

What was Paul saying in Galatians?

PART 2 – GALATIANS 1 AND 2

▶ Acts 13 & 14 message:

- ▶ Act 13:38 Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins;
- ▶ Act 13:39 and by Him (Christ) everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.”
- ▶ You can be forgiven and be in a right relationship with God, not because of anything you did to earn it, but because of what was possible through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

The Debate: Which is it?



- ▶ **Act 15:1** And certain *men* came down from Judea, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

Directly contradicted the teaching of Paul

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- ▶ ANSWER: Through faith in Jesus Christ!

- ▶ Is there any other way? NO!

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▶ Wrong conclusion:

▶ Well, if I can't be justified by any of a number things...

▶ Well, I don't have to keep any of it...

That's not what Paul says here or elsewhere.

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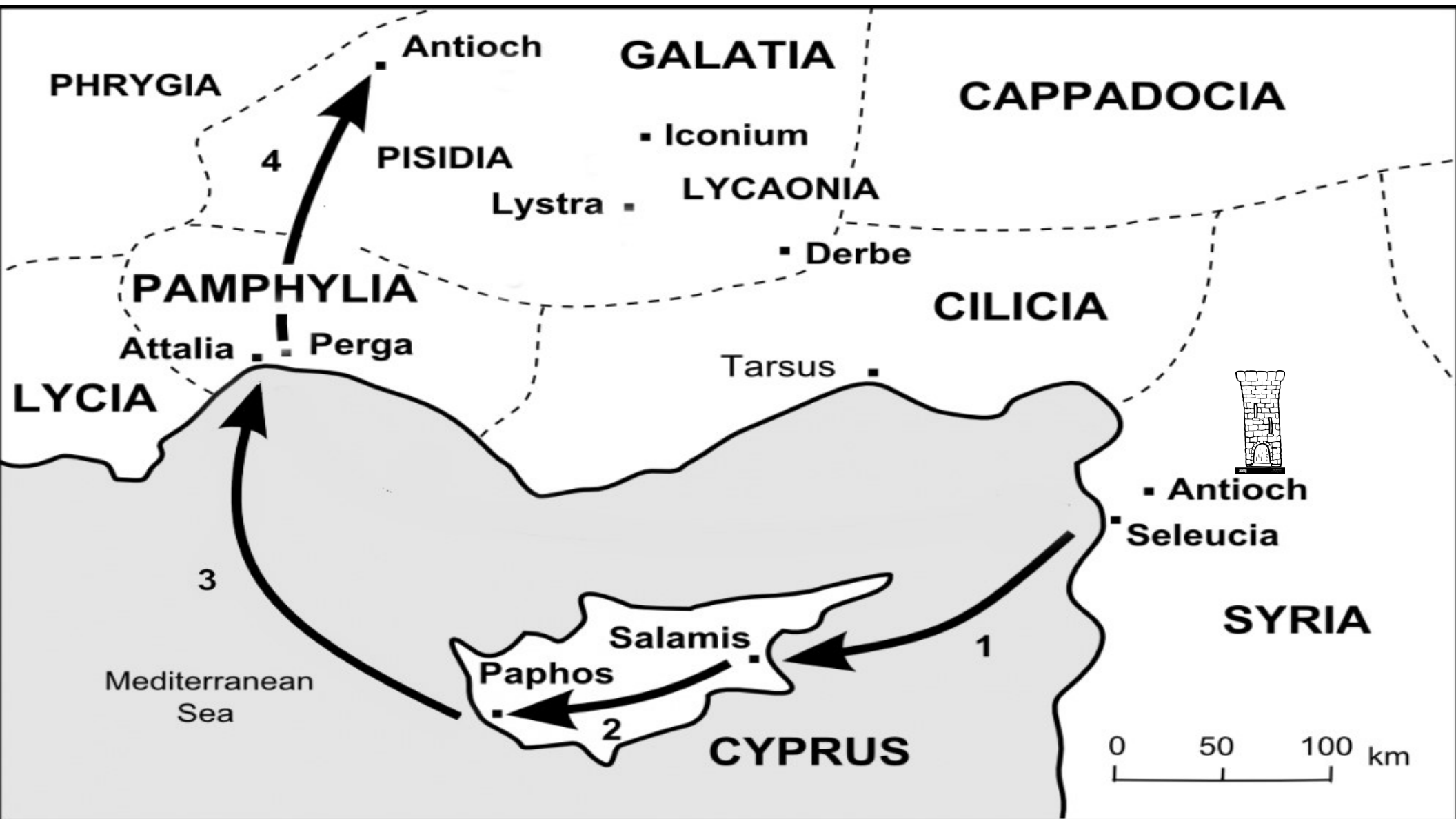
▶ MAIN THEME:

