

GOD'S GOSPEL  
*of* GRACE

*PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS*

# ACTS 13–15

“They did not deny that you must believe in Jesus for salvation, but they stressed that you must be circumcised and keep the [Jewish] law as well.... You must let Moses finish what Christ has begun. Or rather, you yourself must finish, by your obedience to the law, what Christ has begun. You must add your works to the work of Christ. You must finish Christ’s unfinished work.”

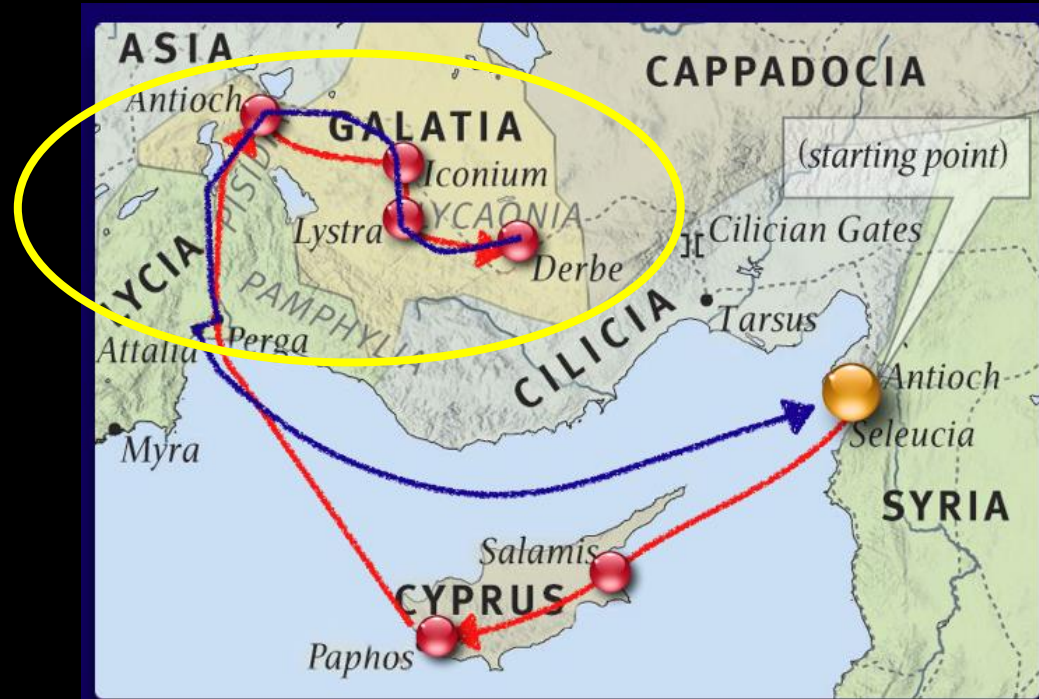
— *John Stott, Only One Way: The Message of Galatians*

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- Acts 15 records the immediate doctrinal threat faced by the early churches, including those in Galatia (addressed at the Jerusalem Council in ad48).

*Scripture Reading*

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- To experience the grace of Christ, you must personally hear and receive this gospel (verses 8-9).



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— The Council of Trent, Canon 30

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3. Those who communicate the gospel must seek the approval of God alone (verse 10).