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‘Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? **Does it not seem to you like nothing in comparison?** 4 **‘But now take courage,** Zerubbabel,’ declares the LORD, ‘take courage also, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and all you people of the land take courage,’ declares the LORD, **‘and work; for I am with you,’ declares the LORD of hosts.** 5 ‘As for **the promise which I made you** when you came out of Egypt, **My Spirit is abiding in your midst;** do not fear!’

Haggai 2:3–5

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'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself. **5 'Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; 6 and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'** These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel." Exodus 19:4–6

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“Speak to Zerubbabel governor of Judah, saying, ‘I am going to shake the heavens and the earth. 22 ‘I will overthrow the thrones of kingdoms and destroy the power of the kingdoms of the nations; and I will overthrow the chariots and their riders, and the horses and their riders will go down, everyone by the sword of another.’ 23 **‘On that day,’ declares the LORD of hosts, ‘I will take you, Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, My servant,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will make you like a signet ring, for I have chosen you,’**” declares the LORD of hosts.

Haggai 2:21–23

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Galatians 1:1-5, Wednesday, October 16, 2024

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‘But get up and stand on your feet; **for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you;** 17 rescuing you from the Jewish people and from **the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you,** 18 **to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.’**

Acts 26:16-18

Am I not free? **Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord?** Are you not my work in the Lord? 2 If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; **for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.**

1 Corinthians 9:1-2

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What are the “larger influences” to which we look that might mask our tendency to let someone/something larger than us be the object of our faith rather than God Himself?

- Political realm
- Sincerity (can't be wrong)
- Social media
- People want to please (have their favor) by looking godly
- Sense of accomplishment through our service
- Desire to speak truth
- People you trust (family hold to this for generation; family sacrificed for this belief)

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of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth. 16 **By common
confession, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed
in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Seen by angels,
Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up
in glory.**

1 Timothy 3:14-16

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Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately handling the word of truth.** 16 **But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness,** 17 and their talk will **spread like gangrene.** Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

2 Timothy 2:15-17

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What are good/dangerous reasons for wanting people to read Galatians “as if the Reformation had never happened”?

- Good: - To understand in its historical context free from our biases, assumptions
- Doctrine theology, Catholics that are outside of us but need to live “real” faith in the unseen not by larger groups or time ‘periods’
- Shouldn’t start w/ Reformation for our theology
- Response to what was happening - we don’t deal with exact nature of their situation now (perhaps deeper issue was gospel being subverted- THIS is what we must ascertain in present time)

- Danger: - Failing to consider what attacks fellowship with God at different periods in history;
- **We MUST watch how we make parallels, carefully exposing the essence of what was warned against**

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“ . . . none of us can read Galatians as if the Reformation never occurred. Such a reading is five hundred years too late. Nor can we read Galatians as if the twentieth century never happened or apart from the works of Ignatius, Irenaeus, Augustine, Anselm, Aquinas, and the like. We can consider whether Reformation emphases were wrong (I will argue that they were not), **but what we cannot do is read Galatians as if we were the first readers.**”

Tom Schreiner

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“Every lawful calling is of God. The church’s authority to call ministers is a ministry of service, whereby it does testify, declare, and approve whom God has called.”

William Perkins, ESV Church History Study Bible

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What are you doing to meditate on God for God?

Does your growing love for God and desire for Him to receive the honor due Him include slowly picking through what you believe about Him as life exposes your true beliefs?

Does your desire for growth in God-glorifying faith show dependence on the Spirit, yielding to God's means of prayerful study of God's Word in connection with the saints?

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Why would a clear defense of Paul's apostleship be essential for us to understand now?

- Paul wrote much of the NT, interpreted happenings of the gospels and how they related to the OT
- Once you start dissecting scripture, there is nothing left but the one dissecting it
- If not clear that Paul's words from God, then all other voices creep in eroding God's final word as revealed to us
- We need real hope and God gave that in the gospel as delivered

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“I do not seek [my own] active righteousness. I ought to have and perform it; but I declare that even if I did have it and perform it, I cannot trust in it or stand up before the judgment of God on the basis of it. Thus I . . . embrace only . . . the righteousness of Christ . . . which we do not perform but receive, which we do not have but accept, when God the Father grants it to us through Jesus Christ.”

Martin Luther

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“Therefore, God accepts only the forsaken, cures only the sick, gives sight only to the blind, restores life to only the dead, sanctifies only the sinners, gives wisdom only to the unwise fools. In short, He has mercy only on those who are wretched, and gives grace only to those who are not in grace. Therefore no proud saint, no wise or just person, can become God’s material, and God’s purpose cannot be fulfilled in him. He remains in his own work and makes a fictitious, pretended, false, and painted saint of himself, that is, a hypocrite.”

