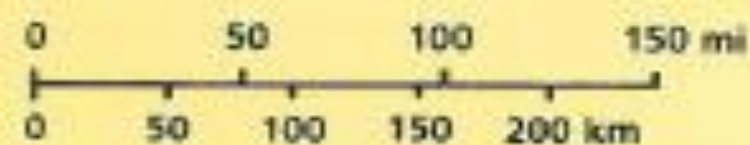


GALATIANS

From Dust to Destiny
NT Epistles

GALATIANS: FREEDOM IN CHRIST

- Destination & Date
 - South Galatia (49 AD)
 - Roman Province
 - Includes Lyconia, Pisidia
 - Post-1MJ
 - North Galatia (55 AD)
 - Ethnic region - Gauls
 - Post-2MJ (Acts 16:6)
 - Paul in Macedonia/Corinth
 - Stylistic matches 2 Cor., Romans

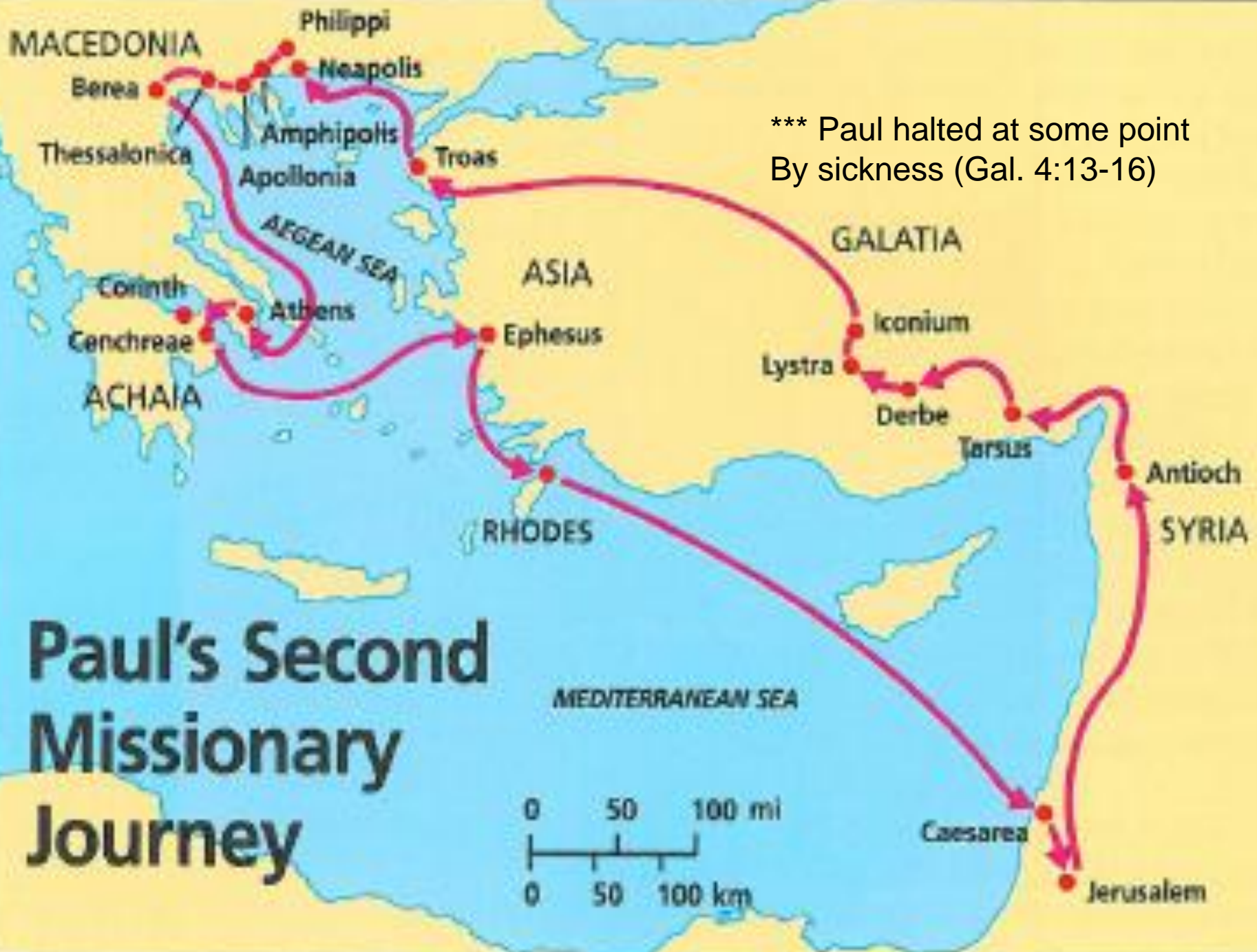


ASIA

GALATIA



Paul's First Missionary Journey



*** Paul halted at some point
By sickness (Gal. 4:13-16)

Paul's Second Missionary Journey

GALATIANS: FREEDOM IN CHRIST

- **AUDIENCE**

- Formerly war-like French immigrants to Asia Minor
- Now Paul describes them as affectionate, kind, demonstrative (Gal. 4:14-15; 3:4)
- They were impetuous, impulsive, enthusiastic, and emotional (Gal. 3:1; 4:14, 17, 18; 5:7)
- They were fickle, easily fascinated, swayed, and inconsistent (Gal. 1:6; 4:9-11, 15; 5:1)

