

GALATIANS 1–3

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

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THEME VERSE:

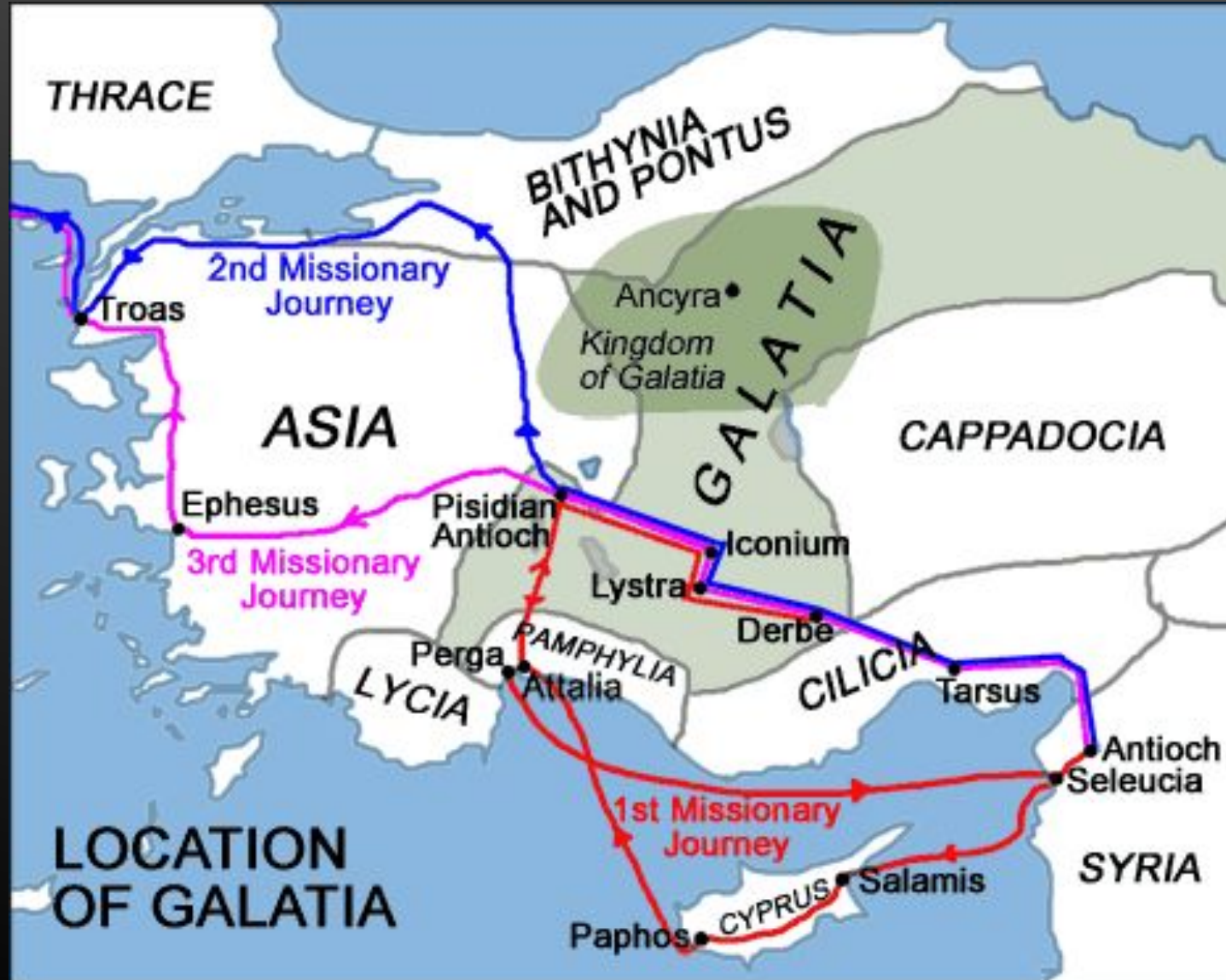
“IT WAS FOR FREEDOM THAT CHRIST SET US FREE;
THEREFORE KEEP STANDING FIRM AND DO NOT BE
SUBJECT AGAIN TO A YOKE OF SLAVERY.

(GAL. 5:1)”

THE TRUE GOSPEL BRINGS FREEDOM

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LOCATION OF GALATIA



OUTLINE OF BOOK OF GALATIANS

- I. The True gospel defended (1:1-2:21)
 - a. Greetings (1:1-1:5)
 - b. The distortion of the true gospel (1:6-1:9)
 - c. The revelation and affirmation of the true gospel (1:10-2:10)
 - d. The hypocrisy of Peter (2:11-2:14)
 - e. Justification is by faith, not by works (2:15-2:21)
- II. The True gospel explained (3:1-4:31)
 - a. Righteousness comes through faith, not works (3:1-14)
 - b. The relationship between the law and the promise (3:15-3:29)
 - c. Not slaves but heirs in Christ (4:1-4:11)
 - d. Become as I am: Paul's heartfelt cry (4:12-4:20)
 - e. The allegory of the bondwoman and the free woman (4:21-4:31)
- III. The True gospel applied (5:1-6:18)
 - a. Stand firm in the freedom won by Christ (5:1-5:15)
 - b. Walk by the Spirit, not by the flesh (5:16-6:10)
 - c. Boast in the freedom of the cross (6:11-6:18)

THE TRUE GOSPEL DEFENDED

Greetings (1:1-5)

- Paul emphasizes his apostleship and through Jesus and God the Father. vs1
- Emphasizes how Jesus gave Himself to rescue us for the evil of the world and consequences of sin. vs5
- 1 Paul, an apostle (not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead)