- ▶ How can a person be right (justified) with God?
- ▶ Who are the descendants of Abraham and heirs of the promises?
- ▶ Should we even listen to Paul? (Is he an Apostle?)

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- ▶ **Gal 1:1** Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead),
- ▶ Gal 1:2 and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:



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- ▶ Gal 1:6 I marvel (Puzzled/bewildered) that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,
- ▶ Gal 1:7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.

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- ▶ Gal 1:11 But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.
- ▶ Gal 1:12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught *it*, but *it* came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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- ▶ Gal 1:13 For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and *tried to* destroy it.
- ▶ Gal 1:14 And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

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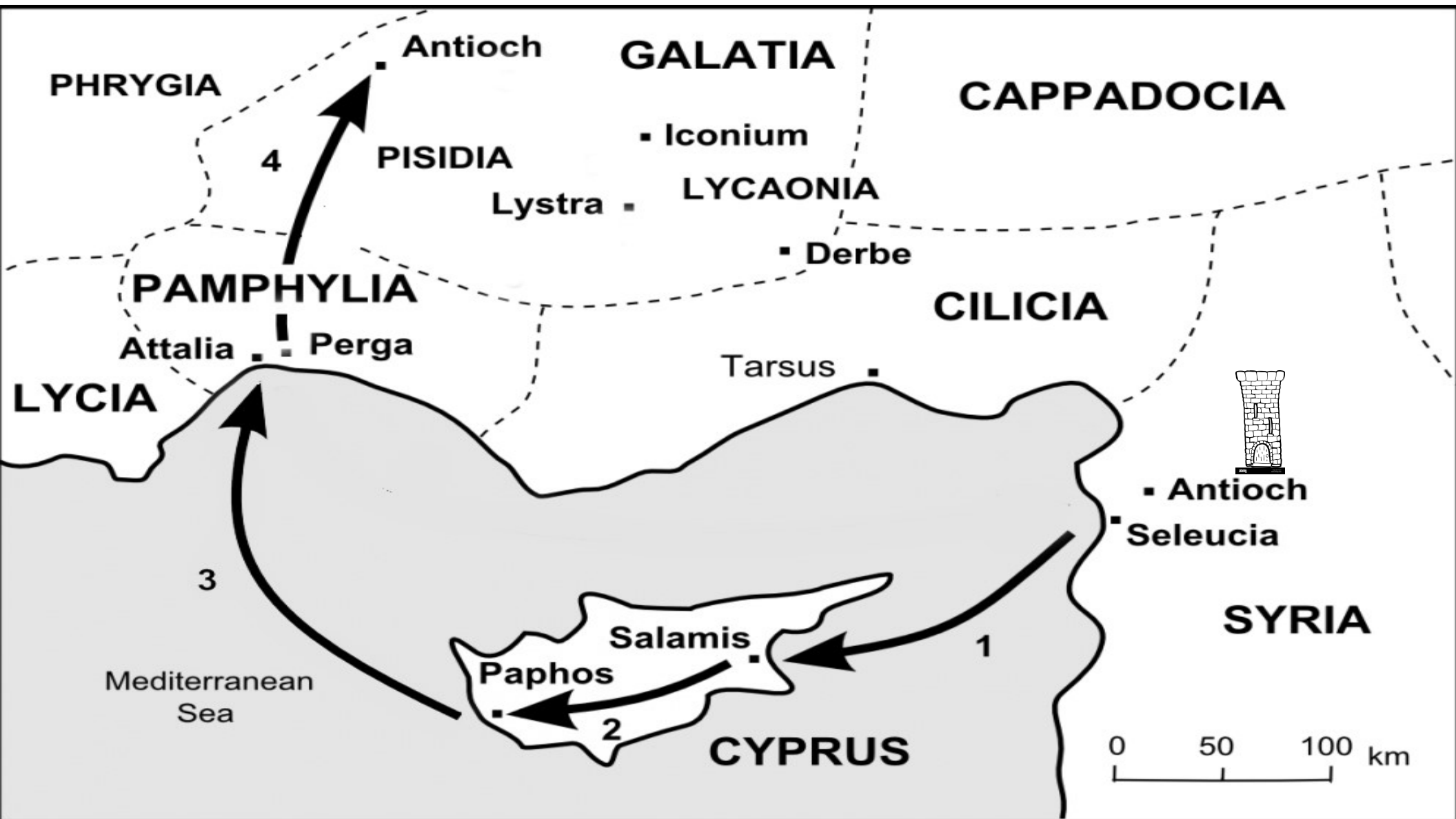


