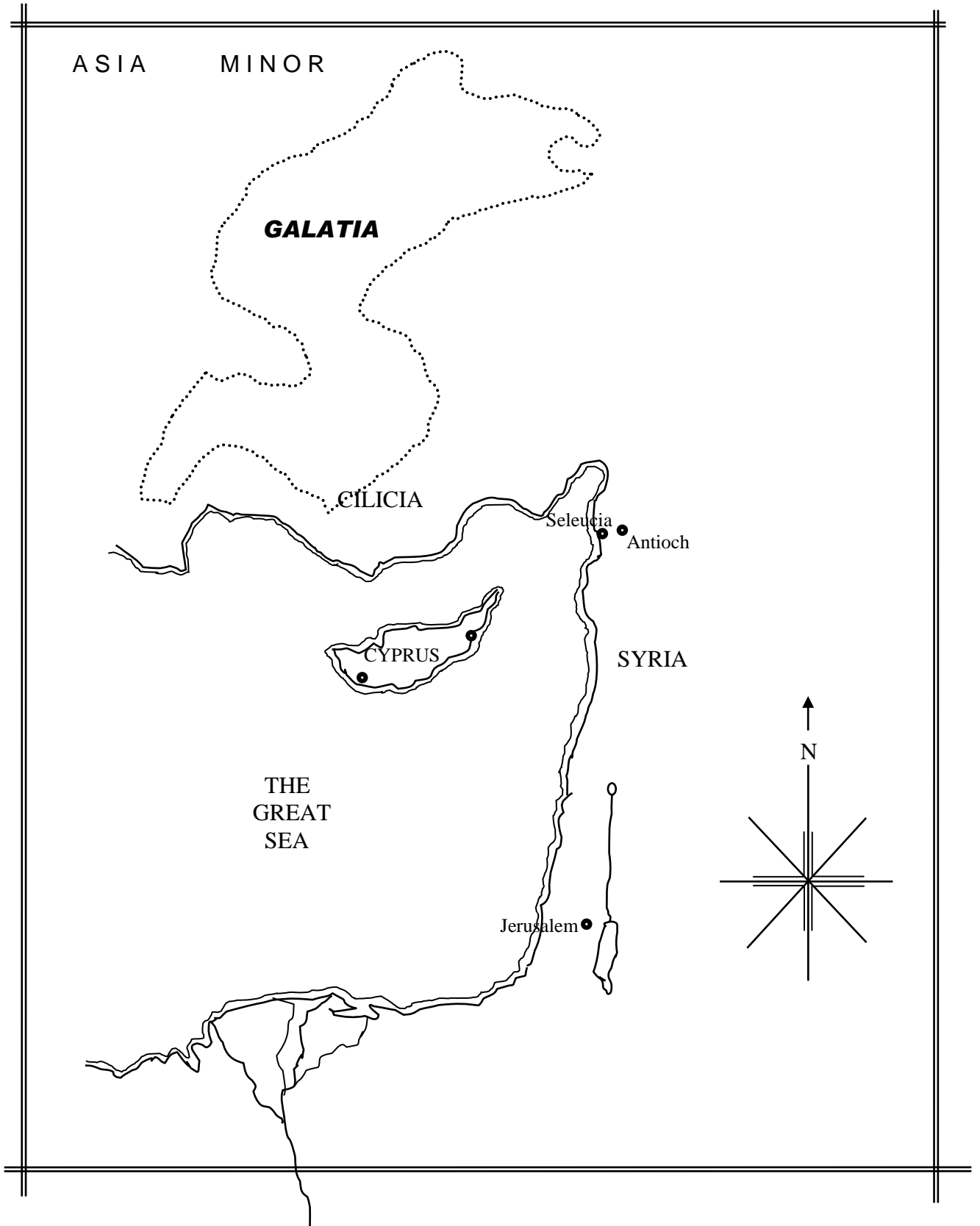


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It was at the church in Antioch where Paul was called by the Holy Spirit. Acts 13:2-3
2 While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

Obedient to the call, the gospel was taken into Asia Minor where Paul and Barnabas entered the Galatian region at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:14).

The account in Acts gives a clear reason for a second missionary journey. Acts 15:36, After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brethren in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are."

After this, because the reports concerning the new converts were not good, Paul wrote the following letter.

1 Paul, an apostle (not sent from men nor through the agency of man, **or not of men neither by man** but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead), 2 and all the brethren who are with me, to the churches of Galatia:

agency: one of its meanings is, "a person or thing through which power is exerted or an end is achieved."

Webster's Dictionary

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen.

[1.] v:1, nor through the agency of man, **Here the nasb used the word "agency". We read in this verse Whom actually sent Paul. Why did Paul make such a big thing about not being sent by an agency?**

[2.] v:2, and all the brethren who are with me, **Why did the apostle want the churches to know who "co-sent" the letter?**

[3.] v:3-5, He might rescue us from this present evil age, **How does this literally apply us?**

[4.] **As Christians, how can we live each moment as a rescued person?**

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6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel;



7 which is really not another only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

[5.] v:6, quickly deserting Him, To whom is the “Him” referring?

[6.] v:6 again, who called you, What does it mean to “be called”?

[7.] v:6 again, by the grace of Christ, In your own words, write down the definition of this truth.

To discover the meaning of the word **distort** (above), we will compare its uses in two other verses.

In Acts 2:20 we read, 'THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD SHALL COME.

James 4:9, says, Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom.

[8.] In both Acts 2:20 and James 4:9, what action is being described?

[9.] Back to Gal 1:7, only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. What do you conclude that these teachers are trying to do?

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[10.] Something to think about, again, Do you believe that these same teachers (Gal 1:7) exist in America today? And if so, how is a born-again Christian's belief protected against the same **distortion**?

8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be **accursed!**

accursed, 331 anathema (*an-ath'-em-ah*); from NT:394; a (religious) ban or (concretely) excommunicated (thing or person):

Strong's Numbers and Concordance

9 As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

10 For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.

[11.] v:8, if we, or an angel from heaven, **Paul used this phrase in order to describe which of the following truths.**

- a) Check to see if the person who is teaching you might be an angel.
- b) The wonderful claims of the teacher don't matter. If its not Biblically true, they're accursed!
- c) Show a little love and tolerance toward any and all teachers.

[12.] v:9, As we have said before, so I say again now, **What is the meaning of Paul's repeated warning?**

[13.] v:10, am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? **"Reading between the lines", of what might the false teachers have accused Paul?**

[14.] v:10 again, What was it about these teachers that the Galatian Christians were ready to believe them instead of the true gospel?

[15.] v:10 again, bond-servant of Christ, **Look up the word and jot down its meaning.**

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Gal 1:11, For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. 12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

[16.] v:10 again, bond-servant of Christ, Study I Corinthians 7:21-24. What do you feel is the meaning of (v:22) “Christ’s slave”?

[17.] I Cor 7:21-24 again, Why do the truth of these verses definitely “go against the grain” of a Christian living in America?

[18.] Gal 1:11-12, the gospel which was preached by me, Regarding ordinary men, what four things does Paul say about the gospel he preaches?

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2)

3)

4)

[19.] v:12, I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. Considering Hebrews 1:1-2, who is the writer talking about in v:2?

[20.] Why or why isn’t God now speaking through some latter day prophet or person with another spin on Christ’s revelation?

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