

September 2, 2018 – Galatians 1

TRUE GOSPEL



No Other under Heaven



Apostle Paul, c. 1657
by Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-69)





Galatians

	Sept 2	True Gospel	1	No Other under Heaven
	Sept 9	True Grace	2	How Many Puny Pillars Did Pugnacious Paul Pillory?
	Sept 16	True Life	3a	Righteous Live by Faith
	Sept 23	True Heirs	3b	Faith Sets Free, Priority of the Promise
	Sept 30	True Freedom	4	Remember the Hug, Priority of the Hug
	Oct 7	True Fruit	5	Flesh vs. Spirit, Love One Another Fast Flee the Fiery Flesh Fancy Not the Fickle Flesh
	Oct 14	True Compassion	6	Saints with Scars, Treasures of Doing Good





Theme

Believers must faithfully hold to the only true gospel message—Jesus crucified and resurrected

Galatians

1:1-2 Appointed by God – Not by Men, but by Christ

1:3-5 Through His Grace – Gave Himself for Our Sins

1:6-9 Distorted by Some – Different Gospel?—No Other!

1:10-24 to 2:10 Paul's Ministry from Judaism to Gentiles





Key Verse – Galatians 1:8

**If we or an angel from heaven
should preach a gospel
other than the one we preached to you,
let them be under
God's curse!**

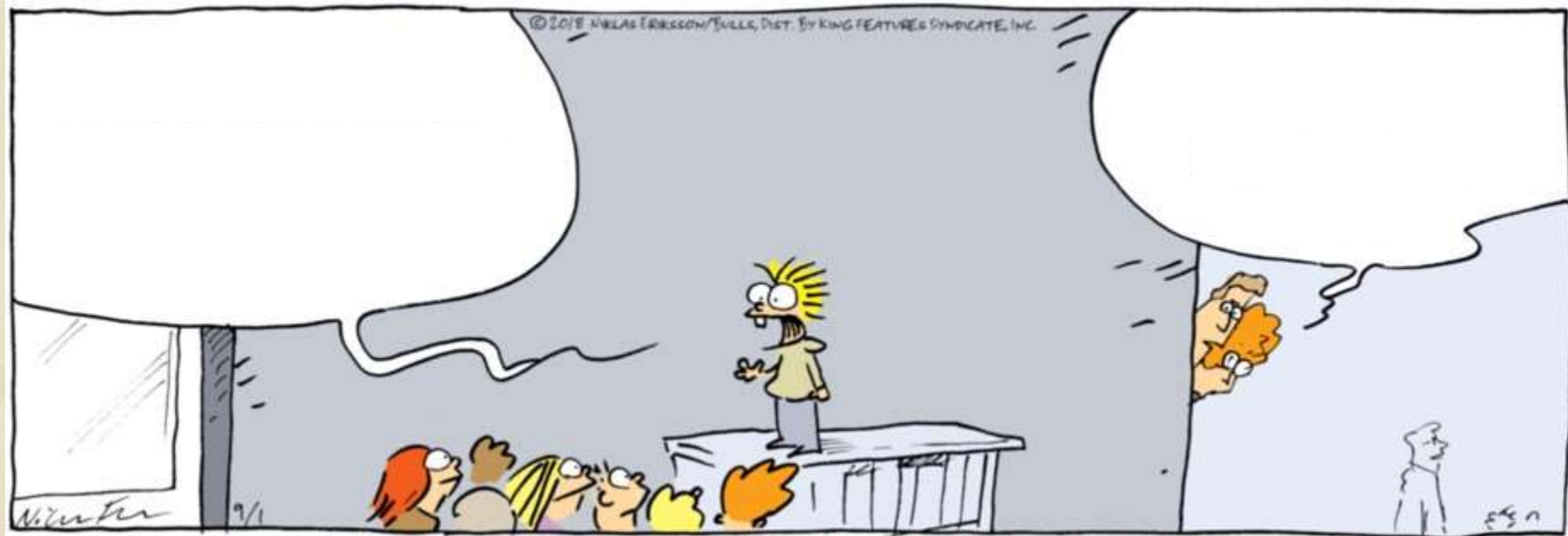


Carpe Diem – daily comic, Latin *Seize the Day* (9-1-18)

“About any conceivable day” – cavemen, aliens, animals, etc.,

No regular character is repeated ... irony, idiocy prevail

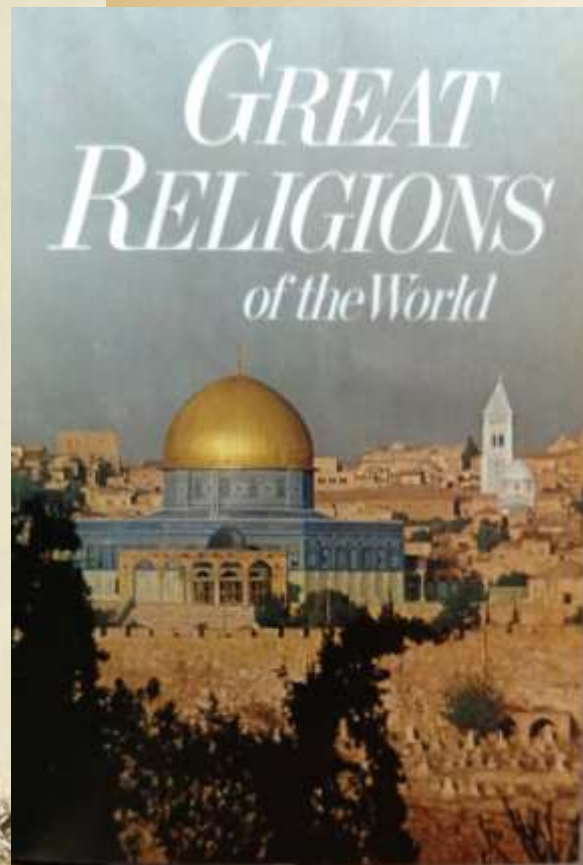
Here ... kid is on a school desk giving a speech



Great Religions of the World

National Geographic (1971; 420p.)