GALATIANS: FREEDOM IN CHRIST

- **SETTING & PROBLEM**

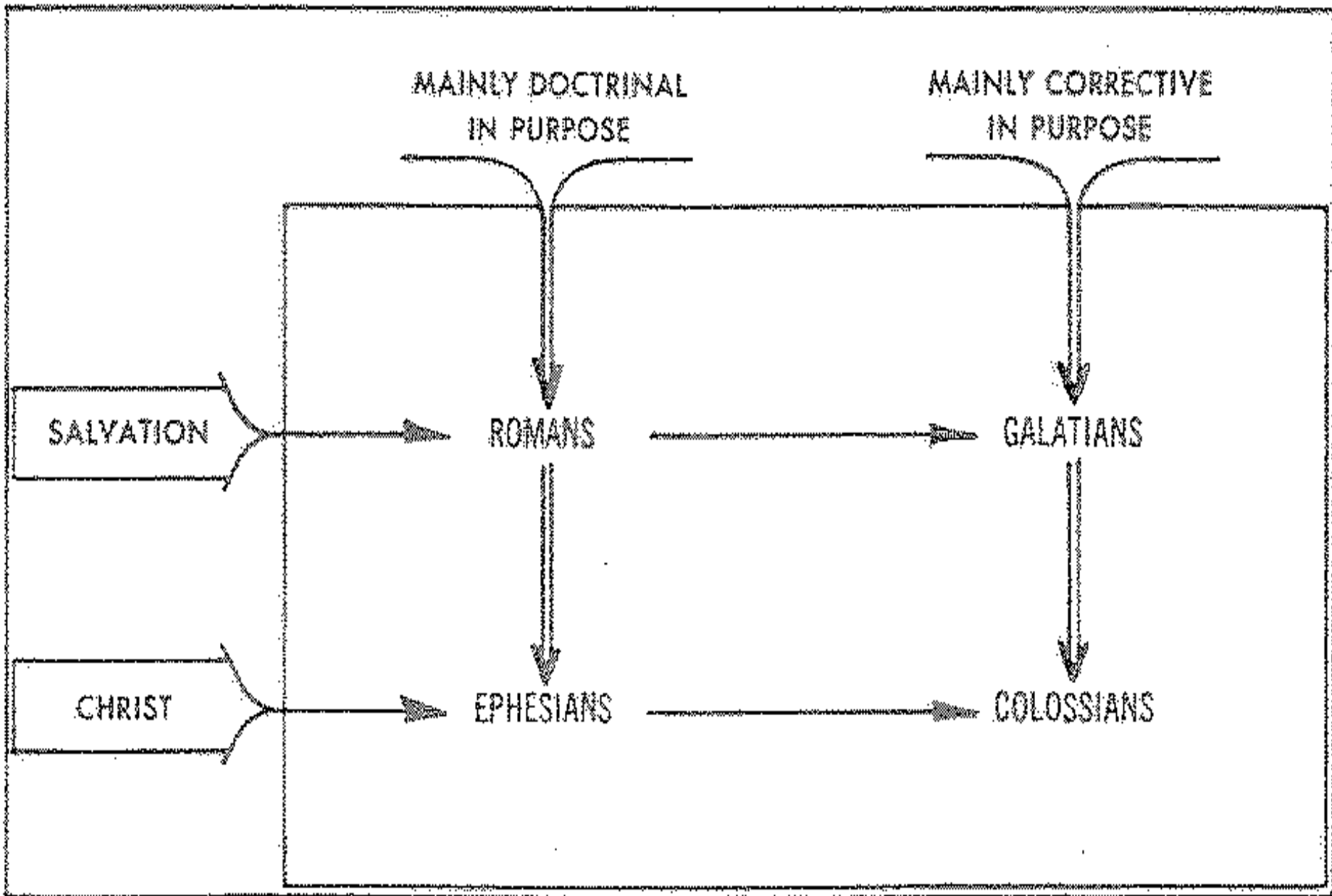
- Predominantly Gentiles though number of Jews (Gal. 4:8; 5:2; 6:12)
- These Jews (Judaizers) were claiming authority from Jerusalem and challenging Paul's apostleship
- Put Gentiles under yoke of Mosaic Law, impugning grace (ceremonial practices were still binding)
- Antinomianism (liberty equals license)

GALATIANS: FREEDOM IN CHRIST

- **PURPOSE & THEME**

- “The just shall live by faith” - Freedom from the law
- Paul writes to clarify the strict distinction between the law principle and the grace principle, between salvation by works and salvation by faith