- ▶ What are:
 - ▶ Traditions of the fathers (aka Traditions of the Elders)
 - ▶ Orally passed down instructions
 - ▶ Not apart of God's written laws
 - ▶ Developed and expounded over time
 - ▶ Went beyond God's written laws

When traditions become a problem



- ▶ Mar 7:2 Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault.
- ▶ Mar 7:3 For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash *their* hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders.
- ▶ Mar 7:4 When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, like the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches.



When traditions become a problem



- ▶ **Mar 7:5** Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?"
- ▶ Mar 7:6 He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME.
- ▶ Mar 7:7 AND IN VAIN THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.'

When traditions become a problem



- ▶ **Mar 7:8** For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men— the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do."
- ▶ Mar 7:9 He said to them, "*All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.*"
- ▶ Mar 7:13 making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

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- ▶ Gal 1:15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called *me* through His grace,
- ▶ Gal 1:16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,
- ▶ Gal 1:17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those *who were* apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

Arabia?



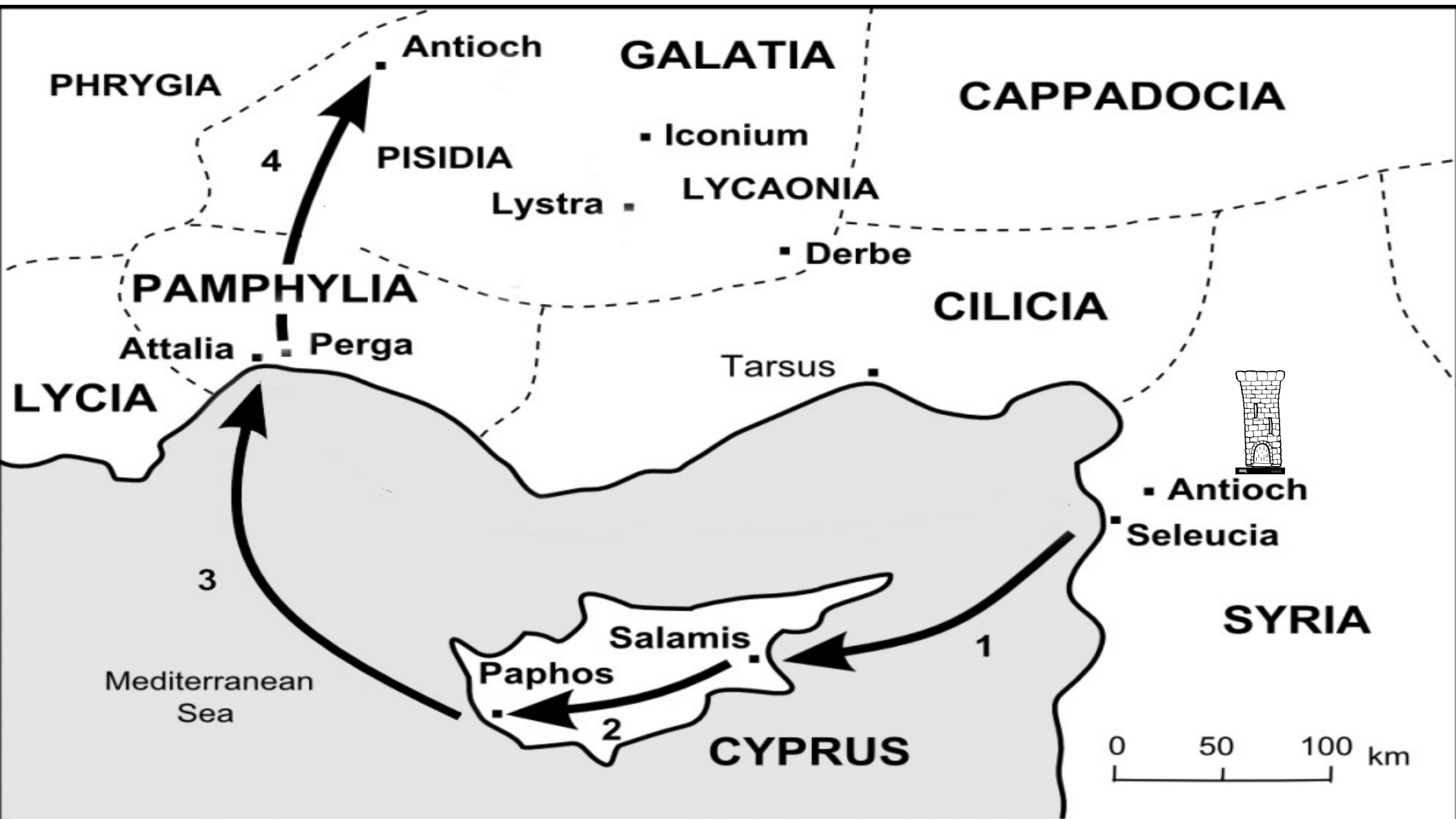
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- ▶ Gal 1:18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.
- ▶ Gal 1:19 But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.
- ▶ Gal 1:21 Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.