Very nice compilation w photos



FIVE Biggest

**Perhaps 90%
of World**

**Vast majority
of the world
BELIEVES in**

Higher Power

**Good Majority
BELIEVES in**

ONE GOD

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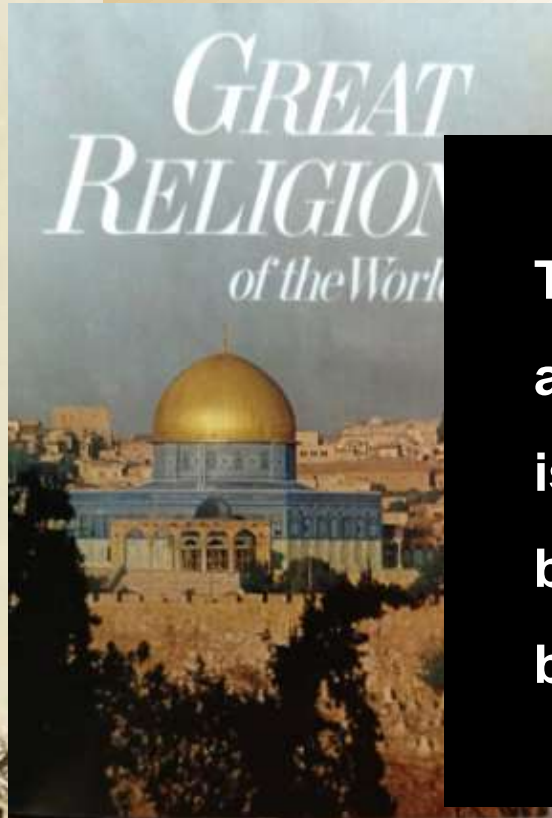
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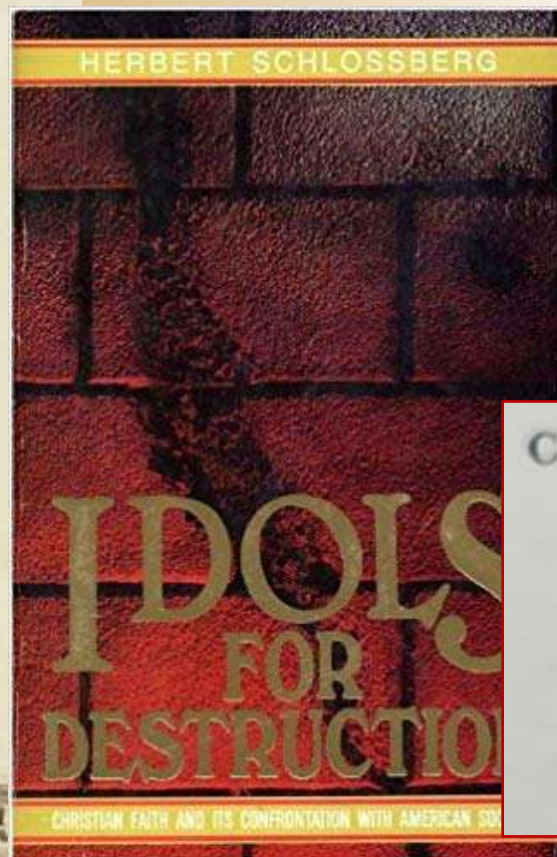
At the start, a sterling quote by the
American Poet Archibald MacLeish
(1892-1982)



To see the earth as it truly is, small and blue
and beautiful in that eternal silence where it floats,
is to see ourselves as riders on the earth together,
brothers on that bright loveliness in the eternal cold—
brothers who know now they are truly brothers.

Yet ... despite what the VAST majority profess ...
for the last 40 years we have been moving into an

Increasingly Post-Religious World



Herbert Schlossberg's
[Idols for Destruction](#) (1983; 343p.)

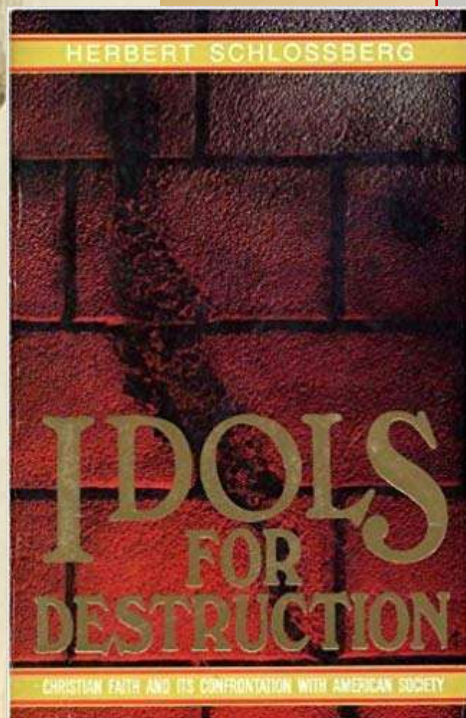
Judge Robert H. Bork (1927-2012)
wrote a preface for the 1993 reprint

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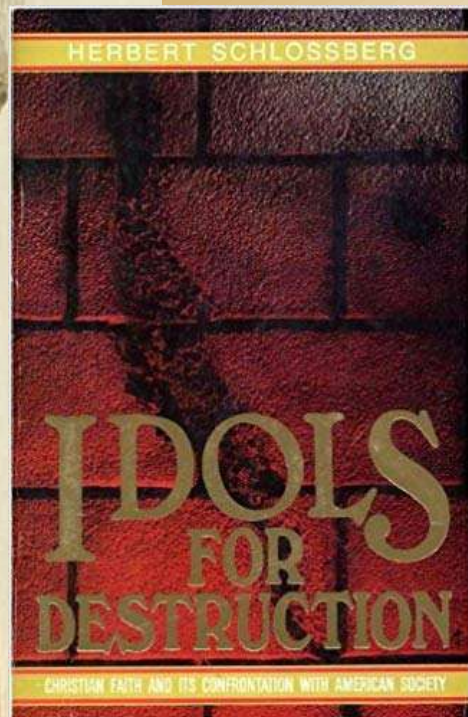
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Nearing a time when most have a Religion

YET their Religion is ONE among many "**Fancies**"

Nearing a Time when ALL Religion is **SECONDARY**
or simply irrelevant

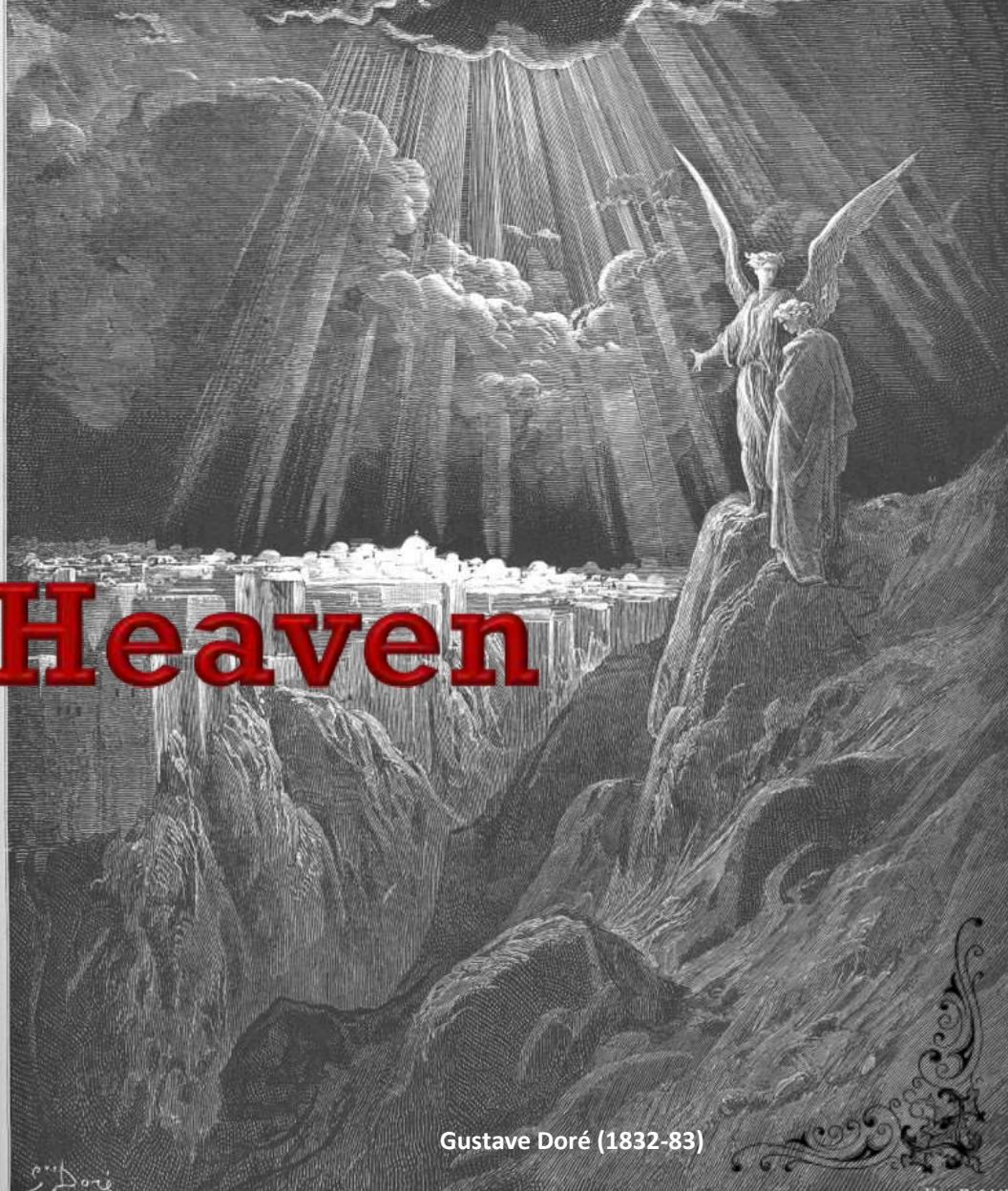


Alternative Title

One Way

No Other

Hell or Heaven



Gustave Doré (1832-83)

