



GALATIANS

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FIGHTING for  
the GOSPEL

A Verse-by-Verse Study

## Galatians 1: 10 (NIV)

*Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people?*

**If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.**



Does a message that seeks to please people originate from God or mankind?

## Galatians 1: 11 (NIV)

*I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin.*



What is a gospel of human origin?



**The State Newspaper** @thestate - Sep 20

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[thestate.com](http://thestate.com)

'Need an abortion? California is ready to help.' The story behind new ...

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# NEED AN ABORTION? CALIFORNIA IS READY TO HELP.

LEARN MORE AT [ABORTION.CA.GOV](https://abortion.ca.gov)

*"Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no greater commandment than these." -Mark 12:31*

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# Confronting False Doctrine





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## **THE ISLAMIC POSITION ON ABORTION**

In Islam, life is sacred and highly valued, and for this reason, it must be honoured and promoted. The preservation of life is one of the basic necessities and purposes (Maqasid) in the Islamic law. Therefore, abortion is considered unlawful and a major sin (HARAM) in Islam regardless of the stage of pregnancy.

# Question?

Would Gavin Newsome dare to quote the Quran on a billboard supporting abortion?



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Turn to:  
James 2: 19

## James 2: 19 (NLT)

*You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror.*



Does Gavin Newsom or mankind today tremble in terror of God?

Mankind trembles in fear of  
men and false religions but  
fails to tremble in fear of the  
One True God!!!



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Turn to:  
Romans 14: 11

## Romans 14: 11 (NIV)

*It is written: “As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.’”*



## Galatians 1: 12 (NIV)

*I did not receive it from any man, nor  
was I taught it; rather, I received it by  
revelation from Jesus Christ.*



How did Jesus reveal the gospel to Paul ?

## Galatians 1: 13 (NIV)

*For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it.*



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Turn to:  
Acts 7: 55-60

## Acts 7: 55-60 (NIV)

*At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him.*

## Acts 7: 55-60 (NIV)

Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

## Acts 7: 55-60 (NIV)

*Then he fell on his knees and cried out,  
“Lord, do not hold this sin against them.”  
When he had said this, he fell asleep.*

## Acts 8: 1 (NIV)

*And Saul approved of their killing  
him.*





Paul not only witnessed this murder, he approved it. what impact do you think this had on him later in life?



Why did Saul approve of this killing?



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Turn to:  
Acts 7: 54

## Acts 7: 54 (NIV)

When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him.

The Sanhedrin was essentially the supreme court of ancient Israel. It was made up of 70 elite men and the high priest, all of whom were viewed much like movie stars or star athletes today.

## Galatians 1: 13 (NIV)

*For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it.*

## Galatians 1: 14 (NIV)

*I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers.*

## Galatians 1: 15a (NIV)

*But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace,*





What is grace?

## Galatians 1: 15-16a (NIV)

*But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles,*

Paul submitted to the will of  
God!



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Turn to:  
Romans 12: 1-2

## Romans 12: 1-2 (NIV)

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*



What does it mean to offer your body as a living sacrifice?

## Romans 12: 1-2 (NIV)

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*



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Turn to:  
Philippians 1: 19-21



## Philippians 1: 19-21 (NIV)

*for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.*

## Philippians 1: 19-21 (NIV)

*I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always **Christ will be exalted in my body**, whether by life or by death.*

## Philippians 1: 19-21 (NIV)

*For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.*

## Galatians 1: 16b (NIV)

*my immediate response was not  
to consult any human being.*



Why did Paul not initially seek out any human being?

Paul did not seek man's endorsement or approval as he previously had done. He knew he was called by God.



What happens when someone is talked into going into the ministry, but is not called by God?

## Galatians 1: 16b-17 (NIV)

*my immediate response was not to consult any human being.* I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, *but I went into Arabia.* Later I returned to Damascus.





Why did Paul go into Arabia?

Many of the Biblical scholars who have studied the life of Paul appear to agree that he spent two to three years in Arabia.

## Galatians 1: 18 (NIV)

*Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephass and stayed with him fifteen days.*



# Who was Cephas?



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Turn to:  
John 1: 41-42

## John 1: 41-42 (NIV)

*The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).*

## John 1: 41-42 (NIV)

*And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).*



What does the name Cephas mean?



Cephas means “rock” in  
Aramaic!



