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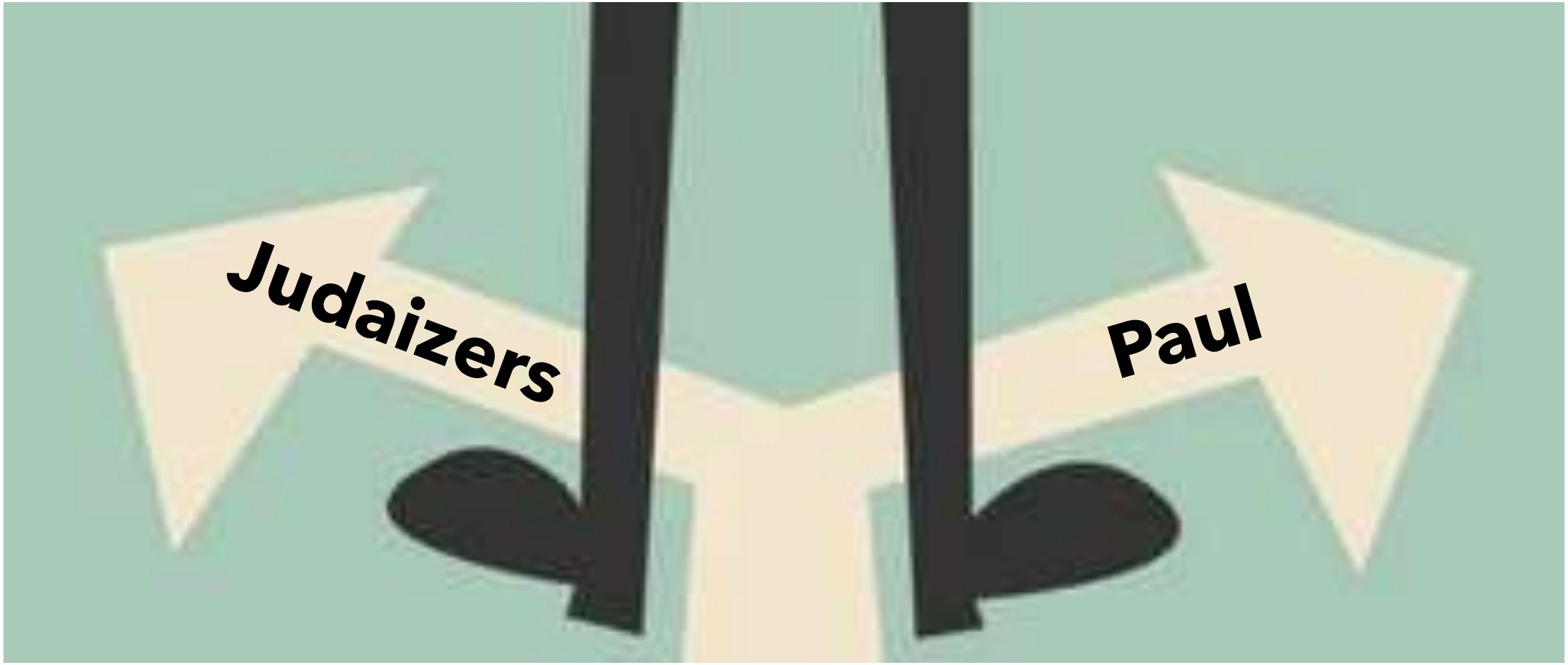