Alternative Title #2

Case of the Crystal Clear Curse



1:1-2 Appointed by God – Not by Men, but by Christ
Paul's intro to Galatians is not typical ...
Most letters ... “Paul, an apostle”
Most ... “to the church at ___?___ ... in Christ”
“in God our Father” ... “grace & peace”
Verse 3 is typical ... “grace & peace to you”
Yet Galatians ... this is a SHOCK Letter
He is “astonished” ... so at the start ...
In the very first verse, Paul tells them off

Just WHO Sent Paul?



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1:1-2 Appointed by God – Not by Men, but by Christ
Paul's unique introduction ...

**¹ Paul, an apostle—sent NOT from men
nor by a man, but by Jesus Christ and God
the Father, who raised him from the dead—**

Later, Paul reinforces his authority is CHRIST
Paul's experience was NOT with LIVING Christ
Paul's experience was with the RISEN CHRIST
Paul's defenses of Christ throughout his life
are peerless

Paul becomes the church's

GREATEST Champion



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A Few Renditions of Apostle Paul

Conversion of Saint Paul
c. 1600
by Caravaggio (1571–1610)
Odescalchi Balbi Collection
Rome



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**Conversion of Saul, fresco
c. 1542-45
by Michelangelo, 1542-45
Cappella Paolina
Vatican Palace**



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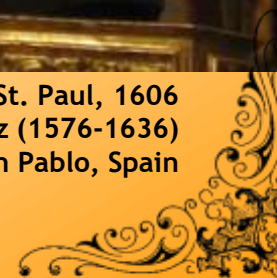





Paul before Felix, 1748
William Hogarth
Lincoln's Inn, London



St. Paul, 1606
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**Stoning of Paul &
Barnabas at Lystra, 1672,
by Barent Pietersz
Fabritius (1624-1673)**




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**Paul before King Agrippa, 1875
by Vasily Surikov
Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow**

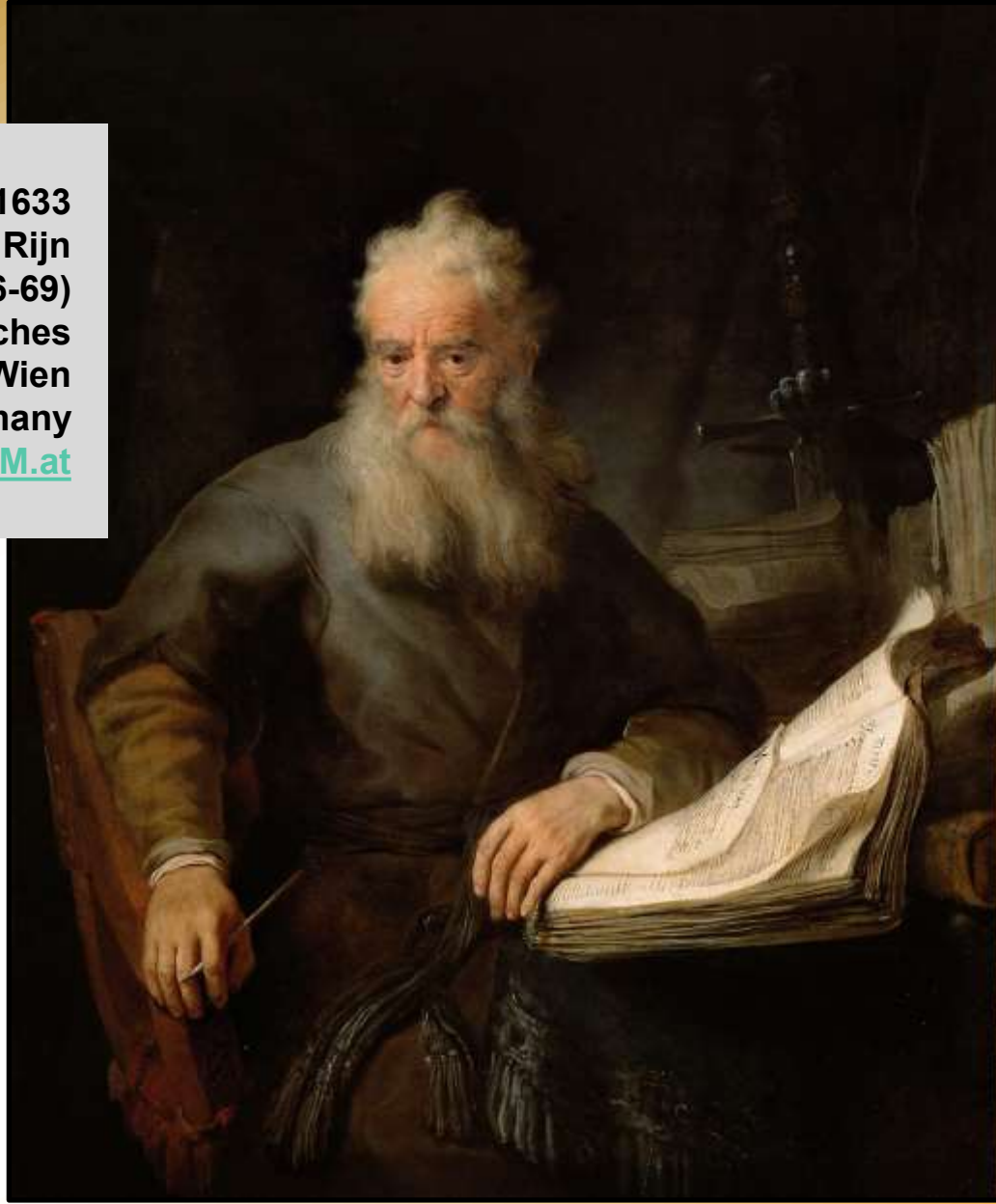





**Apostle Paul, c. 1633
by Rembrandt van Rijn
(1606-69)**

**Kunst Historisches
Museum Wien
Berlin, Germany**

www.KHM.at



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National Gallery of Art
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1:1-2 Appointed by God – Not by Men, but by Christ

Paul wrote 13 letters ... that become **THE**

Theological Backbone of the Church

What is MEANT by “Theological Backbone”?

- ✓ To know the MEANING of what Christ did ...
- ✓ To know the MEANING of what Christ said ...
- ✓ To know HOW Christ fulfilled the O.T. Law ...
- ✓ To know WHY Christ died and ROSE ...

Look to Apostle Paul



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1:1-2 Appointed by God – Not by Men, but by Christ

Paul wrote 13 letters ... Theological

Treasures of the Church

He wrote other letters, too:

- ✓ **1st & 3rd Letters to Corinth are LOST**
mentioned in 1 Cor. 5:9 ... 2 Cor. 2:4 & 7:8-9
- ✓ **Eph. 3:3-4 for an earlier Letter to Ephesus**
- ✓ **Col. 4:16 for a prior Letter to Laodiceans**

Galatians Letter likely his First, after 1st Journey

**Paul visited Galatia on ALL THREE of his
Missionary Journeys**



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Paul non-typical introduction ...