DOCTRINAL AND CORRECTIVE EPISTLES



GALATIANS: FREEDOM IN CHRIST

- Introduction (1a)
- Personal: A Defense of Paul's Authority (1b-2)
 - His authority is independent of the Apostles (1b)
 - His authority is recognized by the Apostles (2a)
 - His authority is acknowledged before Peter (2b)
- Doctrinal: A Defense of Paul's Gospel (3-4)
 - The Debate: Justification by Works or Faith? (3a)
 - The Defense: Justification is by Faith Alone (3b)
 - By the experience of the Galatians
 - By the example of Abraham
 - By the effect of the Law
 - By the works of Christ
 - By the permanence of Faith
 - By the purpose of the Law
 - By the believer's position

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Galatians

GALATIANS: FREEDOM IN CHRIST

- The Illustration (4)
 - A legal illustration
 - A personal illustration
 - A biblical illustration
- Practical: A Defense of Christian Liberty (5-6)
 - A Life Apart from Legalism (5a)
 - A Life Apart from License (5b)
 - A Life According to the Spirit (5c)
 - A Life Applied toward Others (6)

CHRONOLOGY OF GALATIANS 1:11-2:10

- Saul, the Persecutor (Gal. 1:13-14; Acts 9:1-2)
- Saul's Conversion @ Damascus (Gal. 1:15-16a; Acts 9:3-19) – **33 AD**
- Paul in Arabia & Damascus (Gal. 1:16b-17)
 - **About 3 years passes (Gal. 1:18) – 36 AD**
- Paul, 1st Visit to Jerusalem (Gal. 1:18-20; Acts 9:26-29)
- Paul in Syria & Cilicia (Gal. 1:21-24; Acts 9:30; 11:25-29)
 - **About 14 years (Gal. 2:1) – 46 AD**
- Paul, 2nd Visit to Jerusalem (Gal. 2:1-10; Acts 11:30)

CONTRASTS IN GALATIANS.

CHAPTER	The Lower	The Higher
1—2	lost in Adam all die physically in Adam another gospel (false) man's reasoning	saved in Christ all live spiritually in Christ the genuine gospel God's revelation
3—4	law works curse of death condemnation by works servants in bondage (defeat) old covenant (symbolized by Hagar)	grace faith blessing of life justification by faith sons in freedom (victory) new covenant (symbolized by Sarah)
5—6	living in the flesh works of the flesh falling from grace world or self the object of glorying	walking in the Spirit fruit of the Spirit standing firm in grace the cross the sole object of glorying

**CLAMOR
OF
MOB VIOLENCE**

APPEARANCES OF PAUL THE PRISONER
Acts 21:18—28:31

**CALM OF
FRIENDLY
GATHERINGS**

21:18	22:30	23:31	25:1	25:13	27:1	28:31
Before the Mob	Before the Council	Before the Governors		Before the King	Before Jews and with Visitors	
		Felix	Festus	Agrippa		
Paul's Defenses:						
22:1-21	23:1, 3, 6	24:10b-21	25:8, 10, 11	26:2-23; 26-27, 29	28:17-20; 23-31	
ACCUSED BY THE JEWS		ABSOLVED BY THE RULERS			AWAITING TRIAL	
At Jerusalem		At Caesarea			To Rome	

**GOSPEL
MINISTER
ATTACKED**

**GOSPEL
MINISTER
UNHINDERED**

KEY

Paul: Innocent (23:1)
God: Protector (23:11)
Work: Waiting (23:11)

PAUL'S 1ST ROMAN IMPRISONMENT

- Paul was falsely accused by the Jews and arrested by Roman soldiers in Jerusalem (Acts 21-22); taken to Caesarea to appear before Felix, Festus, and Agrippa (Acts 23-25); and then taken to Rome and imprisoned to await trial (Acts 27-28).
- In this imprisonment, Paul was chained (Eph. 6:19) to a Roman soldier who guarded him day and night (Acts 28:16).
- The place of confinement was his own rented house where he stayed for two years (Acts 28:30).

PAUL'S 1ST ROMAN IMPRISONMENT

- While imprisoned, Paul prayed and asked for prayers on his behalf that he might have opportunities to witness for Christ (Col. 4:3) and that he might do so with boldness (Eph. 6:20).
- Despite his imprisonment, Paul continued his ministry unhindered, welcoming all visitors who came to him, preaching the gospel (Acts 28:31), and writing 4 NT books (Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, and Philippians – PRISON EPISTLES).

PAUL'S 1ST ROMAN IMPRISONMENT

- Through Paul's witness, the gospel spread throughout Rome and the praetorian guard (Phil. 1:12-13), with many converts made among the choicest guards in Caesar's own household (Phil. 4:22).
- Throughout his imprisonment, Paul saw himself not as a prisoner of Rome, but as a prisoner of Jesus Christ, there by divine appointment (Eph. 3:1; 4:1).
- Therefore, Paul was able to rejoice in his sufferings because he knew that God was still in control (Phil. 4:10-12), that God would be his strength (Phil. 4:13), and that the gospel was now penetrating into places otherwise unreached (Phil. 1:12).