





A serene sunset scene over a calm ocean. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds in shades of orange, pink, and blue. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow. A small sailboat is visible on the horizon line. The text "Justification by Faith Alone in Christ Alone" is centered in the upper half of the image.

Justification by Faith Alone in Christ Alone



# Galatians Outline

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## Book Theme Verse

Galatians 2:16a - nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus

## Passage Theme Statement

The apostle Paul confronts the apostle Peter for physically supporting the Judaizers position that salvation includes the works of the Law. The apostle Paul then refutes that position and clearly presents the true doctrine that salvation is by faith alone in Christ alone.



## Passage Key Verse

Galatians 2:20 - “I have been crucified with Christ; and 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 up for me.”



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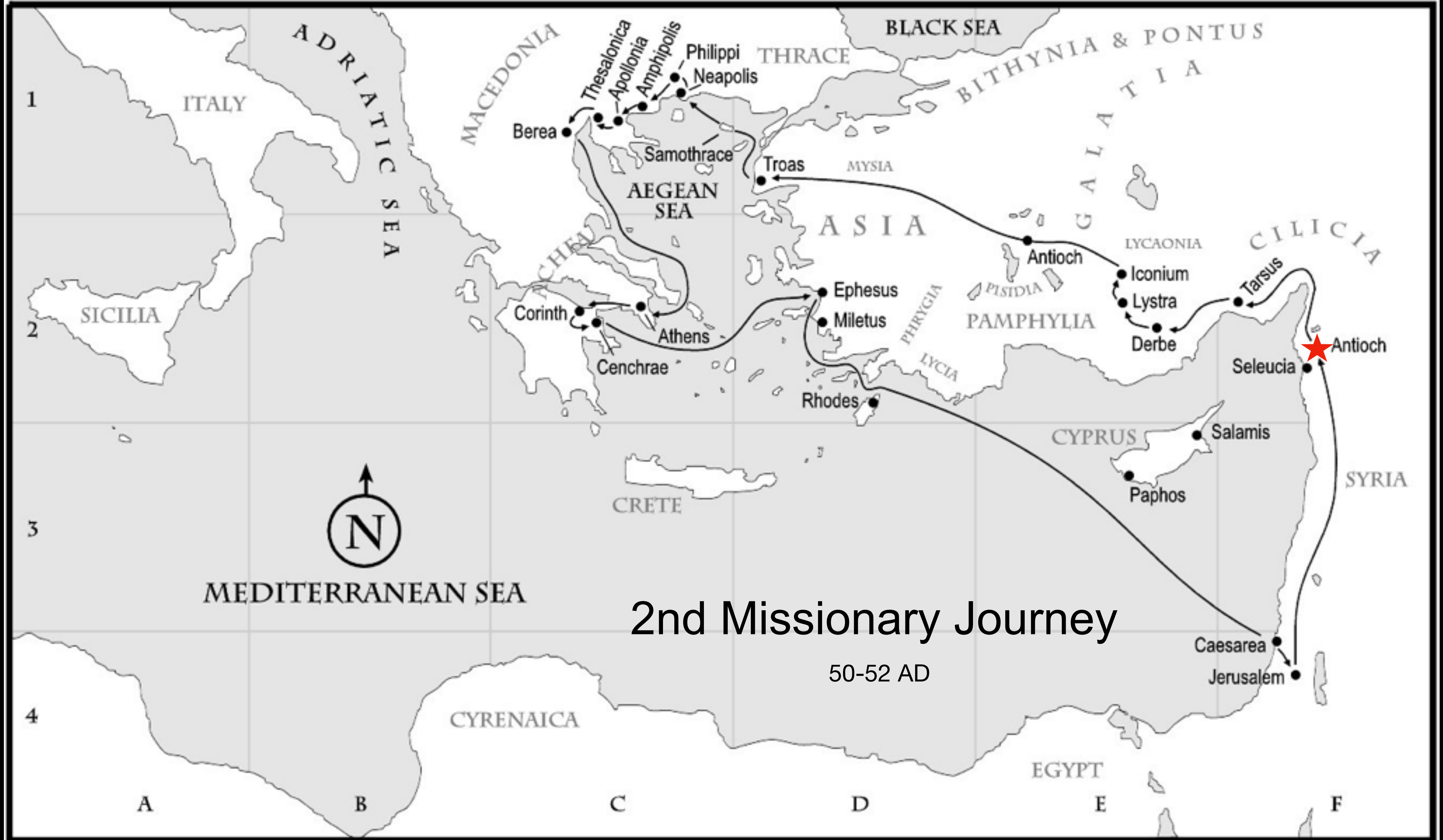
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Acts 11:19 - <sup>19</sup>So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and **Antioch**, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone.