Martin Luther

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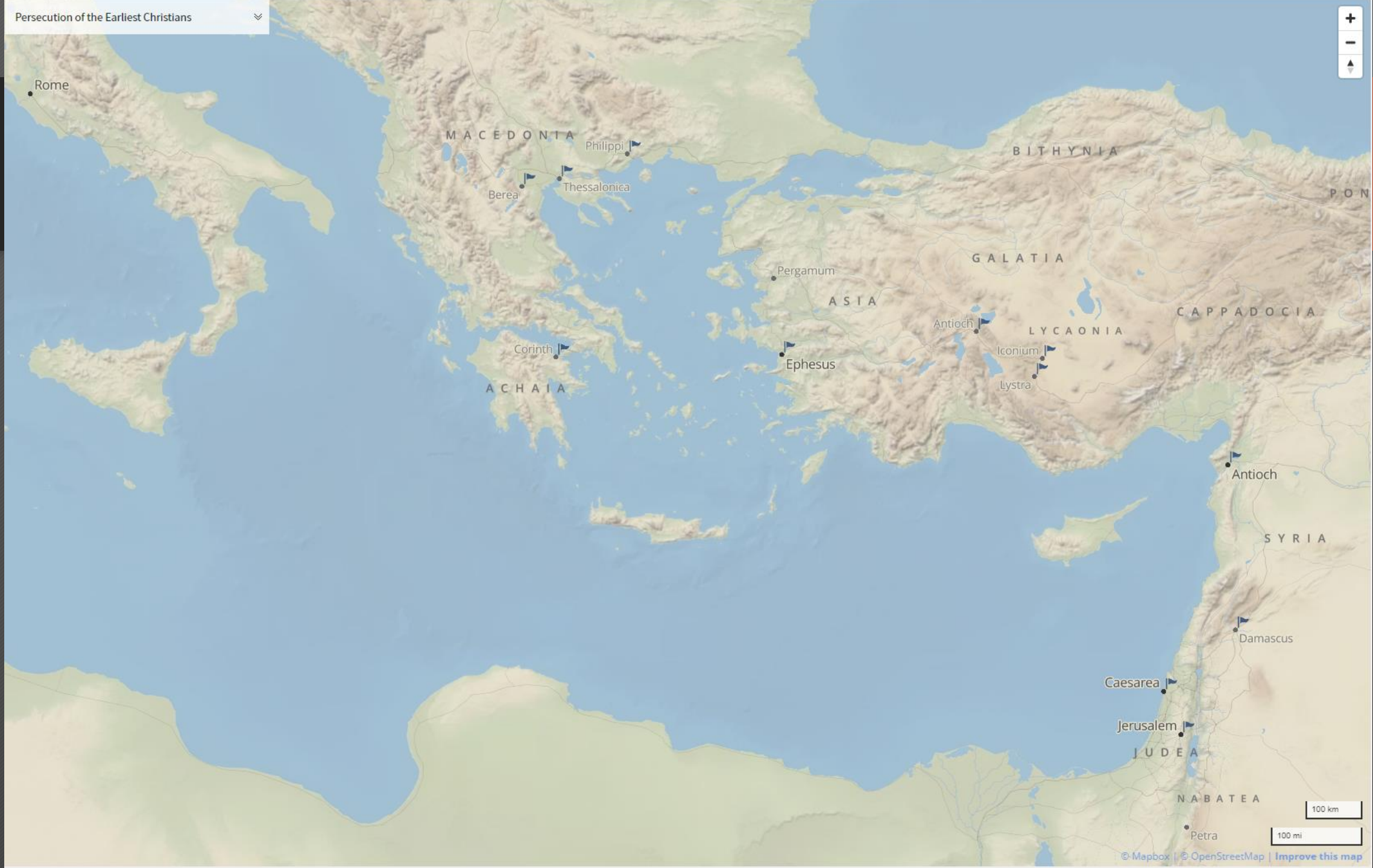
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1 Timothy 3:14-4:2

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- I. Paul's Place
- II. The Believer's Place



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Paul's Mission in Cyprus, Galatia, and Pamphylia

- Orange line: Paul's route from Antioch (Syria) to Salamis
- Green line: Paul's route from Salamis to Paphos
- Red line: Paul's route from Paphos to Perga
- Teal line: Paul's route from Perga to Pisidian Antioch via the western route
- Pink line: Paul's route from Pisidian Antioch to Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe
- Purple line: Paul's route from Derbe to Pisidian Antioch
- Light orange line: Paul's route from Pisidian Antioch to Perga via the central route
- Yellow line: Paul's route from Perga to Antioch (Syria)





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- I. Paul's Place
- II. The Believer's Place
- III. God's Place

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What is God's place in this greeting? List what you learn about God and the implications for the believer.