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Turn to:  
Matthew 16: 13-18

## Matthew 16: 13-18 (NIV)

*When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”*

## Matthew 16: 13-18 (NIV)

*They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”*

## Matthew 16: 13-18 (NIV)

*“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”*

*Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”*

## Matthew 16: 13-18 (NIV)

*Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.*

## Matthew 16: 13-18 (NIV)

*And I tell you that you are Peter,  
and on this rock I will build my  
church, and the gates of Hades will  
not overcome it.*

## Galatians 1: 18 (NIV)

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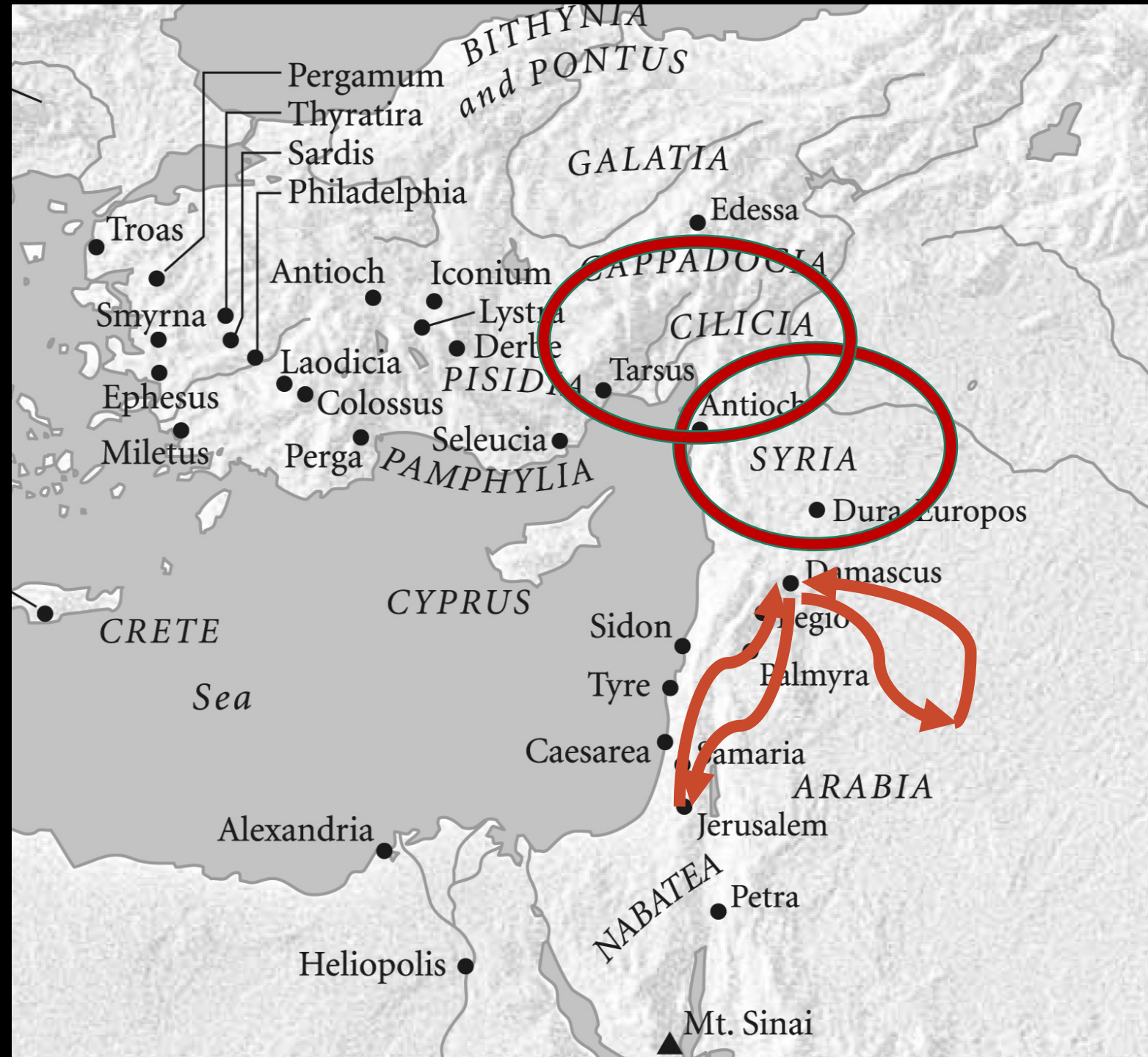
Why do you think Paul wanted to get to know Peter?