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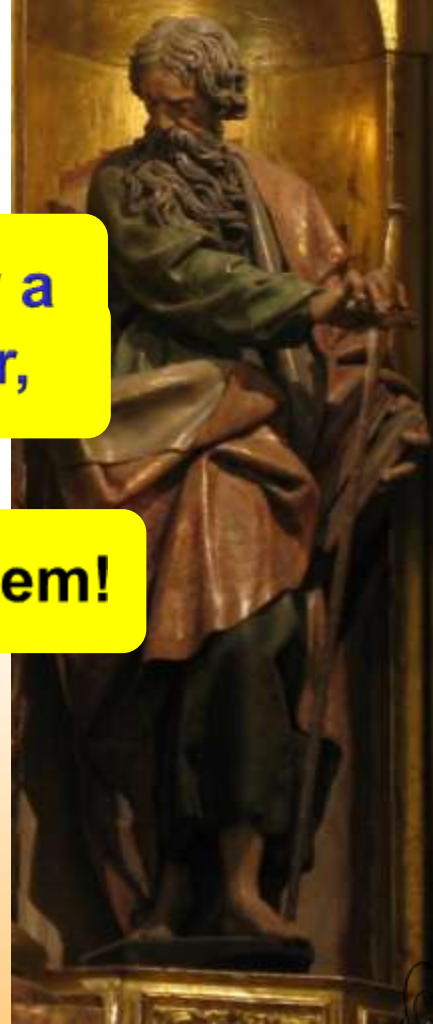
Ordained by GOD—NOT the church in Jerusalem!

Paul reinforces this throughout Galatians

Paul's AUTHORITY for church doctrine is

CHRIST

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1:1-2 Appointed by God – Not by Men, but by Christ
Paul then gives his standard greeting

² and all the brothers and sisters with me,
To the churches in Galatia

GALATIA: two views of roughly same area

1. Roman Province 2. Ethnic Racial Area

#2 Ethnic Area is

where warrior Celts & Gauls settled

In Acts 14:11, a portion is said to have

shouted in the Lycaonian language



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* **Book of Acts – the Early Church**

Acts in Two Parts

1 Intro – Theophilus, Appearances, Ascension

2-12 Peter – Church from Jerusalem to Antioch

- 2-7 Jerusalem – Peter, John, Ananias & Sapphira, Stephen**
- 8 Samaria – Paul persecutes, Philip, Simon**
- 9 Conversion of Paul**
- 10-12 Conversion of Cornelius, Peter vision of sheets**

13-28 Paul – Church from Antioch to Rome

- 13 – 14 1st Missionary Journey – Saul/Paul & Barnabas**
- 15:1-35 1st Church Council in Jerusalem**
- 15:36 – 18:22 2nd Missionary Journey of Paul**
- 18:23 – 21:16 3rd Missionary Journey of Paul**
- 21:17 – 23 Paul to Jerusalem**
- 24 – 26 Paul to Caesarea ... 27-28 Paul to Rome**

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Greece
Hellás

Rome

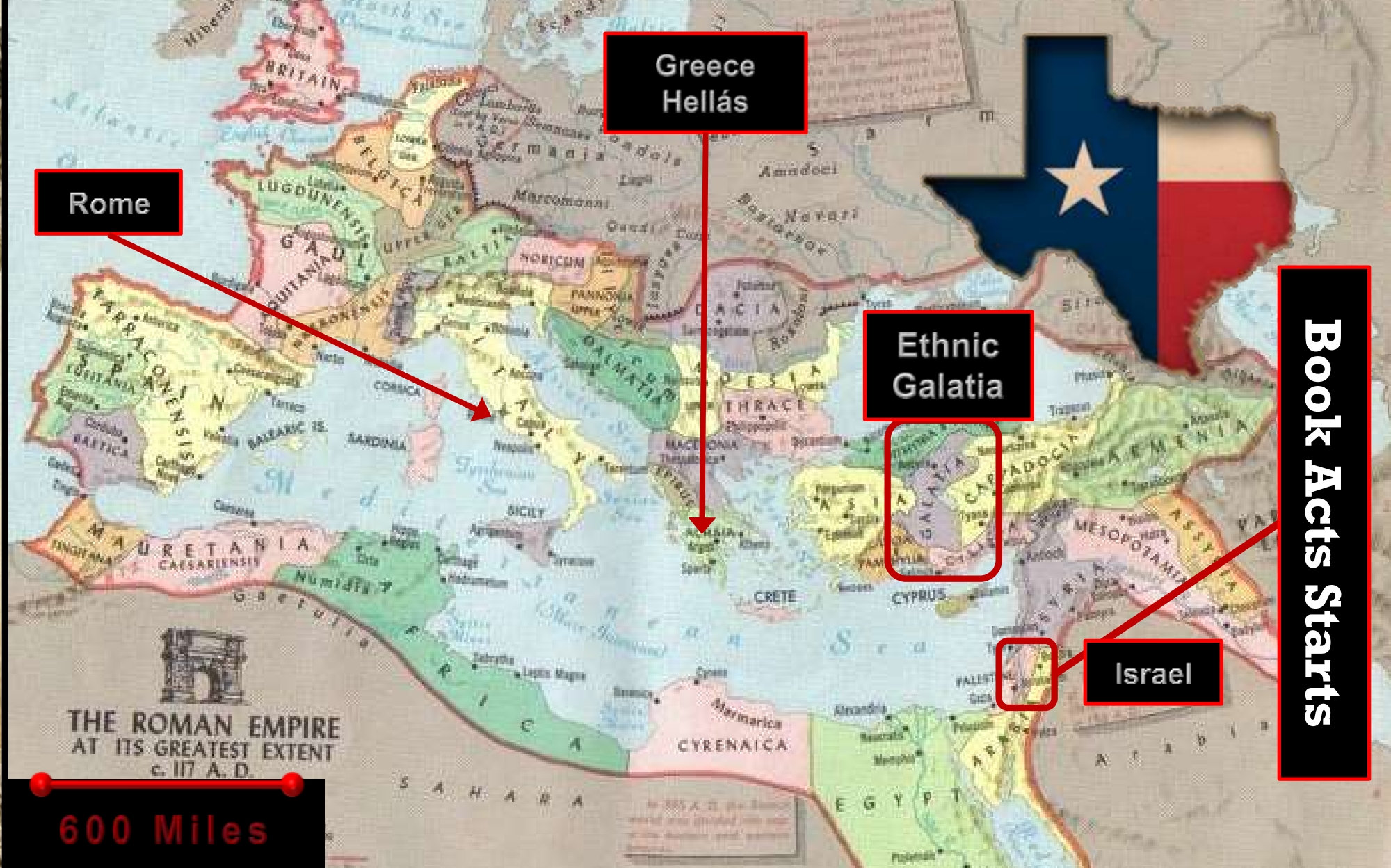
Ethnic
Galatia

Israel

Book Acts Starts

THE ROMAN EMPIRE
AT ITS GREATEST EXTENT
c. 107 A.D.