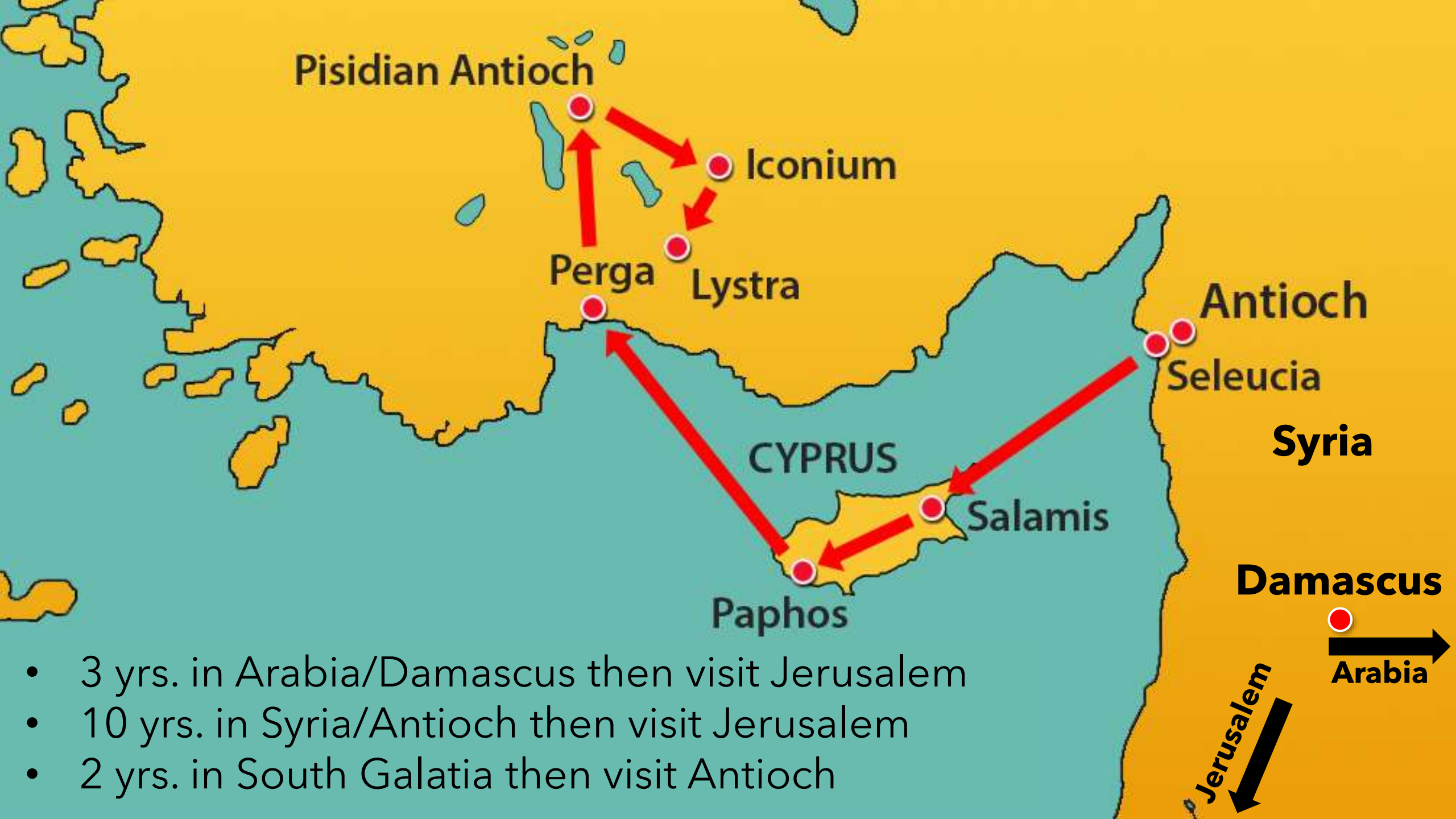
Paul valued **God's approval** over other people's approval

