

Galatians 2:1-10

- 1 Then through fourteen years, I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also.
 - 2 And I went up by revelation. And I put before them the gospel which I proclaim in the nations, but privately to those seeming to be pillars, lest I run, or I ran, into vanity.
 - 3 (But not even Titus, the one with me, a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised.)
 - 4 But because of those false brothers stealing in, who stole in to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus; they desiring to enslave us;
 - 5 to whom not even for an hour did we yield in subjection, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.
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- 1 Quatorze ans après, je montai de nouveau à Jérusalem avec Barnabas, ayant aussi pris Tite avec moi;
 - 2 et ce fut d'après une révélation que j'y montai. Je leur exposai l'Évangile que je prêche parmi les païens, je l'exposai en particulier à ceux qui sont les plus considérés, afin de ne pas courir ou avoir couru en vain.
 - 3 Mais Tite, qui était avec moi, et qui était Grec, ne fut pas même contraint de se faire circoncire.
 - 4 Et cela, à cause des faux frères qui s'étaient furtivement introduits et glissés parmi nous, pour épier la liberté que nous avons en Jésus Christ, avec l'intention de nous asservir.
 - 5 Nous ne leur cédâmes pas un instant et nous résistâmes à leurs exigences, afin que la vérité de l'Évangile fût maintenue parmi vous.

6 But from those who seemed to be something (what kind they were then does not matter to me; God does not accept the face of man), for those seeming important conferred nothing to me.

7 But on the contrary, seeing that I have been entrusted with the gospel of the uncircumcision, as Peter to the circumcision;

8 for He working in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision also worked in me to the nations.

9 and knowing the grace given to me, James, and Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, gave right hands of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we go to the nations, but they to the circumcision.

10 Only they asked that we remember the poor, which very thing I was eager to do.

6 Ceux qui sont les plus considérés-quels qu'ils aient été jadis, cela ne m'importe pas: Dieu ne fait point acception de personnes, -ceux qui sont les plus considérés ne m'imposèrent rien.

7 Au contraire, voyant que l'Évangile m'avait été confié pour les incirconcis, comme à Pierre pour les circoncis, -

8 car celui qui a fait de Pierre l'apôtre des circoncis a aussi fait de moi l'apôtre des païens, -

9 et ayant reconnu la grâce qui m'avait été accordée, Jacques, Céphas et Jean, qui sont regardés comme des colonnes, me donnèrent, à moi et à Barnabas, la main d'association, afin que nous allussions, nous vers les païens, et eux vers les circoncis.

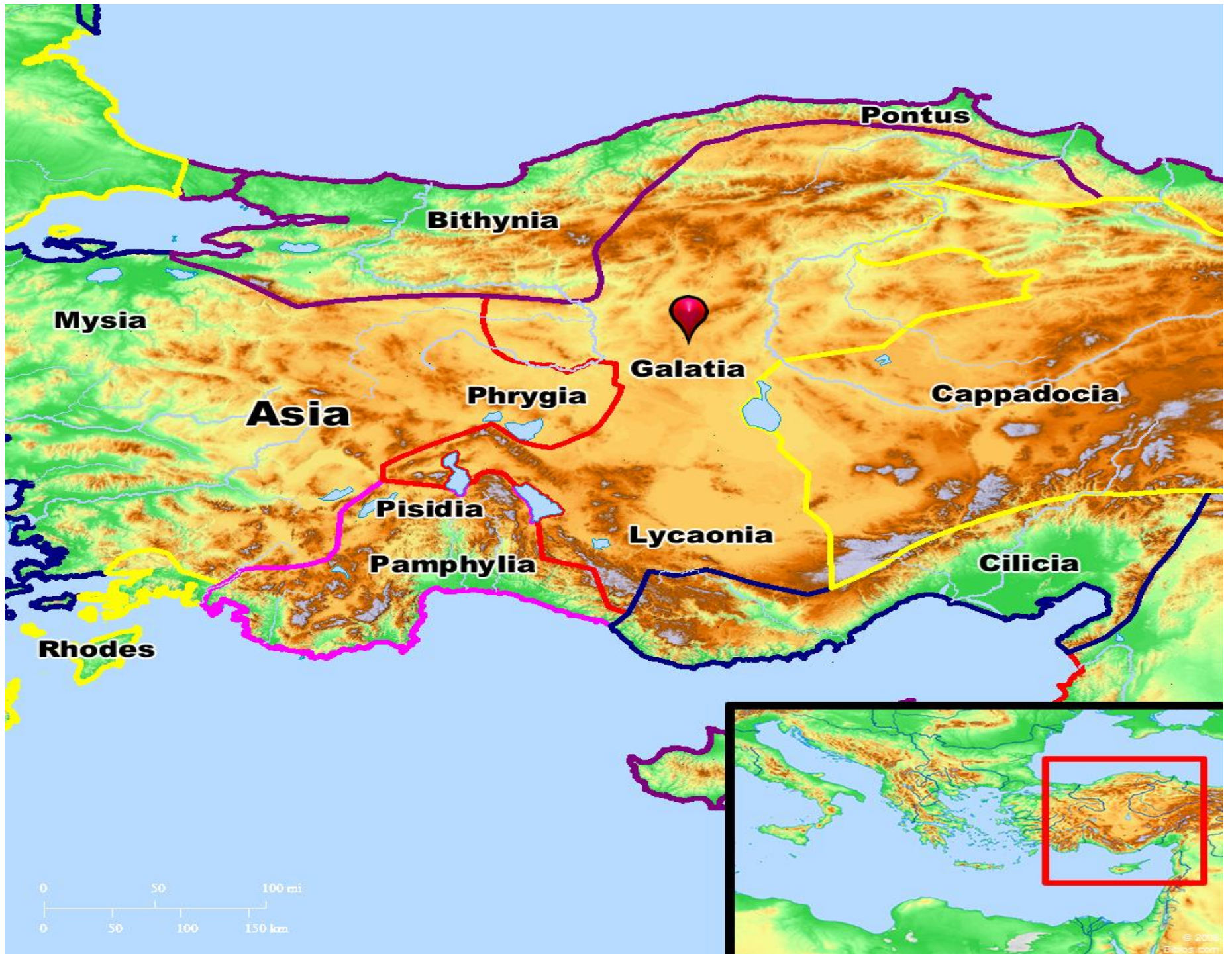
10 Ils nous recommandèrent seulement de nous souvenir des pauvres, ce que j'ai bien eu soin de faire.