600 Miles



13:1 – 14:28

Paul's **FIRST** Missionary Journey

13:1-12 Cyprus

14:1-7 Iconium

13:13-52 Pisidia Antioch

14:8-28 Lystra, Derbe

<<< Galatians Written >>>

15:1-35



Jerusalem Council

15:36 – 18:22

Paul's **SECOND** Missionary Journey

15:36 – 16:10-40

Antioch to Troas ... Troas to Philippi

17:1-34

Philippi to Thessalonica to Athens

18:1-22

Athens to Corinth

18:23 – 21:16

Paul's **THIRD** Missionary Journey

18:23 – 19:41

Ephesian Pentecost

20:1 – 21:16

Macedonia to Troas, Athens, Corinth, return

21:17 – 28:31

Paul in Route to & in Rome

21:17 – 23:35

In Jerusalem

24:1 – 26:32

In Caesarea

27:1 – 28:15

Voyage to Rome

28:16-31

Ministry in Rome

These were in Roman
Province of Galatia

Galatians was written
AFTER the First
Missionary Journey

BEFORE the
Jerusalem Council

Circa A.D. 53

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**First Missionary
Journey**
included
Pamphylia & Pisidia
Parts of Lycaonia
and unknown parts
of Galatia



13:1 – 14:28

Paul's First Missionary Journey

From Syrian Antioch to Pisidian Antioch & back ... some

13:13-52 Paul leaves Pisidian Antioch ...

500+ miles

14:1-7 to Iconium

14:8-28 to Lystra

perhaps 75-100 miles

then another 100 to Derbe

Paul & Barnabas'

Days of

Wine & Roses

are short-lived



**Paul & Barnabas had GREAT
success in Pisidian Antioch**

Nearly the whole city came out to hear

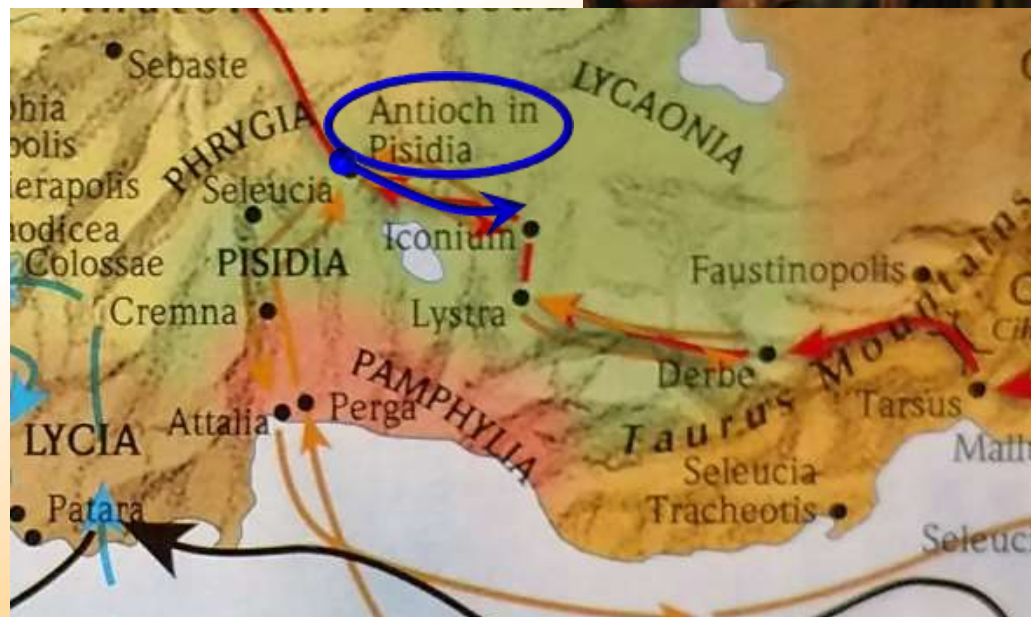
Hang on every word ... What Word?

SALVATION to the Gentile

Christ's Resurrection

Fulfilled ALL Mosaic Law

**Yet Troubled Jews
apparently FOLLOW Paul
75 miles to Iconium**



5-7 Paul & Barnabas find out plot to stone them
& flee to Lycaonian cities of Lystra & Derbe
and to the **SURROUNDING COUNTRY**,
where they continued to preach the gospel.



To Lystra first ...

then to Derbe ... to

SURROUNDING

Country

Dar's a LOT of
country between
Iconium & Derbe
and **SOME** Galatia



**Tyler County
to scale**

St Paul Healing the Cripple at Lystra,
1663, by Karel Dujardin (1626-1678)

Remarkable



HEALING



14:11-13 Reaction – “Zeus & Hermes Have Come”

Yet, so many others were ... **astounded**

**11 When the crowd saw what Paul had done,
they shouted in the Lycaonian language,
“The gods have come down to us in
human form!”**

Lycaonia – north of the Taurus Mountains
... a large elevated plain ... and trade route

From the Acts, we see they retained culture

Lycaonians were a **warlike, wild race**

Many Galatians, formerly Celts & Gauls



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14:11-13 Reaction – “Zeus & Hermes Have Come”

¹¹ When the crowd saw what Paul had done,
they *SHOUTED* in the Lycaonian language,
“The gods have come down to us in
HUMAN FORM!”

¹² **Barnabas** they called **Zeus**, and
Paul they called **Hermes**
because he was the chief speaker.

There is no greater adoration ...

Paul's clarity & the miracles attest



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**No greater honor in Laconia & Galatia than to be
Hermes & Zeus**

Paul

Barnabas

**St. Paul and Barnabas in Lystra, 1636
by Willem de Poorter (1608-68)**

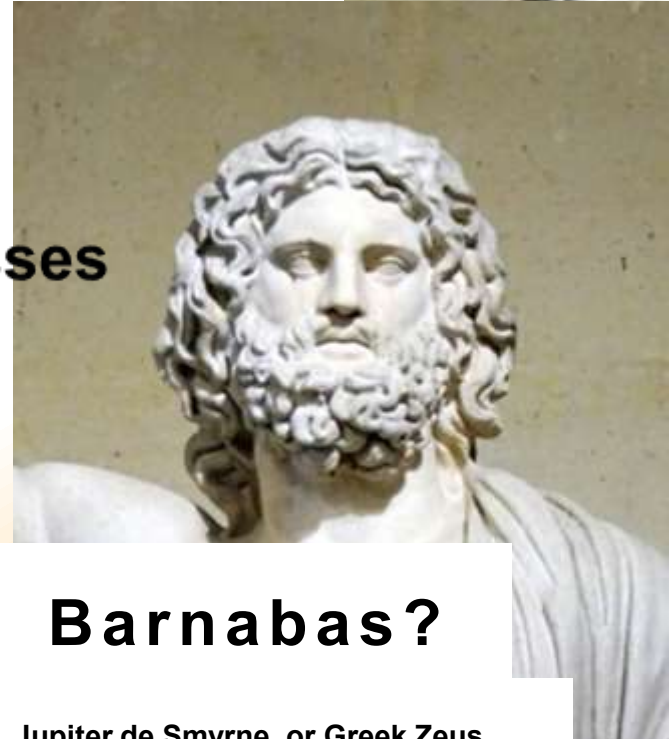


**Matthew Easton thinks Barnabas
was thought to be Zeus because his
“stately venerable appearance”**

- ✦ **god of sky = Roman Jupiter**
- ✦ **Thunder god**
- ✦ **King of gods on Mount Olympus**
- ✦ **Father of several gods & goddesses**
Athena, Apollo, Artemis, Hermes,
Persephone, Dionysus, Perseus,
Heracles, Helen of Troy, Minos,
and the Muses

Barnabas?

Jupiter de Smyrne, or Greek Zeus
discovered in Smyrna in 1680



Paul was Hermes, “Chief Speaker”

Hermes—Messenger of the gods,

✠ **god of trade**

✠ **god of thieves, travelers**

✠ **god of sports, athletes**

✠ **god of border crossings**

✠ **Guide to the Underworld**

✠ **Roman Mercury**

✠ **Same as Hermes**

✠ **Origin of “Merchandise”**

**Mercury with His Symbols, 1610
by Hendrik Goltzius (1558-1617)**



**Hermes Ingenui, Vatican Museums,
2nd century BC Roman copy of 5th
century BC Greek original**

14:14-18 Redirected – “What the **HECK** Are You Doing?”