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- ▶ **Gal 2:1** Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and also took Titus with *me*.
- ▶ **Gal 2:2** And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain.
- ▶ Gal 2:3 Yet not even Titus who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised.

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- ▶ **Gal 2:4** *And this occurred* because of false brethren secretly brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage),

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- ▶ **Gal 2:11** Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed;
- ▶ Gal 2:12 for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision.
- ▶ Gal 2:13 And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.

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- ▶ **Gal 2:14** But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before *them* all, "If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews?"

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- ▶ **Act 10:15** And a voice *spoke* to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common."

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- ▶ Act 10:34 Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.
- ▶ Act 10:35 But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.

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- ▶ Act 10:43 To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.
- ▶ Act 10:44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.
- ▶ Act 10:45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

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- ▶ Act 10:46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered,
- ▶ Act 10:47 "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *have?*"
- ▶ Act 10:48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

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- ▶ **Gal 2:16** knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

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Works of the Law?



- ▶ Greek: “ERGON NOMOS”

Works of the Law?

- ▶ Dead Sea Scrolls
- ▶ 12 caves
- ▶ 4th Quarun cave
- ▶ 4QMMT



Works of the Law



- ▶ Purity of wheat of gentiles
- ▶ Sacrifices of gentiles...
- ▶ Red Heifer purity for sin offerings
- ▶ Handling hides...
- ▶ Vessels purity...
- ▶ Deaf & blind being in the temple...
- ▶ Purity of liquids
- ▶ Dogs being in Jewish camp
- ▶ Lepers causing impurity...
- ▶ Bones of dead people...
- ▶ Mixed marriages...

Works of the Law



- ▶ Text of Q4MMT “Works of the Law” - fragments were expressly concerned with “defilement through contact with gentiles”
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- ▶ **Php 3:6** — concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

Was there another way to be “Justified”



- ▶ **Mat 26:39** He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."]

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- ▶ **Gal 2:18** For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

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- ▶ Gal 2:19 For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.
- ▶ **Gal 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

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- ▶ Gal 2:21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

- ▶ **Rom 3:10** As it is written: "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NO, NOT ONE;

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CONTINUED...