## Galatians 1: 19-20 (NIV)

*I saw none of the other apostles—  
only James, the Lord's brother. **I**  
**assure you before God that what I**  
**am writing you is no lie.***

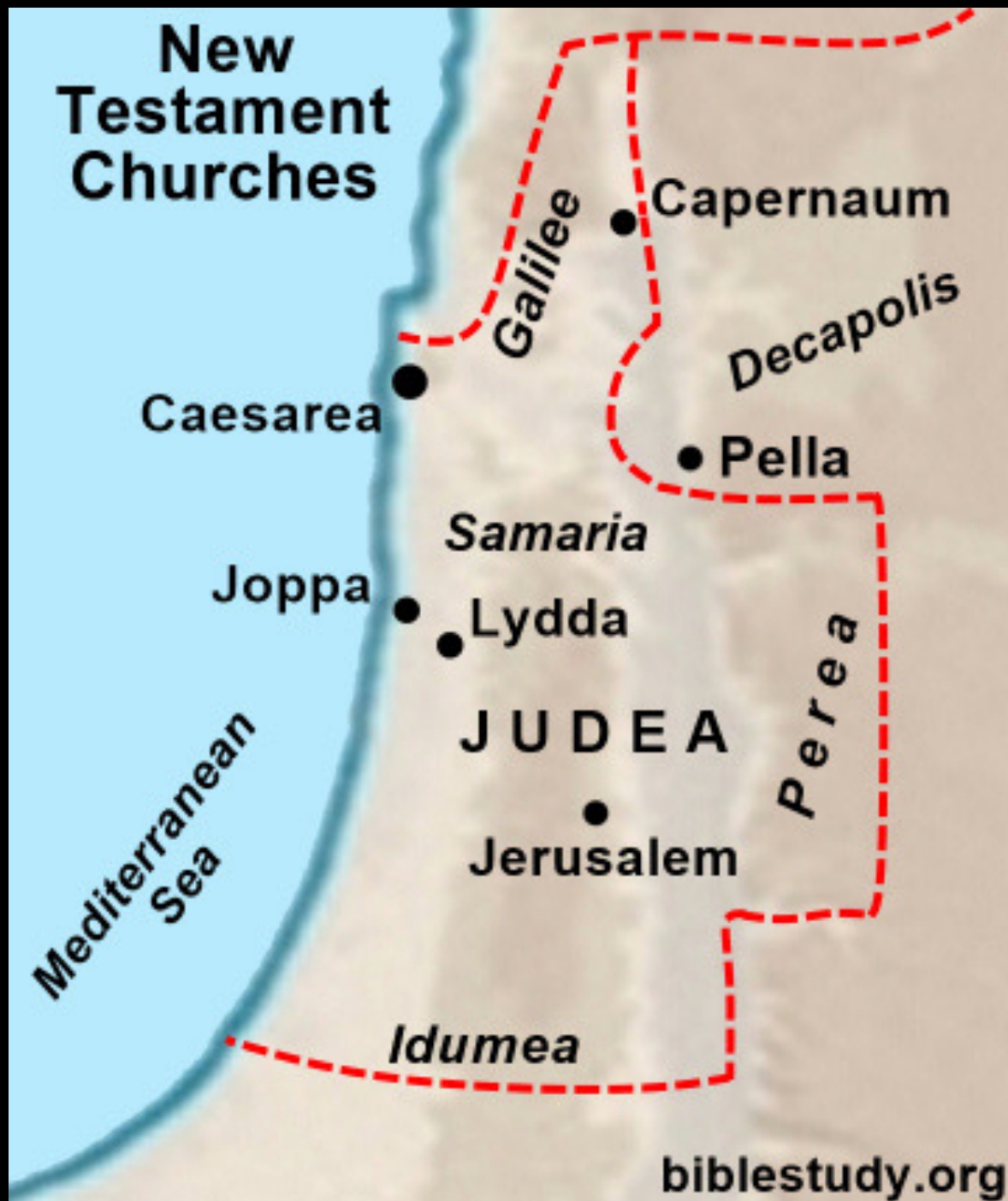
# Galatians 1: 21 (NIV)

*Then I went to Syria and Cilicia.*



## Galatians 1: 21 (NIV)

*I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ.*



**New Testament Churches**

*Galilee*

Capernaum

*Decapolis*

Caesarea

Pella

*Samaria*

Joppa

Lydda

**J U D E A**

Jerusalem

*Perea*

*Mediterranean Sea*

*Idumea*

## Galatians 1: 22-23 (NIV)

*They only heard the report: “The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.”*



How large was the impact of Saul's conversion to Paul?



## Galatians 1: 24 (NIV)

*And they praised God because of  
me.*



Who was praised?