But the Lycaonians don't even believe
their own gods Zeus & Hermes

**18 Even with these words, Barnabas &
Paul had difficulty keeping the
crowd from sacrificing to them.**

Outrageous **IGNORANCE** ...

These Lycaonians **LOVED** their sacrificing

Rather, they **BELIEVED** their sacrificing

was their **ONLY response to miracles**



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“Real” JEWS ... instead of HELPING ...

¹⁹ Jews came from Antioch and Iconium
and won the crowd over.

They **STONED** Paul

STONED Paul

and **DRAGGED** him outside the city,
thinking he was **DEAD**.

Doesn't say what they did to Zeus,

aka Barnabas!

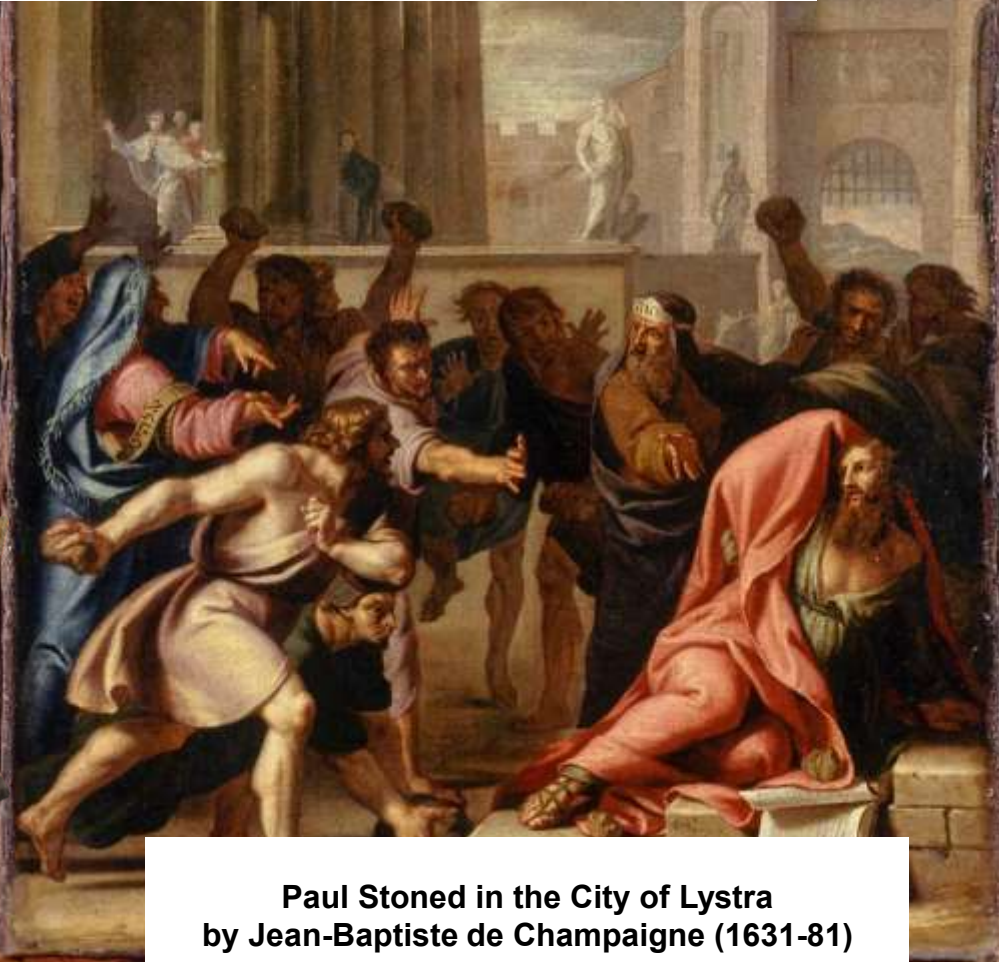
Nor anything about ANY Disciple—*nada*



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STONED ... to unconsciousness
STONED



Paul Stoned in the City of Lystra
by Jean-Baptiste de Champaigne (1631-81)

Paul is STONED ... to death
so the Lycaonians **THOUGHT**
So we know this:

- ✠ Paul knocked unconscious
- ✠ Brutal Stoning ... cause we know they know **HOW to kill**
- ✠ As quickly as Paul became a god **he was sentenced to die**
- ✠ Lycaonians **EASY** Prey to **every WIND of doctrine**

Stoning of Paul & Barnabas at Lystra,
by Barent Pietersz Fabritius (1624-1673)



14:19-28 Paul & Barnabas Stoned ... and RETURN

Big City Jews do NOT help the Lycaonians
OUT of Paganism w Judaism or Mosaic Law!

These City Jews just want Paul **DEAD!**

²⁰ But after the disciples had gathered
around him,

From **WHEREVER** the disciples were hiding

²⁰ Paul got up and went **BACK INTO** the city.

Undaunted ... Unstoppable
Faithful in Galatia KNOW his Love



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Paul's First Journey boils down to
More often than not TO

Credibility of your Testimony

is directly related to the

Endurance of Your

LOVE

Sometime between his First Journey
and the Jerusalem Council

Paul writes BACK to Galatians



First Church of Lystra

Founded c. A.D. 50

Paul writes the Galatians as **WHAT?**
Apostle to the Uncircumcised

AFTER 1st Missionary Journey & Galatians
Acts 15—Jerusalem Council **SETTLED**

To Circumcise or **NOT to**

Or ... as we showed

The Case of the
Kingdom Cutters

YIKES

One **MUST** be **CUT** To be **SAVED**

NO!



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1:1-2 Appointed by God – Not by Men, but by Christ

Apostle Paul's miracles confuse ... in Galatia

Apostle Paul ... confused as **Hermes** ... *then*

Apostle Paul ... STONED to death ...

In Galatia, some FAITHFUL Believers who???

READ Galatians – Paul's testimony to them

ONLY given to people who LOVED him

¹ Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by a man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—

“If you BELIEVE me” Paul implies—*then know THIS*

Paul was Sent from God



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1:1-2 Appointed by God – Not by Men, but by Christ

This letter ... then is to

² and all the brothers and sisters with me,

To the churches in Galatia

As seen in Gal. 1:11-24 to 2:10, Paul details how

GOD himself led Paul's Discipleship

Would have liked to detail that much more ...

**Recognize it at the LONGEST personal narrative
in any of Paul's letter ... and see so very clearly**


**He gives a biography that ONLY be appreciated
by**

Those Galatians who TRULY Loved Paul



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1:3-5 Through His Grace – Gave Himself for Our Sins
After his unique opening ... that GOD Led him
Paul adds greeting seen in other letters:

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

A beautiful greeting ... anchoring again

Christian Gospel = is Salvation In Christ Alone



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1:6-9 Distorted by Some –
Different Gospel?—No Other!

To these Galatians ... some Gauls & Celts
***that is*—to those with great confidence in Paul**

6 I am astonished that you are so quickly
deserting the one who called you to

live in the grace of Christ and
are turning to a DIFFERENT GOSPEL—

Paul goes straight to his PROBLEM w them

I imagine with him being Hermes not long ago
and then STONED nearly to death ...

Paul uses “Astonished” rather loosely



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1:6-9 Distorted by Some –

Different Gospel?—No Other!

**To these Galatians ... some Gauls & Celts
to the faithful that have confidence in Paul**

**⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly
deserting the ONE WHO CALLED you**

**to live in the grace of Christ and
are turning to a DIFFERENT GOSPEL—**

⁷ which is really no gospel at all.