Acts 11:26b <sup>26</sup>and the disciples were **first called Christians in Antioch.**













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1 Timothy 5:20 - <sup>20</sup>Those who continue in sin, **rebuke in the presence of all**, so that the rest also will be fearful of sinning.



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5. The main issue for the Apostle Paul was the truth of the gospel. - v.. 14

One Commentator wrote: “If even you, Cephas, though you are a Jew, can allow yourself the freedom of ignoring the Jewish traditions with respect to eating and drinking, as you certainly did when you were eating your meals with the Gentiles, then how can you now impose these very traditions upon the Gentiles, forcing them to live like Jews? It is undeniable that by separating yourself from the Gentiles at dinner time, you are saying to them, ‘If you Gentiles wish to have fellowship with us...you will have to adopt our customs; you will have to live like Jews.’”



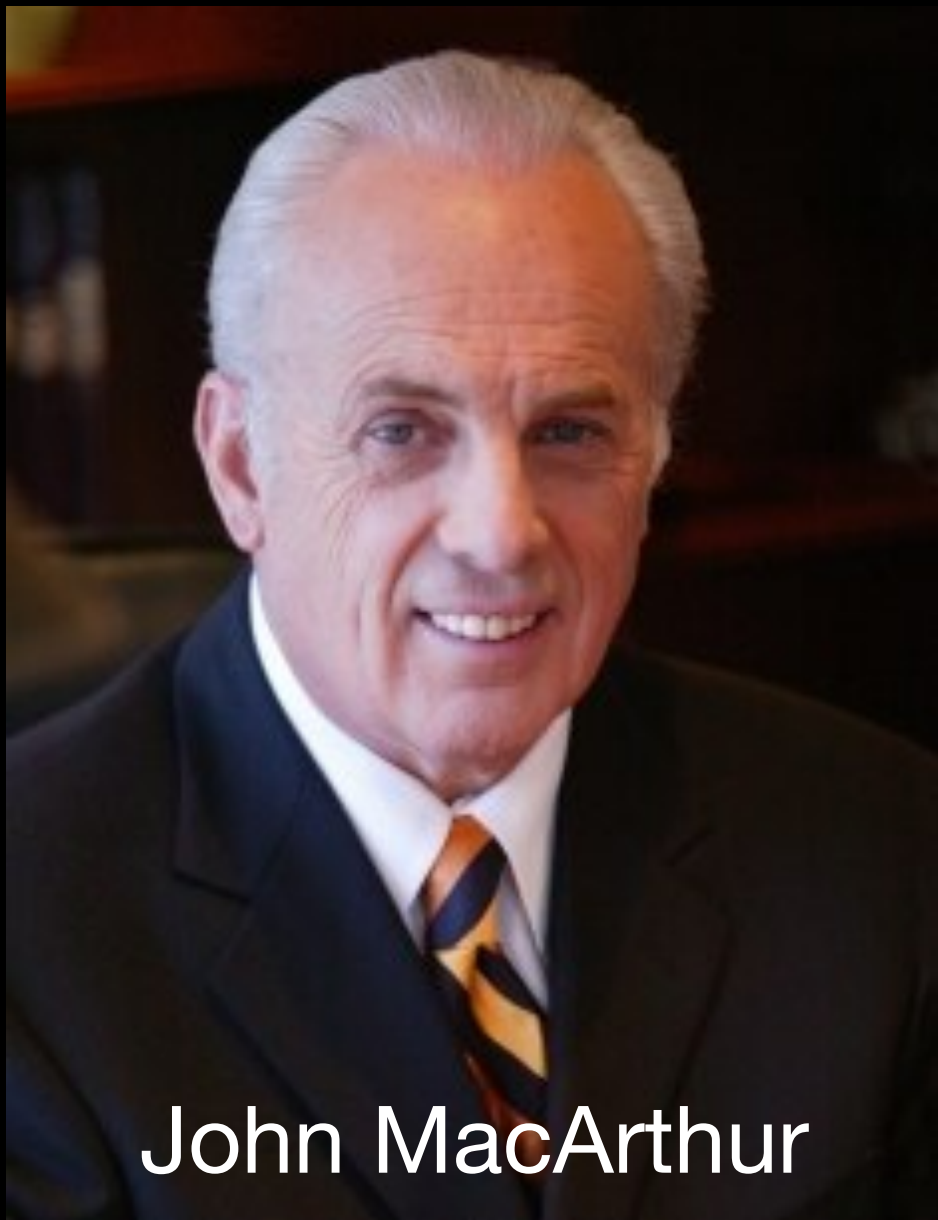
Ephesians 2:11–13 - <sup>11</sup>Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” which is performed in the flesh by human hands— <sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 3:1–6 - <sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace which was given to me for you; <sup>3</sup>that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. <sup>4</sup>By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; <sup>6</sup>to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,



