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πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ δημοστέργειν

GALATIANS

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The Heart Of
The Gospel

Galatians 2:11-16

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?" We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus,

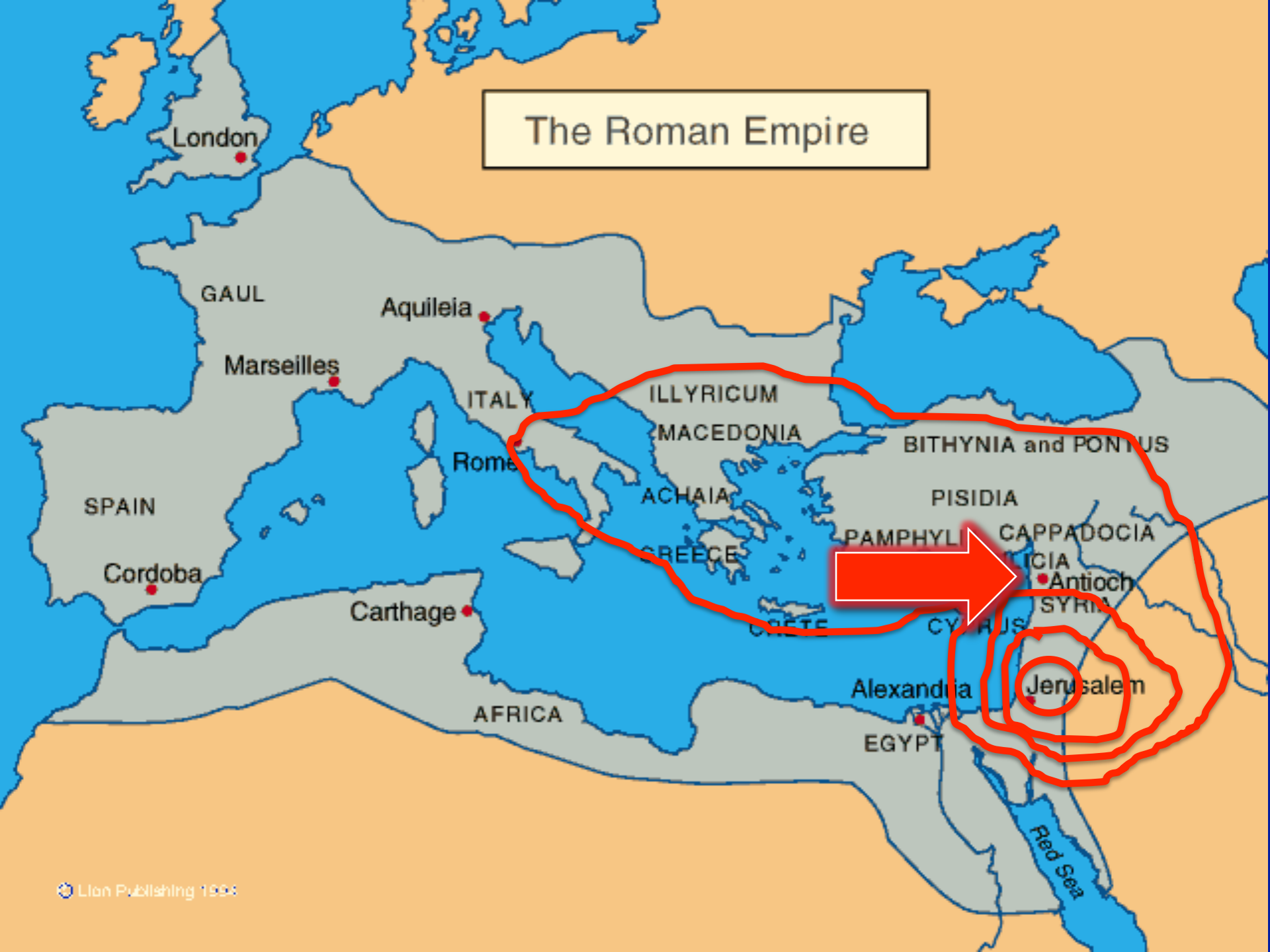
in order to be justified by faith in Christ
and not by works of the law, because
by works of the law no one will be
justified.