Perhaps ... a few in the Galatian church ...

A FEW felt that ... knew that ... were convicted

As soon as Paul said, “No gospel at all” – a few said



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AMEN!



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Different Gospel?—No Other!

To these Galatians ... some Gauls & Celts

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly ...
turning to a DIFFERENT GOSPEL—

⁷ which is really NO GOSPEL AT ALL.

Paul then says what most surely **KNEW**

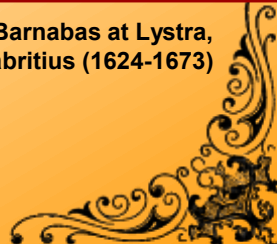
Evidently some people are throwing
you into confusion and are trying
to pervert the gospel of Christ

NO surprise ... then or today

Paul was nearly **BEATEN** to **DEATH** in Lystra!



Stoning of Paul & Barnabas at Lystra,
by Barent Pietersz Fabritius (1624-1673)



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⁷ which is really NO GOSPEL AT ALL.

Evidently some ... are trying to *WHAT?*

PERVERT the Gospel of Christ

NO surprise ... then or today

Nope ... no surprise that for 2,000 YEARS

Some are BEATEN to DEATH

TODAY ... even in our beloved Tyler County so

Gloriously FULL of GOOD Churches

Rarely do you hear those words



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As SOON as Paul heard ... loving them ... he wrote them a letter w a personal biography

⁷ ... Evidently some ... are trying to
PERVERT the Gospel of Christ

Few thing bring out the WAR PARTY in Paul
Of ALL the things ... mess with the Gospel
Paul is RIGHT there ready to correct ... to be

BEATEN to DEATH
and return ... never giving up



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I pointed out in an email all-time classic:

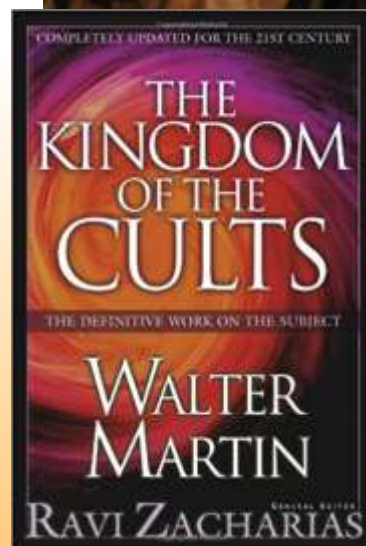
Walter Martin's Kingdom of the Cults (2003; 750p)
Walter Martin (1928-1989) – first printed in 1967, 443p.

America—we believe in Freedom of Religion

Inalienable RIGHT to believe WHATEVER

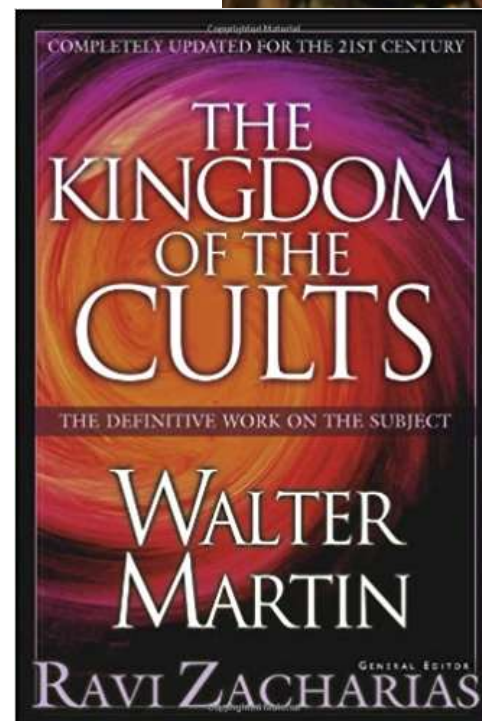
All religions ... if followed ... are EXCLUSIVE

- ✓ **If followed, each claims to be THE Truth**
- ✓ **Each believes ALL the others are Wrong**
- ✓ **What BETTER way to PERVERT the Church**
Than to make it INCLUSIVE of ALL



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Spain



Another is www.Watchman.org – *Add Salt & Pepper*

Gives Basics of each & Christian Response ... *sampling*

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Plus ...

**many of the cults are
mentioned in our own**

Michael T. Gracey's

[A Second Chance](#) (2017)

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What you likely ALREADY know ...

Religious SYMBOLS everywhere

Everywhere a TWIST ...

Why it's important to

Study the Bible

Memorize Scripture ...

Baptists are **People of the Book**

Yes ... we have the

TRUTH



Paul, 1606
(1576-1636)
Borja, Spain

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Professor Emeritus Christian Marek, University of Zurich

In the Land of a Thousand Gods

A History of Asia Minor in the Ancient World

(Princeton University 2016; 824p.)

Incredible piece of work!

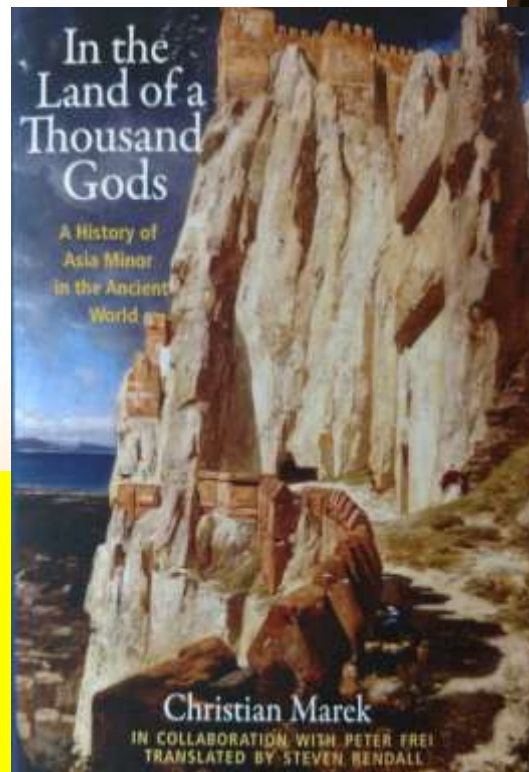
never be able to read it all

But KNOW THIS ... Galatians &

ALL the Middle East struggled

with Idolatry for many

Millennia



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Paul – no bypassing or surpassing or trading

Paul *pretends* even to reach the highest of all

**⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven
should preach a gospel other than
the one we preached to you,**

let them be under God's curse!

**⁹ As we have already said, so now I say again:
If anybody is preaching to you a gospel
other than what you accepted,**

let them be under God's curse!



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Any more questions? ... No confusing Paul
CANNOT bypass, surpass, or lightly trade
Paul doubles down his **Crystal Clear CURSE**
let them be under God's curse!

Curse or Accursed = Anathema

Very word appears 5x ... 22x in conjugations

Paul uses Anathema in Romans 9:3:

**For I could wish that I myself were cursed and
cut off from Christ for the sake of my people**



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**When Greek Jews c. 200 B.C. translated O.T.
called the Septuagint or LXX (The 70)**

They used Greek *Anathema* for the Hebrew:

Set Apart ... Consecrate ... Exterminate

Such a *THING* was NEVER returned ...

Such a *PERSON* was *SLAIN* in the O.T.

Jephthah's Daughter ... Idolatrous Nations

Anathema = Cursed = Consigned to Death

No Longer to Live with God's People



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Paul uses Anathema in 1 Corinthian 12:3:

**Therefore, I want you to know that
no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God
says, "Jesus be cursed = **anathema**,"**

Paul uses Anathema in 1 Corinthian 16:22:

**If anyone does not love the Lord,
let that person be cursed = **anathema**!
Come, Lord!**

**Anyone, at all ... who perverts the GOSPEL
let them be under God's CURSE!**



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Now ... there are different RELIGIONS ...