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



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





Are we desperate to
receive revelation?

A revelation that can
change our life?

Revelation

- In Greek, the meaning is « uncovering » or « unveiling »
- Are we unveiled?
- Has the Lord touched our heart so that something in us is uncovered or exposed?
- Are we blind?
- Does what we see control our living?

Paul was a person of revelation

- 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 (1:15-16)
- And I went up **by revelation** (2:2)

How?

Time Line of Paul's growth

- Paul's salvation on road to Damascus: around 34 AD
- Paul in Arabia for 3 years: 34 – 37 AD
- Paul back in Damascus to preach the gospel crazily until he is let down in a basket by disciples and escapes
- Paul in Jerusalem for 15 days (with Peter)
- Paul in Tarsus for about 4 years (in Syria and Cilicia – Galatians 1:21-24)
- Paul brought to Antioch by Barnabas, and in Antioch for about 3 years

1. Paul listened to what God told him

- Act 9:3 But in going, it happened as he drew near to Damascus, even suddenly a light from the heaven shone around him.
- Act 9:4 And he fell to the earth and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?
- Act 9:5 And **he said, Who are you, lord?** And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom you persecute. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.
- Act 9:6 And trembling and astonished, **he said, Lord, what will You have me to do?** And the Lord said to him, Arise and go into the city, and you shall be told what you must do.
- Act 9:7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, indeed **hearing a voice but seeing no one.**
- Act 9:8 And Saul was lifted up from the earth, his eyes were opened, but he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.
- Act 9:9 And **he was three days not seeing, and did not eat or drink.**

2. Paul was blind for 3 days and 3 nights

- Act 9:9 And he was three days not seeing, and did not eat or drink.
- When we really see Christ, we realize that we are blind
- Everything I once saw no longer works
- Everything I have disappears
- My hope, my talent, my great future, my position, all disappear
- It is in this blindness that Paul saw further revelation (Ananias coming)

3. Paul spent time alone with the Lord

- Gal 1:17 Nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those apostles before me, but **I went into Arabia** and returned again to Damascus.
- Gal 1:18 **Then after three years** I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and stayed with him fifteen days.
- Paul was in Arabia, a desert area, for three years, alone with the Lord
- It is there that the Lord showed him revelation upon revelation concerning Christ revealed in the Old Testament

Paul pursued the Lord alone

- Paul needed this time alone with the Lord
- He had to be very close to the Lord and hear from the Lord directly
- Every time the Lord speaks to me, I must spend time with Him to consolidate and validate His speaking in my life
- Otherwise, whatever I hear, either in a meeting or a conference, may become doctrine or teaching to me, with no effect on my life

4. Paul needed much time

- He spent 3 years in Arabia
- He went to Jerusalem after a period of 14 years.
- That means that he allowed for a 14 year time frame to consolidate and realize God's revelation to him
- How much time do I give the Lord?
- How much time am I willing to pursue, to read the Bible, to seek the Lord in His word?

5. Paul did not check with anyone

- Gal 1:19 But I saw no other of the apostles, except James the Lord's brother.
- Paul did not rely on any other apostle to validate the Lord's revelation to him
- This does not mean that he did not treasure fellowship with others
- On the contrary, he himself went to Jerusalem with Barnabas and Titus to lay before the brothers the gospel that God had entrusted to him (2:15)

6. Paul lived his life firmly according to revelation

- But because of those false brothers stealing in, who stole in to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus; they desiring to enslave us; **to whom not even for an hour did we yield in subjection**, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you (2:4-5)
- Do I live my life according to what I have seen?
- How do I manage my time?

7. Such a revelation becomes a trust, a commitment

- But on the contrary, seeing that I have been **entrusted** with the gospel of the uncircumcision, as Peter to the circumcision (2:7)
- Does what God reveal to us become our trust, our commitment?
- Something that will not let us go
- Something that we will not let go

8. Such a revelation is not the result of knowledge, ability, gift or wisdom, but of God's grace

- Gal 1:15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and having called me **by His grace**,
- and knowing **the grace given to me**, James, and Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, gave right hands of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we go to the nations, but they to the circumcision (2:9).

We have no boast in any revelation that we may have received

- Any revelation which we may receive is all because of God's grace
- The more of God's grace we enjoy, the more we may be brought into knowing God and knowing His heart
- God is pleased to give us revelation according to His bountiful grace
- Not for us to boast, but for Him to be exalted and glorified

Do not let the Lord go!

- What do I do with God's speaking?
- Do not let the Lord's speaking become merely something good to hear and to know
- Let it touch me, affect me, change me
- Challenge the Lord to change us in one area
- The way I use my time, what I watch on TV, what I listen to, the way I speak
- Otherwise I may come to meeting after meeting and hear message after message, but remain the same person