But when Cephas came to Antioch

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in **Jerusalem** and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**, and to the end of the earth.”

The Roman Empire



Acts 11:25-26

So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in

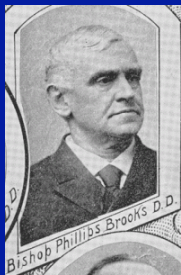
Antioch the disciples were **first called Christians.**

I opposed him **to his face**, because he stood **condemned**.

For before certain men came from James, he **was eating** with the **Gentiles**; but when they came **he drew back** and separated himself, **fearing** the circumcision party. And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that **even Barnabas was led astray** by their hypocrisy.

Courage is the indispensable requisite of any true ministry. Courage is good everywhere, but it is necessary here. If you are afraid of men and a slave to their opinion, go and do something else. Go and make shoes to fit them...But do not keep on all your life preaching sermons which shall say not what God sent you to declare, but what they hire you to say.

– Phillips Brooks



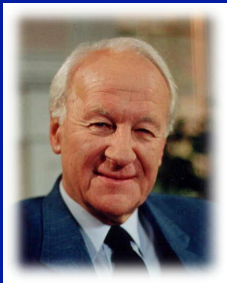
Acts 10:12-16

In (the sheet) were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. And there came a voice to him: "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has made clean, do not call common." This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

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Peter knew perfectly well that faith in Jesus was the only condition on which God will have fellowship with sinners; but Peter added circumcision as an extra condition on which he was prepared to have fellowship with them, thus contradicting the gospel.

– John Stott



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Gentile sinners; yet we know that a
person is not **justified** by works of the
law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so
we also have believed in Christ Jesus,

Justification= God eternally, legally,
irrevocably declares a verdict of “not
guilty.”

Justification= God eternally, legally,
irrevocably declares a verdict of
“righteous” (i.e. “just”)

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not
Gentile sinners; yet we know that a
person is **not justified by works of
the law** but through faith in Jesus
Christ, so we also have believed in
Christ Jesus,

Galatians 3:10

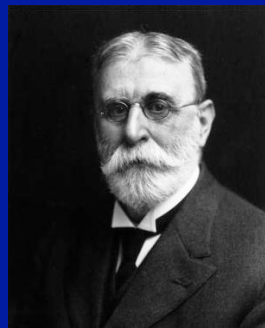
For all who **rely on works of the law** are under a curse; for it is written

“Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.”

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It is not, strictly speaking, even faith in Christ that saves, but Christ that saves through faith. The saving power resides exclusively, not in the act of faith or the attitude of faith or the nature of faith, but in the object of faith, Christ himself.

- B.B. Warfield



When God accepts a sinner, He is, in fact, only accepting Christ. He looks into the sinner's eyes, and He sees His own dear Son's image there, and He takes him in.

– Charles Spurgeon



so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

Romans 3:24

and are justified by his grace as
a gift

Justified- A judge's declaration- to
pronounce someone righteous.

A Gift- Something that cannot be
achieved; it can only be received.

Romans 10:1-3

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being **ignorant of the righteousness of God**, and seeking to **establish their own**, they **did not submit to God's righteousness.**

Philippians 3:9

and **be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own** that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the **righteousness from God that depends on faith**

This is the rock where we stand when the dark clouds gather and the floods lick at our feet: justification is by grace alone (not mixed with our merit), through faith alone (not mixed with our works) on the basis of Christ alone (not mingling his righteousness with ours), to the glory of God alone (not ours).

– John Piper



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We are not accepted by God on the basis of our physical appearance, our financial status, our family history, our social standing, our athletic talents, our rhetorical skills, or our religious deeds and piety. We are accepted by God's grace through Christ. And here is where it is hardest: we have a hard time treating others in a way that is consistent with the way God treats us.

– Scott McKnight

