

Galatians 3:1-14

- 1 O foolish Galatians, who bewitched you not to obey the truth, to whom before your eyes Jesus Christ was written among you crucified?
 - 2 This only I would learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law, or by hearing of faith?
 - 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, do you now perfect yourself in the flesh?
 - 4 Did you suffer so many things in vain, if indeed it is even in vain?
 - 5 Then He supplying the Spirit to you and working powerful works in you, is it by works of the law, or by hearing of faith?
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- 1 O Galates, dépourvus de sens! qui vous a fascinés, vous, aux yeux de qui Jésus Christ a été peint comme crucifié?
 - 2 Voici seulement ce que je veux apprendre de vous: Est-ce par les œuvres de la loi que vous avez reçu l'Esprit, ou par la prédication de la foi?
 - 3 Êtes-vous tellement dépourvus de sens? Après avoir commencé par l'Esprit, voulez-vous maintenant finir par la chair?
 - 4 Avez-vous tant souffert en vain? si toutefois c'est en vain.
 - 5 Celui qui vous accorde l'Esprit, et qui opère des miracles parmi vous, le fait-il donc par les œuvres de la loi, ou par la prédication de la foi?

6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness.

7 Therefore know that those of faith, these are the sons of Abraham.

8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the nations through faith, preached the gospel before to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all nations be blessed."

9 So then those of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

10 For as many as are out of works of the Law, these are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the Book of the Law, to do them."

6 Comme Abraham crut à Dieu, et que cela lui fut imputé à justice,

7 reconnaissez donc que ce sont ceux qui ont la foi qui sont fils d'Abraham.

8 Aussi l'Écriture, prévoyant que Dieu justifierait les païens par la foi, a d'avance annoncé cette bonne nouvelle à Abraham: Toutes les nations seront bénies en toi!

9 de sorte que ceux qui croient sont bénis avec Abraham le croyant.

10 Car tous ceux qui s'attachent aux œuvres de la loi sont sous la malédiction; car il est écrit: Maudit est quiconque n'observe pas tout ce qui est écrit dans le livre de la loi, et ne le met pas en pratique.

- 11 But that no one is justified by the Law in the sight of God is clear, for, "The just shall live by faith."**
- 12 But the Law is not of faith; but, "The man who does these things shall live in them."**
- 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, being made a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone having been hanged on a tree");**
- 14 so that the blessing of Abraham might be to the nations in Jesus Christ, and that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**
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- 11 Et que nul ne soit justifié devant Dieu par la loi, cela est évident, puisqu'il est dit: Le juste vivra par la foi.**
- 12 Or, la loi ne procède pas de la foi; mais elle dit: Celui qui mettra ces choses en pratique vivra par elles.**
- 13 Christ nous a rachetés de la malédiction de la loi, étant devenu malédiction pour nous-car il est écrit: Maudit est quiconque est pendu au bois, -**
- 14 afin que la bénédiction d'Abraham eût pour les païens son accomplissement en Jésus Christ, et que nous reçussions par la foi l'Esprit qui avait été promis.**