Paul taught the gospel exactly **as Christ** had told him

# Paul understood the dangers of legalism **firsthand**

God called Paul
**based on grace**
not performance

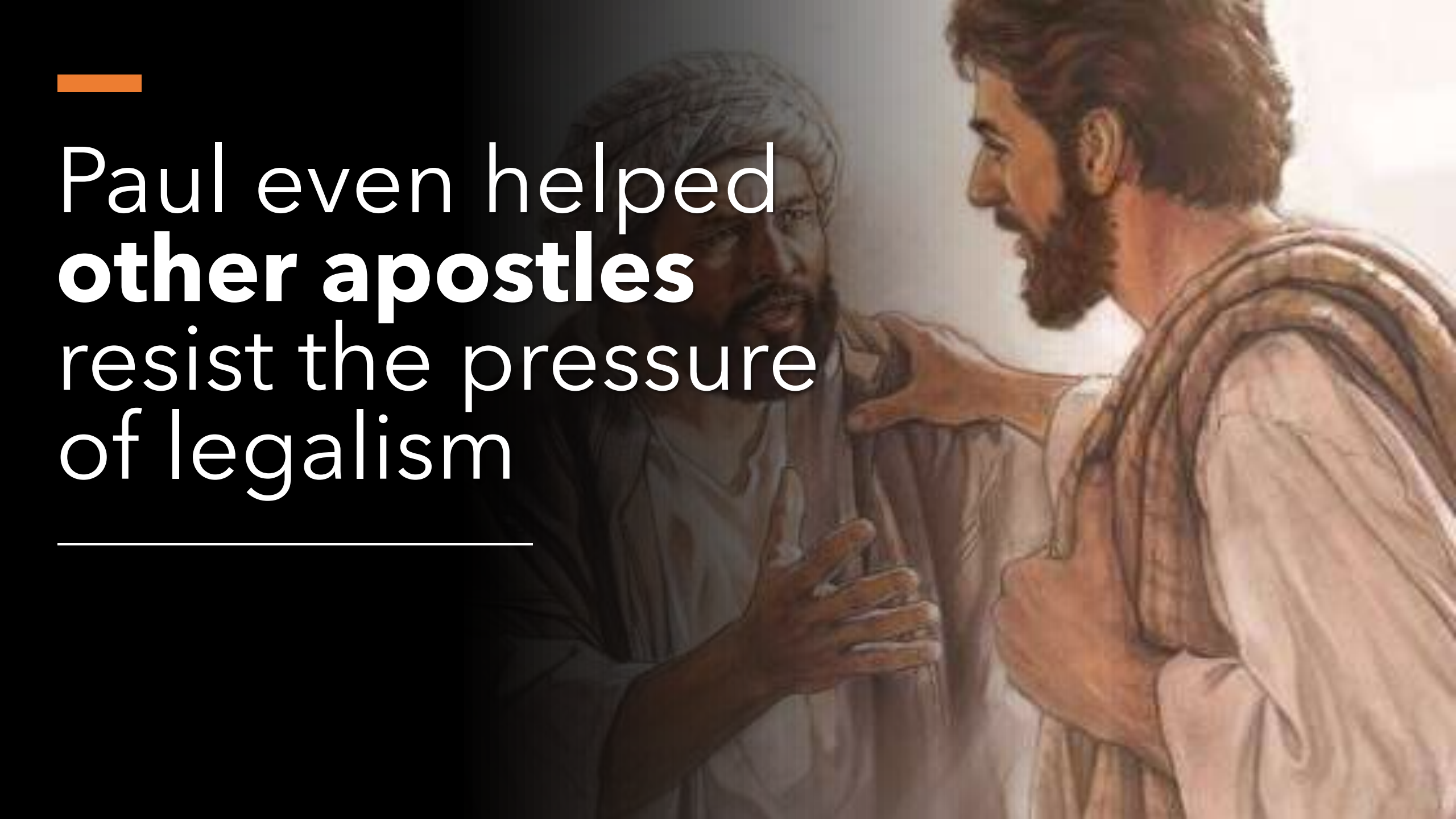
Paul relied on **God alone** for affirmation




- 3 yrs. in Arabia/Damascus then visit Jerusalem
- 10 yrs. in Syria/Antioch then visit Jerusalem
- 2 yrs. in South Galatia then visit Antioch