THE TRUE GOSPEL DEFENDED


The distortion of the true gospel 1:6-1:9

- Paul is shocked by Galatians actions by deserting true gospel for another. vs6
- Paul explains if angel or man preaches a different gospel they are to be accursed! vs8-9

⁶ I am **amazed** that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel;

THE TRUE GOSPEL DEFENDED

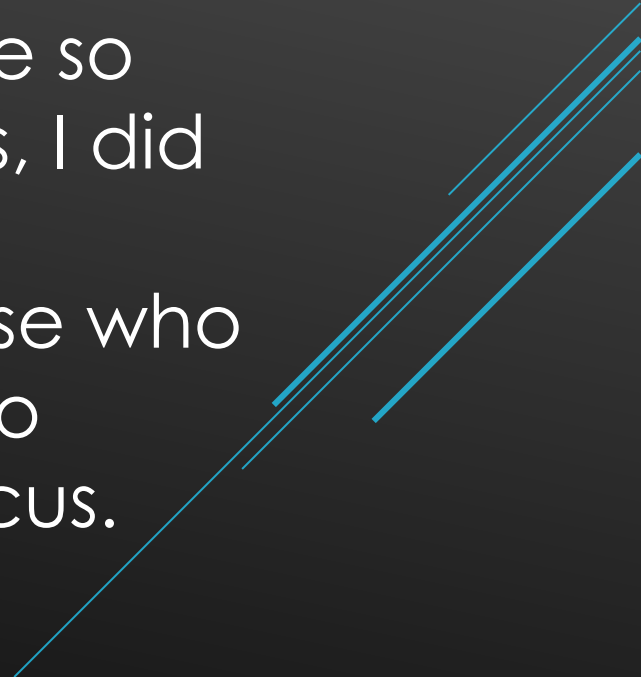
The revelation and affirmation of the true gospel 1:10-2:10

- Gospel which Paul preached was received or taught by men but received through Jesus via revelation. vs11-12 (Act 9:1-19)
 - Paul review history and advance knowledge and zeal in Judaism. vs13-17
 - Paul did not go till 3 years later to Jerusalem. vs18-24
 - Paul goes to Jerusalem 14 years later with Barnabas & Titus. Galatians 2 & Acts 15
 - John, Peter and James recognize Paul's commission to preach gospel to gentiles. vs7-10
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THE TRUE GOSPEL DEFENDED

Galatian 1:15-17

¹⁵ But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood, ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to Damascus.

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THE TRUE GOSPEL DEFENDED

The hypocrisy of Peter 2:11-2:14

- Paul opposed Peter directly. He challenged him on how join the hypocrisy of the Judaizer which swayed other (Barnabas) and not straightforward on the gospel.

¹⁴ But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, *how is it that* you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

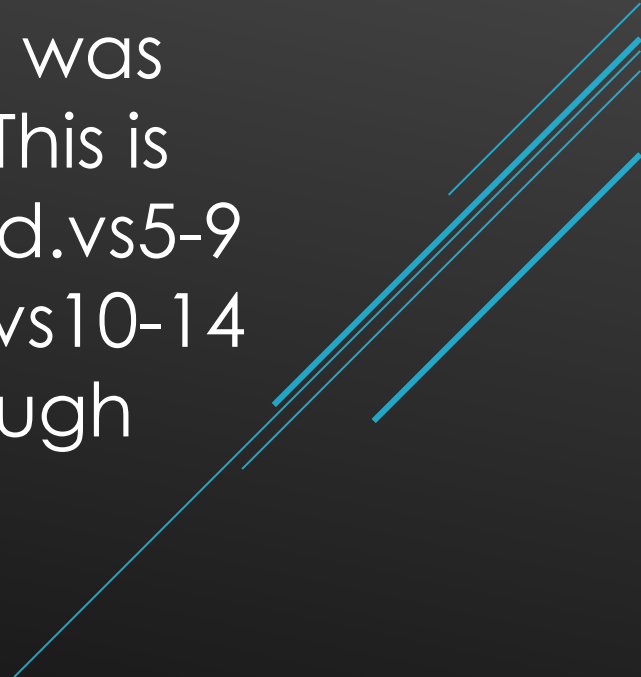
THE TRUE GOSPEL DEFENDED

Justification is by faith, not by works -2:15-21

- Paul clarifies how gospel explains we are justified by faith through Christ. Paul states he/his flesh is crucified with Christ so he so now he lives by faith through Christ.
- ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and ^[1]the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

THE TRUE GOSPEL EXPLAINED

Righteousness comes through faith, not works-3:1-14

- Paul challenges Galatians on did they receive the spirit. By the law or hearing with faith? How does the spirit be perfected by the flesh. vs1-5
 - Paul uses Abraham as example in how he was justified by faith and reckoned righteous. This is how gentiles (many nations) will be justified.vs5-9
 - The Law brings it curse or consequences. vs10-14
 - One receives the promise of the spirit through faith. vs15
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THE TRUE GOSPEL EXPLAINED

The relationship between the law and the promise 3:15-3:29

- The promise to Abraham and seed (Christ) was 430 years before the law does not invalidate the covenant. For it is an inheritance based on a promise not on law or condition we must keep. vs15-18
- The purpose of the Law is to show us we are all sinners. It is meant to draw us to the need of God's grace. It to lead all of us to Christ who fulfilled the law we could not. vs19-29

THE TRUE GOSPEL EXPLAINED

24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is [a]neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

