

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

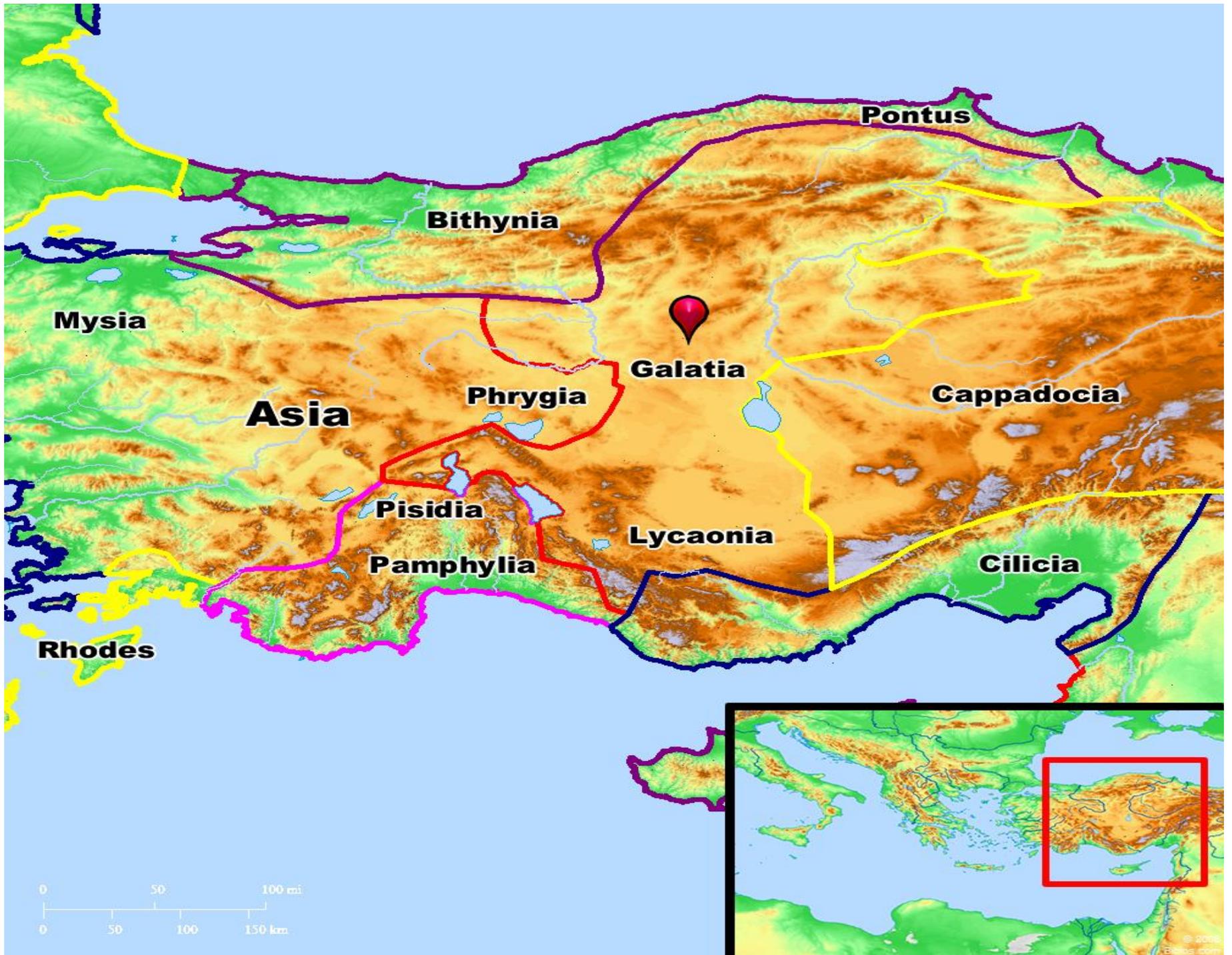
**Apostle Paul's
First Missionary Journey
44 - 46 A.D.**



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



- ★ Location where Missionary Journey Begins
- ➔ Travel to Jerusalem Conference Before Journey
- ➔ Apostle Paul's Second Missionary Journey



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