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

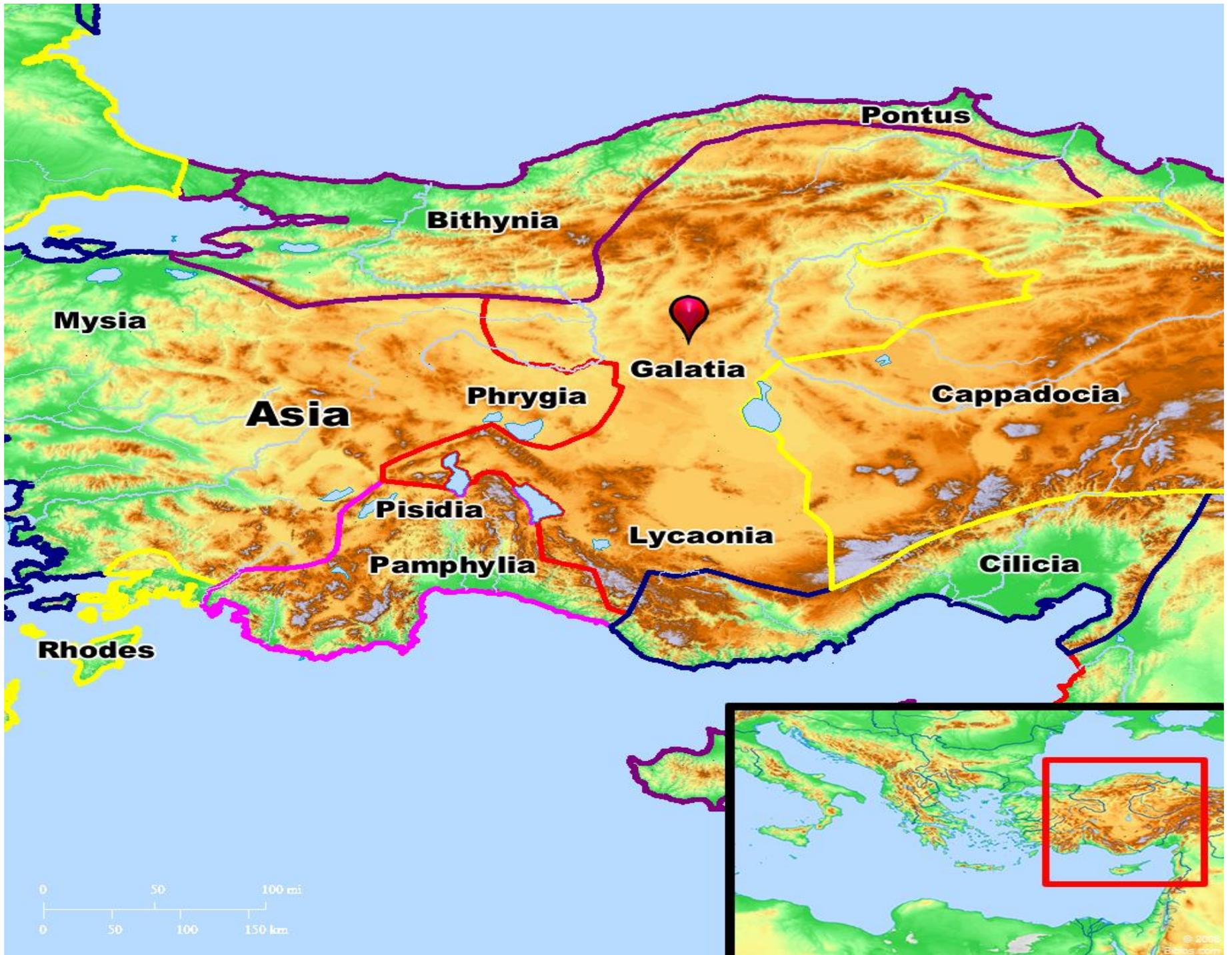


**Apostle Paul's
Second Missionary Journey
49 - 52 A.D.**



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





The Blessing of Abraham in our experience

1. The word of God must come to us
2. God must be our shield and reward
3. We must hear the word of God
4. Our hearing produces faith
5. Causing us to receive the promise of the Spirit

The example of Abraham before the law was given

- Gen 15:1 After these things **the Word of Jehovah came to Abram** in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram, **I am your shield and your exceeding great reward.**
- Gen 15:2 And Abram said, Lord God, what will You give me, since I am going childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?
- Gen 15:3 And Abram said, Behold, You have given no seed to me. And behold, one born in my house is my heir.
- Gen 15:4 And behold, **the Word of Jehovah came to him** saying, This one shall not be your heir. But he that shall come forth out of your own bowels shall be your heir.
- Gen 15:5 And He brought him outside and said, Look now toward the heavens and count the stars, if you are able to count them. And He said to him, So shall your seed be.
- Gen 15:6 And **he believed in Jehovah.** And He counted it to him for righteousness.
- Gen 15:7 And He said to him, I am Jehovah that brought you out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give you this **land to inherit it.**
- Gen 15:8 And he said, Lord God, by what shall I know that I shall inherit it?

The promise
comes first,
then the law

A promise has
nothing to do with
the receiver's end
of the bargain

A promise is not
a mutual contract
but a one-way
agreement

Similar to a promissory note



1. The word of God
must come to us

The word is the
basis of all
God's dealing
with us

Any action on our
part apart from the
word of God is
bound to fail
eventually

What
characterized
Abraham is that
the word of God
came to him

2. God must be
our shield and
exceeding great
reward

God is

I am not

If I try to live a
good Christian
life, I am doomed
to failure

I must realize that

GOD IS

Jesus Christ was
openly portrayed
crucified

Jesus Christ died for me

I was crucified with Him

I came to an end

I am crucified
with Christ
(2:20)

I have no other
aim, no other
goal, no other
reward, but God
Himself

I am not trying to
please God, I am
not trying to have
more faith, to be
stronger

GOD IS

3. We must hear the
word of God

Galatians 3:2

- This only I would learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law, or by hearing of faith?

Do we want more faith?

- We must hear the word of God
- We must hear the Lord's speaking to us

How can we
hear?

Ask questions

Dialogue with
God, like
Abraham

Abraham's boldness with God

- Gen 15:2 And Abram said, Lord God, what will You give me, since I am going childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?
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4. Our hearing
produces faith

It is not that we try to
have more faith

Nor is it that we
bemoan the fact that
we have little faith

Nor is it that we envy
others who have
apparently more faith
than us

We must listen to the
Lord's speaking to us,
and respond to Him

Faith (Christ born in us as the seed) must be produced from our own bowels (from within us), not from anyone else

5. Spontaneously, we are brought into the enjoyment of the promise of the Spirit

The Spirit is related to the good land

- The good land is Christ and the church life, the environment or sphere where we can touch and enjoy Christ as the seed
- The seed needs the good land to grow and bear fruit
- Both the seed and the good land are the blessing of Abraham

The Spirit is the living out in
us of God's life and
operation

The Spirit is the supply of enjoyment to live a life of faith

Then **He supplying the Spirit to you** and working powerful works **in you**, is it by works of the law, or by hearing of faith?

(3:5)

<p>The word of God must come to us</p>	<p>God must be our shield and reward</p>	<p>We must hear the word of God</p>	<p>Our hearing produces faith, causing us to receive the promise of the Spirit</p>
<p>The word is the basis of all God's dealing with us</p>	<p>God is, I am not If I try to live a good Christian life, I am doomed to failure</p>	<p>By dialoguing with God, asking Him questions, challenging Him boldly, like Abraham</p>	<p>We must listen to the Lord's speaking to us, and respond to Him</p>
<p>Any action on our part apart from the word of God is bound to fail eventually</p>	<p>Jesus Christ died for me, I was crucified with Him; I came to an end</p>	<p>The word of God must speak directly to me</p>	<p>Faith (Christ born in us as the seed) must be produced from our own bowels (from within us), not from anyone else</p>
<p>Do we allow the word of God to come to us?</p>	<p>I have no other aim, no other goal, no other reward, but God Himself</p>	<p>This is the hearing of faith, a hearing that engenders faith, not resolutions to try to please God</p>	<p>The Spirit is the living out in us of God's life and operation, as the good land</p>