Paul didn’t rely on the Jerusalem church, but he **appreciated them**

Paul even helped **other apostles** resist the pressure of legalism

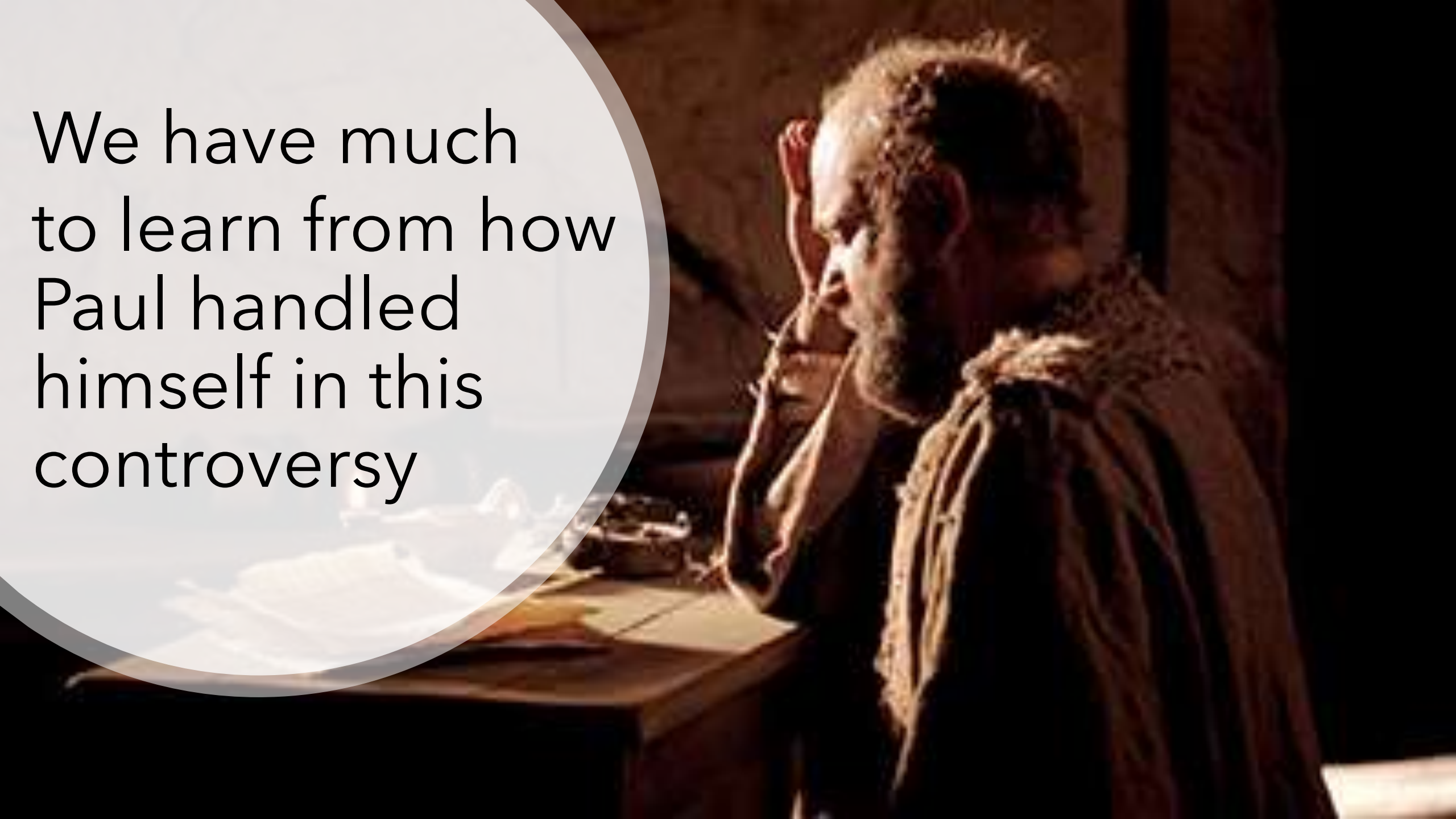


A legalistic gospel and approach to the Christian life **is not from Christ**

We should resist the **pull of legalism** in our Christian lives

Legalism changes the gospel for our **spiritual growth**

The trap of Christian legalism is that it never feels like legalism in our own eyes – it feels like godliness


We have much to learn from how Paul handled himself in this controversy