Paul's Letters to the Churches:

To Whom Was He Writing?

Book/Author	To	Background Text
Romans/Paul	Christians in Rome	Written from Corinth during Paul's third
		missionary journey in Acts 18-21 . He hadn't
		met these Roman Christians yet but most likely
		did 3-10 years later in Acts 28 .
1 & 2 Corinthians/Paul	Church in Corinth	Acts 18:1-18
Galatians/Paul	Churches in Galatia	The exact churches of Galatia to which this
		letter was written are unknown, but some
		sources say these were the churches
		established in Antioch Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra,
		and Derbe. If true, Luke wrote about these
		churches in Acts 13:14-14:23.
Ephesians/Paul	Church in Ephesus	Acts 19:1-20:1, Acts 20:17-38
Philippians/Paul	Church in Philippi	Acts 16:11-40
1 & 2 Thessalonians/Paul	Church in Thessalonica	Acts 17:1-9

To understand how Paul's letters apply to our lives, we need to first understand how they applied to the lives of those to which the original letter was sent. Before reading a letter (or epistle), it helps to read the background of the city and church to which he was writing. This chart will help get you started.

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