

*A study through the book of Galatians*

**BE FREE**

**Paul, An Apostle**

## *Galatians 1 ESV*

*. Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— 2 and all the brothers who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:*

*3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

APOSTLE  
**PAUL**

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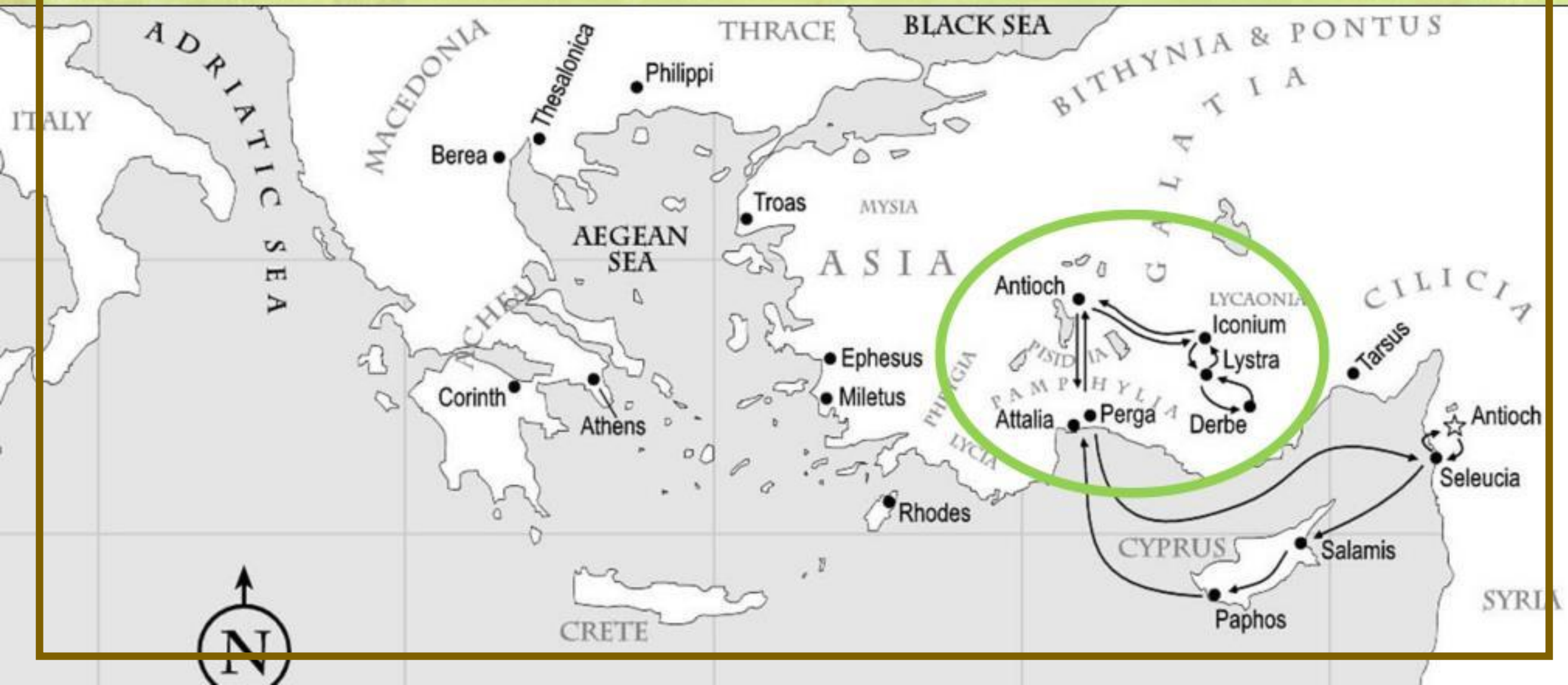
# Apostle Paul

- Pedigree
  - Jewish Pharisee – Works based faith to earn God's favor
  - Terrorist
- Religion did not draw him closer to God

## Apostle Paul

- Meeting Jesus on the road to Damascus changed everything
  - Called by Jesus – Nothing else needed
    - Set apart before he was born (“When He”)
    - Set free by grace (“Not when I”) – No one is too lost
  - Commissioned by Jesus – Teaches with His authority
  - Greatest advocate for the Gospel
  - Glorified God

# The Churches of Galatia



## Churches of Galatia

- Core issue
  - What do I need to do to be a real follower of Jesus? – Circumcision
  - Am I really free?
- Judaizers wanted to drag them back into captivity
- In the Garden of Eden, Adam & Eve lived in total freedom with free access to God
- Rebellion enslaved them & us to sin

# Christ Sets Us Free

John 8:36

FROM THE BONDAGE  
OF SIN

FROM THE FEAR  
OF DEATH

FROM THE BONDAGE  
OF LAW

FROM  
BAD HABITS

FROM SATAN'S  
DOMAIN

FROM NO HOPE TO A  
LIVING HOPE

FROM OURSELVES  
•Matthew 16:24

HAVE YOU BEEN MADE FREE IN CHRIST?



## Jesus Sets Us Free

- Jesus willingly set us free by His blood - Grace
- All believers are set free to become children of God – Don't need a Damascus experience
- Our goal is to live free
  - Peace with God
  - No longer in the bondage (enslaved) of sin

## The Point

Paul was appointed by God to proclaim Jesus' sacrificial death and resurrection to free believers from the bondage of sin.

#### XIV. The question is: Do you want to be free?

<b>Do you want to be FREE FROM...</b>	<b>and be FREE FOR...</b>
shackles of sin that separate you from God	the Presence of God now and forever
being trapped by your present temptations	walking in the power of the Spirit
being bound by a Spirit of fear	The HS's power, love & self-control
the Prison of People-pleasing	God's unconditional approval
the Bondage of holding onto old grudges	forgiving those who hurt you
Being subjected to the Wrath of God	adoption as a Child of God
the gallows of Guilt	all Christ's Righteousness being yours
the Enslavement of Shame	confessing to one another & be healed
the Cell of Self-centeredness	selfless generosity and love
the captivity of constant condemnation	living for God's purpose, pleasure, glory
the Incarceration of the myth of control	resting in the sweet sovereignty of God
the imprisonment of pretending/performing	authenticity and joy in the way of Jesus
being subservient to culture's sex/ sexuality	being defined by the One who made yo
the chains of anxiety/worry about the future	peace b/c God provides for every need