

The **G.E.A.R.s** of the Gospel
(Galatia, Europe, Asia, Rome)
The Journeys of Paul & the Letters He Wrote

The unstoppable progress of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, through His church, by the power of the Holy Spirit, from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.

Paul's First Missionary Journey

The gospel to: Galatia

Participants: Paul, Barnabas and John Mark

1. Began in Antioch (Syrian)
2. Sailed and preached to Cyprus
 - Serius Paulus **sees** (accepts the Gospel), Elymas is blinded
3. Traveled to Galatia
 - John Mark "bailed"
 - Paul "A.I.L.D." (Galatians 4:13)

Antioch	A = first synagogue sermon (Jews rejected, Gentiles accepted)
Iconium	"I gotta go!" (Paul makes a quick escape)
Lystra	"Laid on in Lystra" (Paul is stoned)
Derbe	"Like winning at the Kentucky Derby" (Many disciples are won)

4. Returned to Antioch (Syrian)
 - At this point Paul wrote Galatians to combat the influence of the Judaizers

Galatians:

1. **Going Against Legalism**
2. Meanwhile, the Jerusalem Council met (3 J's) regarding Gentile circumcision
 - James (brother of Jesus), the head of the church in Jerusalem decided that salvation is **Just** by faith. Circumcision is not needed for salvation (but avoid offense in diet and behavior).

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Paul's Second Missionary Journey

The gospel to: Europe

Participants: Paul, Silas and Timothy

3. Began in Antioch (Syrian)
 - Questions: Paul and Barnabus: Is Mark out?
Paul and Silas: Retrace the route
4. **A.B.C.**
 - Asia or Bithynia The Spirit says "No"
 - Cross to Macedonia? The Spirit says "Go"
3. In Greece (Europe), Paul "Put Back" (**P.T.B.A.C.**) the gospel into people's hearts.

Philippi	3 i's in Philippi = 3 key individuals Lydia: agreed Slave girl: freed Jailor: believed
Thessalonica:	One month ministry. Paul sent Timothy back to check on young churches.
Beria	The Jews of Berea searched the Scriptures (Bible) daily.
Athens	Areopagus Address (Mars Hill)
Corinth	Corrupt city. Paul stayed there for a G.A.P. of 18 months Gallio's decrees Aquila and Priscilla

5. Paul wrote 1 Thessalonians at this point (and 2 Thessalonians shortly after) to encourage the believers at Thessalonica after he received the report from Timothy.
 - 1 **Thessalonians**: Encouragement for a **Thriving** church
 - 2 **Thessalonians**: Regarding the **Thecond** coming of Christ

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Paul's Third Missionary Journey

The gospel to: Asia

Participants: Paul

5. 3 year ministry in Ephesus
 - Sons of Sceva: heat up
 - Idol makers: beat up
6. Trouble in Corinth: Problems and questions. Paul wrote 1 Corinthians from Ephesus, when he heard about problems in the church at Corinth.
 - 1 Corinthians: Correction for an immature church and Some more trouble in Corinth (4 events)
 1. Sorrowful visit
 2. Sorrowful letter sent with Titus
 3. Paul misses Titus in Troas
 4. Paul meets Titus in Macedonia; Titus has a favorable report.

Paul wrote 2 Corinthians from Macedonia upon hearing about the church's favorable response to his letter.

- 2 Corinthians: Second chance for a corrected church (Paul's defense of his ministry.)

Corinth, 3 months

3. Romans = Paul's Gospel. Paul wrote Romans at this point to prepare the church at Rome for a future visit he desired to make and to present his Gospel to them.
4. Return to Jerusalem
 - Eutychus of Troas: sleeps
 - Elders of Ephesus: weep

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