

### **A Common Question:**

“Paul’s letters were written a long time ago to specific churches like Corinth, Ephesus, Galatia, and to individuals like Timothy and Titus. Why should we treat them as if they’re meant for us? How can they still be God’s Word for today?”

#### **A Real-World Analogy: Einstein’s Letter**

To answer that, let’s look at a true historical example.

In 1939, Albert Einstein, a brilliant physicist, wrote a private letter to U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt. In it, he warned that Nazi Germany might be developing nuclear weapons. Einstein included the scientific principle (formula) behind building such a weapon. This letter led to the formation of the U.S. atomic program and ultimately to the creation of the atomic bomb, which was tested in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

But what’s fascinating is that **the impact of Einstein’s letter didn’t end with the U.S. president.** Eventually, parts of it were leaked. Countries like Russia, India, Pakistan, and France later used the *same nuclear principles* to build their own bombs—even decades later.

Why? Because **truth doesn't expire**. A powerful discovery is useful not only to the person it was first given to, but to all who understand and apply it. Even today, Einstein's formula influences nuclear science worldwide.

**The Biblical Parallel: Paul's Letters**

In the same way, Paul's letters (also called *epistles*) may have been addressed to churches and individuals in the first century—but their truths are eternal and Spirit-breathed. What Paul wrote was not just cultural advice or personal opinion. It was **divinely inspired teaching** meant to instruct, rebuke, correct, and train God's people across all generations.

*"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."*

— 2 Timothy 3:16, ESV

Though Paul was writing to specific churches (like Corinth, Ephesus, etc.), the Holy Spirit knew that those words would be needed by future believers—**including us today**.

*“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”*

— Romans 15:4, ESV

In fact, the New Testament epistles are **God's blueprint for the Church**—on how to live holy lives, understand salvation, walk in the Spirit, love one another, and withstand false teaching.

**Spiritual Warfare: Then and Now**

The early churches battled spiritual deception, immorality, division, legalism, and persecution. Sound familiar? We face the *same* battles today—often worse.

*“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness...”*

— Ephesians 6:12, ESV

That's why we need the same "spiritual weapons" the apostles gave to the early Church. We fight with the truth of God's Word, not human strength.

Paul's letters provide **spiritual formulas**—like Einstein's formulas—to build up believers and defeat the enemy. But if we dismiss them as outdated or irrelevant, we're like a nation refusing to defend itself with proven military knowledge. The enemy will overpower us.

*"For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds."*

— 2 Corinthians 10:4, ESV

#### A Warning About Lukewarm Faith

And here's the deeper issue: **Have you truly received Jesus? Or are you just "religious"?**

Many people read Scripture, go to church, or talk about God, but their hearts are still far from Him. They're lukewarm—half-hearted, spiritually asleep.

Jesus warned:

*"I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm... I will spit you out of my mouth."*

— Revelation 3:15-16, ESV

This is serious. We're living in the last days. The trumpet could sound at any moment. Eternity is near. All earthly things will fade—but **only those rooted in the Word of God will stand.**

*"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."*

— Matthew 24:35, ESV

*"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."*

— Isaiah 40:8, ESV

**Conclusion: Why Paul's Letters Matter**

Paul's letters still matter today because:

- They are **God's Word**, not man's opinion.
- They are **Spirit-inspired** for all generations.
- They contain **spiritual blueprints** for victory, maturity, and holiness.
- They speak directly to the struggles of our time—perhaps more now than ever before.

**Call to Action: Fully Surrender to Jesus**

So, have you genuinely given your life to Jesus—or are you just living a “church life” without true transformation?

*“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”*

— Matthew 16:24, ESV

Repent. Turn from lukewarm Christianity. Embrace the cross. Be filled with the Holy Spirit. And take God's Word seriously—not as a relic of the past, but as the living voice of God speaking **right now**.

*“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”*

— Hebrews 3:15, ESV

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**May the Lord bless you, fill you with truth, and equip you for**

**victory through His Word.**

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