

# Background of Galatians

Without revelation, we are  
trapped into a life with  
Christ plus something else

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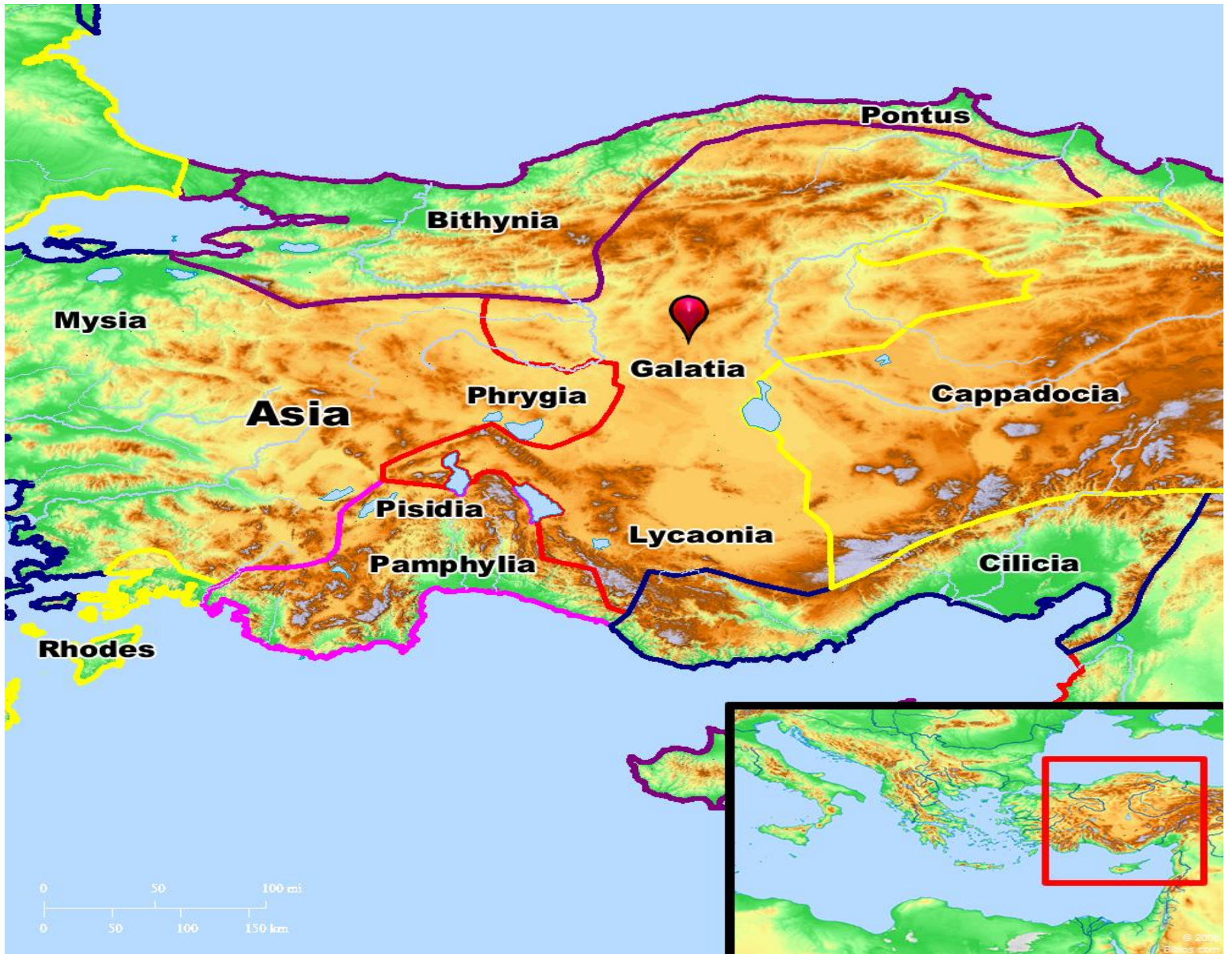
- Written by the apostle Paul in about A.D. 54
- During Paul's second ministry journey
- Perhaps Paul's earliest epistle
- Written when he was younger

**Apostle Paul's  
First Missionary Journey  
44 - 46 A.D.**



**Apostle Paul's  
Second Missionary Journey  
49 - 52 A.D.**





Underlying problems

- Different/another gospel
- The present evil age

# The present evil age

- Who gave Himself for our sins that He might rescue us out of the present evil age according to the will of our God and Father. Galatians 1:4
- The religious age
- A part of the world satanic system
- The religious world
- The age that is present, right now
- It is evil
- This is not referring specifically to the sinful or immoral age, but to the religious age
- The religious course of the world
- Caught in this evil age

- This evil age is insidious
- It is not necessarily the sinful and immoral things
- It is rather the so-called good things that are promoted and taught
- Eventually, these things become an age or a system, according to which we try to live our lives



# Producing a different gospel

- I marvel that you are so quickly removing from Him who has called you in the grace of Christ to a different gospel. Galatians 1:6
- The present evil age produces another gospel

# Christ plus

- We may have Christ
- But we have Christ plus something else
- There is something else that regulates the way we live our lives, something more than Christ

**Why?**

Because  
we lack  
revelation

**Not because  
we are weak  
or sinful**

It is not so much  
our sins and  
weaknesses that  
hinder us

But because  
of the  
religious age  
in our blood

That is why  
our critical  
need is  
revelation



Revelation  
comes from  
God Himself

- But when it pleased **God**, who separated me from my mother's womb, and having called me by His grace, **to reveal His Son in me** so that I might preach Him among the nations, immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood (Galatians 1:15-16)

# We must contact God Himself directly, face to face

- We want someone to tell us, to teach us, to explain to us, God
- We want someone to explain God to us according to our logic and concept of God
- We are not willing to come to God Himself, to challenge God, to interact with God, to prove God to be real to us

- Paul, an apostle (**not from men, nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father**, who raised Him from the dead), 1:1
- And, brothers, I make known to you the gospel which was preached by me, that it is not **according to man**. For I did not receive it **from man**, nor was I taught it except by **a revelation of Jesus Christ** (1:11-12)
- to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the nations, **immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood**
- Nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those apostles before me, but **I went into Arabia** and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and stayed with him fifteen days. But **I saw no other of the apostles, except James the Lord's brother**

We need a  
time with the  
Lord Himself

I must be able to  
say that God has  
appeared to me  
and spoken to  
me

Galatians presents us  
with the urgency to  
know Christ Himself,  
directly, personally,  
and nothing else

In the church life, with  
the brothers and  
sisters, I must have a  
living touch with God  
Himself



Otherwise, I will have  
Christ plus something  
else, something  
good, but not Christ  
Himself