There are a variety of cults ... WEIRD religions
usually led by ONE man/woman

Then there are HERESIES ... variants WITHIN
established faiths the **Dominant calls Heresy**

We see HERESIES in Christianity ... some

claim Christian Baptist _____?_____

claim Christian Baptist _____?_____

Not Acceptable as “Christian” or “Baptist”

Paul goes to Great Lengths



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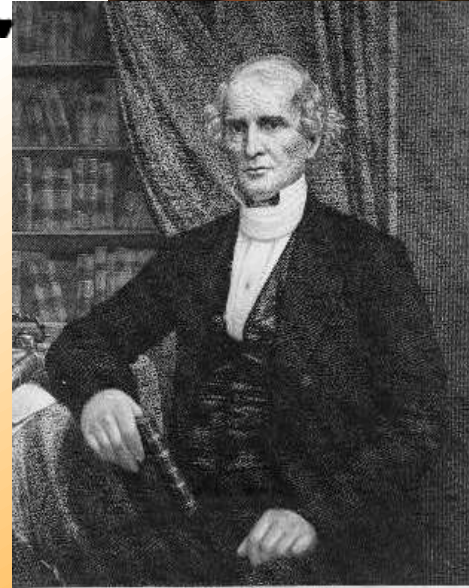
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Great Presbyterian Theologian Albert Barnes
(1798-1870) said:

Great system of salvation had been taught;
and no other was to be admitted,
no matter who preached it;



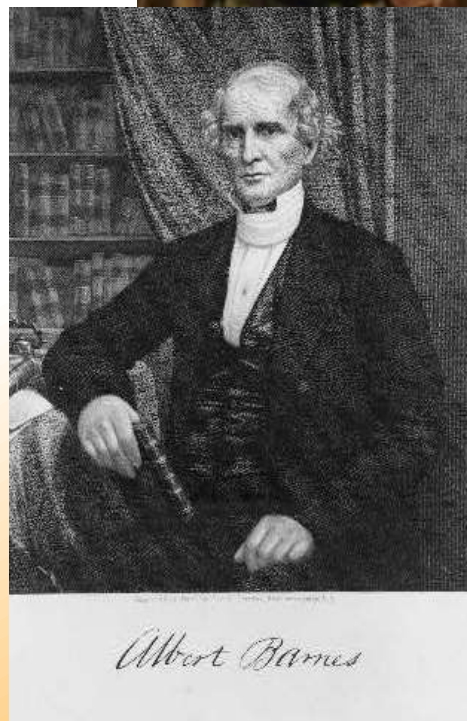
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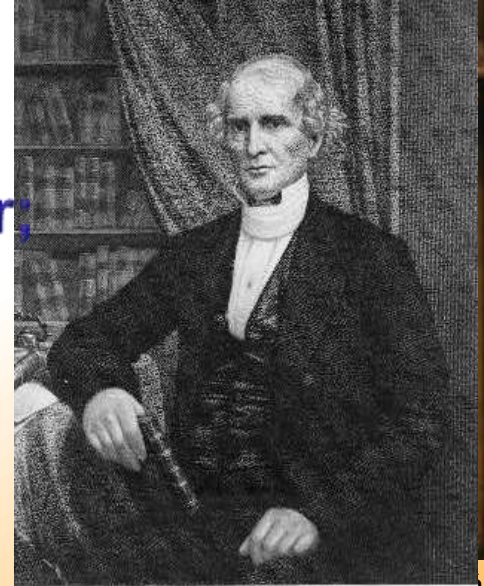
**no matter what the character
or rank of the preacher: and no matter
with what imposing claims he came.**

**It follows from this, that the mere rank,
character, talent, eloquence, or piety
of a preacher does not of necessity
give his doctrine a claim to our belief,
or prove that his gospel is true.**



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**Great talents may be prostituted; and
great sanctity of manner, and
even holiness of character, may be in error;
and no matter what may be the rank,
and talents, and eloquence,
and piety of the preacher,
if he does not accord with the gospel
which was first preached,
he is to be held accursed.**



Albert Barnes

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Those that Taint, Degrade, Diminish ...

ESPECIALLY those that Deride, Derange,
Pervert, Twist, or Change that Gospel

let them be under God's curse!



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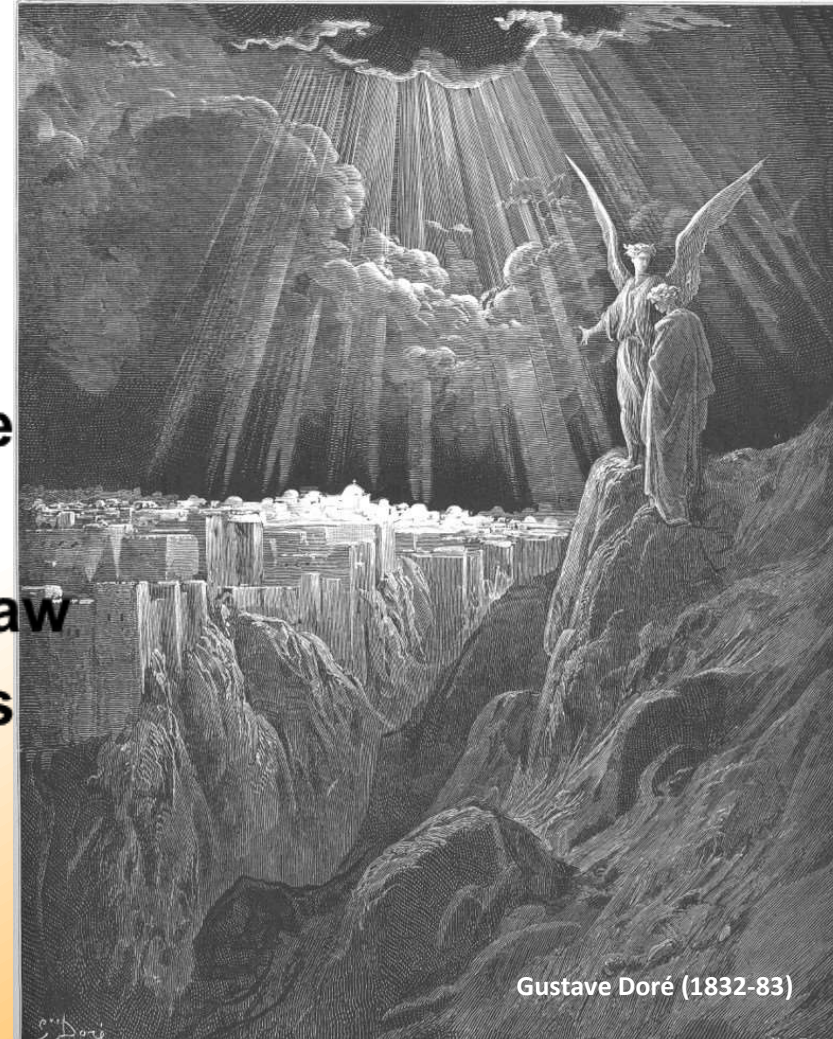
Apostle Paul is Crystal Clear ...

ONE TRUE GOSPEL

Superlatively Good News that:

- ✓ **O.T. Law POINTED to Christ**
- ✓ **Jesus came to SAVE the LOST**
- ✓ **Lost includes BOTH Jew & Gentile**
- ✓ **Jesus DIED to FULFILL the Law**
- ✓ **Jesus ROSE to OVERCOME the Law**
- ✓ **Jesus will COME AGAIN to take us**

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Gustave Doré (1832-83)