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## Galatians 2:16

### General Statement:

“**a man** is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus.”

### Personal Statement:

“even **we** have believed in Christ Jesus, that **we** may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law”

### Universal Statement:

“by the works of the Law shall **no flesh** be justified”

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## Mark 7:14–19

<sup>14</sup>After He called the crowd to Him again, He began saying to them, “Listen to Me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside the man which can defile him if it goes into him; but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man. <sup>16</sup>“If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.” <sup>17</sup>When he had left the crowd and entered the house, His disciples questioned Him about the parable. <sup>18</sup>And He said to them, “Are you so lacking in understanding also? Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup>because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?” **(Thus He declared all foods clean.)**

## Acts 10:9–16

<sup>9</sup>On the next day, as they were on their way and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray.

<sup>10</sup>But he became hungry and was desiring to eat; but while they were making preparations, he fell into a trance; <sup>11</sup>and he saw the sky opened up, and an object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground, <sup>12</sup>and there were in it all kinds of four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air. <sup>13</sup>A voice came to him, **“Get up, Peter, kill and eat!”** <sup>14</sup>But Peter said, “By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything unholy and unclean.” <sup>15</sup>Again a voice came to him a second time, **“What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy.”** <sup>16</sup>This happened three times, and immediately the object was taken up into the sky.

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Romans 3:19–20 - <sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; <sup>20</sup>because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.

Galatians 3:24 - <sup>24</sup>Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

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## Philippians 3:4-9

<sup>4</sup>although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, <sup>9</sup>and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith



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## Galatians 2:20 — Romans 6

Galatians 2:20a - “I have been crucified with Christ”

Romans 6:3 - <sup>3</sup>Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Galatians 2:20b - “and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me”

Romans 6:4 - <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Galatians 2:c - “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 up for me.”

Romans 6:11 - Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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## Application

1. Works play no role in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are saved by Faith Alone in Christ Alone - Ephesians 2:8-9
2. Good works are the result of true faith in Jesus Christ - Ephesians 2:10
3. All good works of unbelievers are like filthy garments before a Holy God - Isaiah 64:6

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