cor 16:21; Gal 6:11; II Thess 3:17; Col 4:18; Rom 16:22; I Pet 5:12)

For Further Study

- biblestudytools.com — New Revised Standard Version (dynamic equivalence), American Standard Version (formal equivalence)
- [Jewish Annotated New Testament](#)
- [First Paul](#) by Borg and Crossan
- [The Authentic Letters of Paul](#) by Dewey
- [Paul Was Not a Christian](#) by Pamela Eisenbaum
- [Synopsis of Pauline Letters in Greek and English](#)