

GALATIANS

You Are Free!



Answering Nine Questions

- Who wrote it?
- Who was it written to?
- Where was it written from?
- When was it written?
- Why was it written?



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- What is inside?
- What is it about?
- How does the book apply to daily life?
- What makes the book different?



Who Wrote It? Authorship

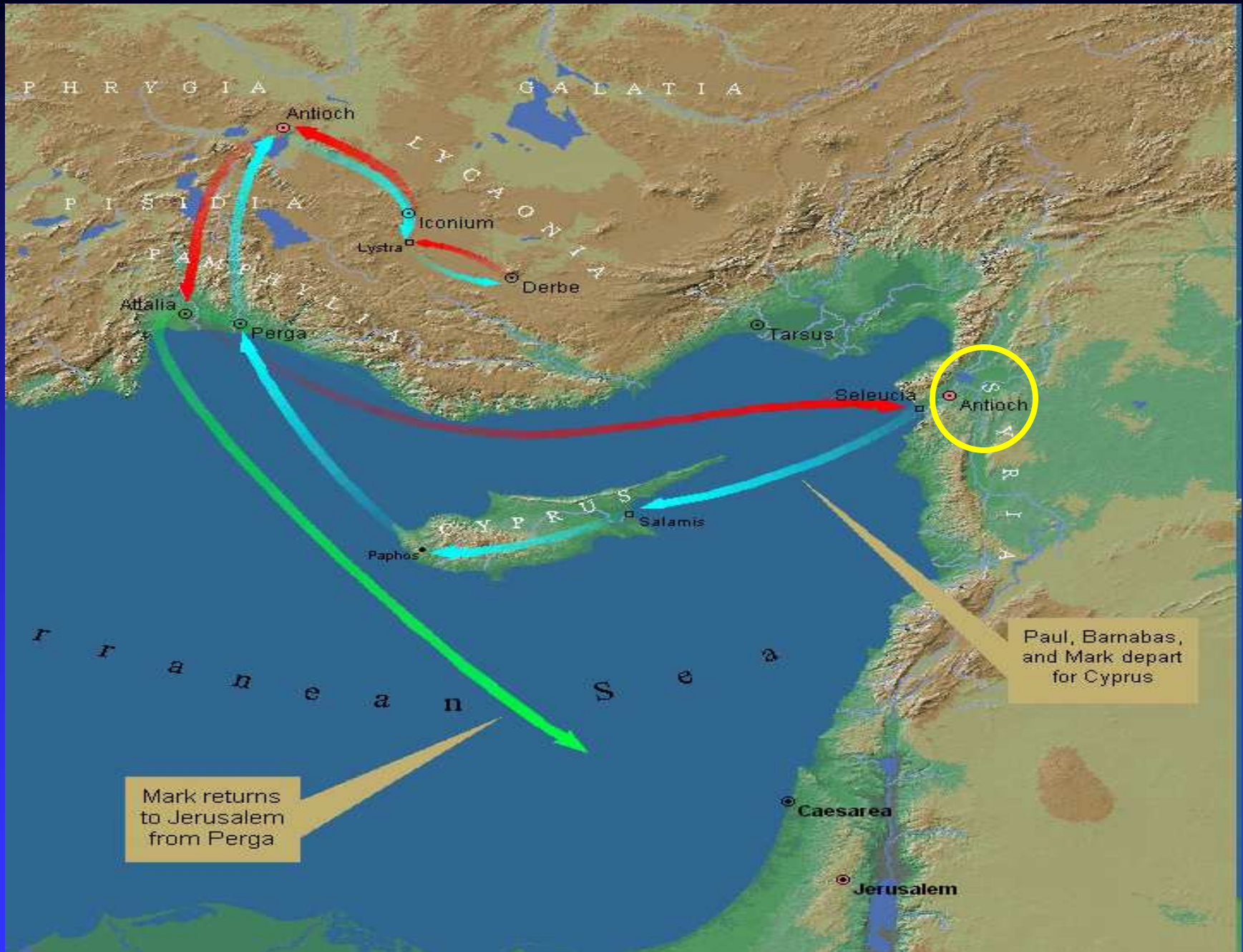
- Paul-Gal 1:1; 5:2
- Pauline theology



Southern Galatian Theory

- ◆ Majority view
- ◆ Paul planted the churches in S. Galatia on his 1st missionary journey
- ◆ Paul wrote to these churches from Syrian Antioch at the conclusion of the 1st missionary journey but before the Jerusalem council (49)





Mark returns to Jerusalem from Perga

Paul, Barnabas, and Mark depart for Cyprus

Who Was It Written to? Audience

- Galatians (1:2; 3:1)

- Believers (3:3; 4:6)



Where Was It Written From?

Place of Writing

- Syrian Antioch
- New headquarters of the early church
- Launching place of Paul's three missionary journeys



When Was it Written? Date of Writing

- A.D. 49
- Earliest of Paul's letters



Why Was It Written? Occasion

- New converts (Gal 3:3; 4:6) from the first missionary journey
- Judaizers had infiltrated the S. Galatian churches



3 Phases of Salvation



- **Justification:** freedom from sin's penalty
- **Sanctification:** freedom from sin's power
- **Glorification:** freedom from sin's presence

Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

Types of Pharisees



Type	Overthrown
Justification	Matt 5:20
Sanctification	Galatians
Ecclesiology	Acts 15

Why Was It Written? Occasion

- Ad hominem attack against Paul

- ◆ Apostleship (1 Cor 15:8-9)

- ◆ License



What is Inside? Structure

- 1–2: Autobiographical section
- 3–4: Doctrinal section
- 5–6: Practical section



Galatians 5:1

Therefore...

1-4



5-6

What is the Book About? Message

- Christian sanctification is achieved by depending upon the resources of the Spirit rather than through submission to the Mosaic Law



What is the Book About?

Purpose

- To convince the Galatian believers to embrace Paul's understanding of sanctification and reject the Judaizers understanding of sanctification



How Does This Book Apply? Application

- Many believers follow a list of “dos and don'ts” rather than depending upon the Spirit's resources in a misguided attempt to please God in their daily lives





Romans 8:29-30

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

What Makes the Book Different? Unique Characteristics

- Autobiographical
- Circular letter
- Severity of tone (3:1) coupled with tenderness (Gal 4:19)
- Multiple literary devices



Nine Questions Answered



- Who wrote it? Paul
- Who was it written to? Galatians
- Where was it written from? Syrian Antioch
- When was it written? A.D. 49
- Why was it written? Counteract the Judaizers

Nine Questions Answered



- What is inside? Autobiography, doctrine, application
- What is it about? Sanctification attained the same way as justification
- How does the book apply to daily life? How to be holy
- What makes the book different?
Autobiographical, circular, severe/tender, literary devices