# GALATIANS: Christ's Gracious Galatians 2:1-10 **Grace of the** Gospel **Gospel Affirmed**

### MBC vision emphasis for 2021

To contend for the faith by growing in what you believe, why you believe it, and how to communicate it in a gracious biblical, manner

#### Situation: Judaizers

From ἰουδαΐζω (ioudaizō): verb

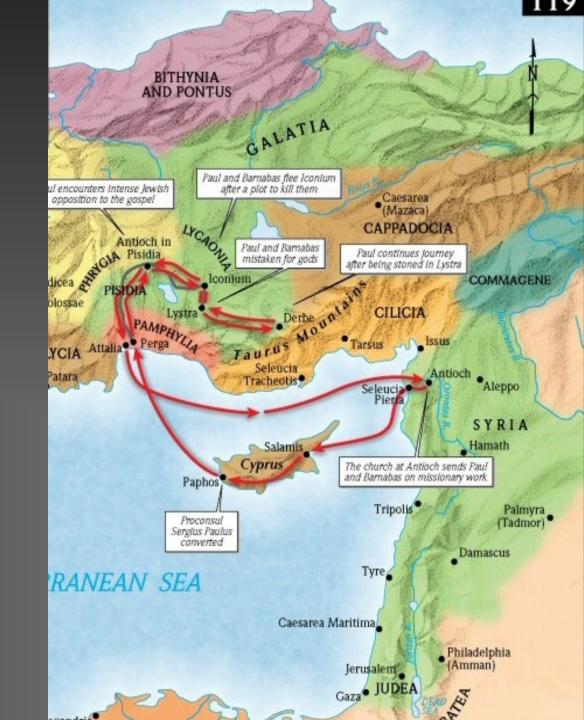
live as a Jew, follow Jewish customs, live in the manner of a Jew

#### Overview

Personal Defense. 1:11-2:21

Doctrinal Explanation. 3:1-4:31

Practical Application. 5:1-6:10

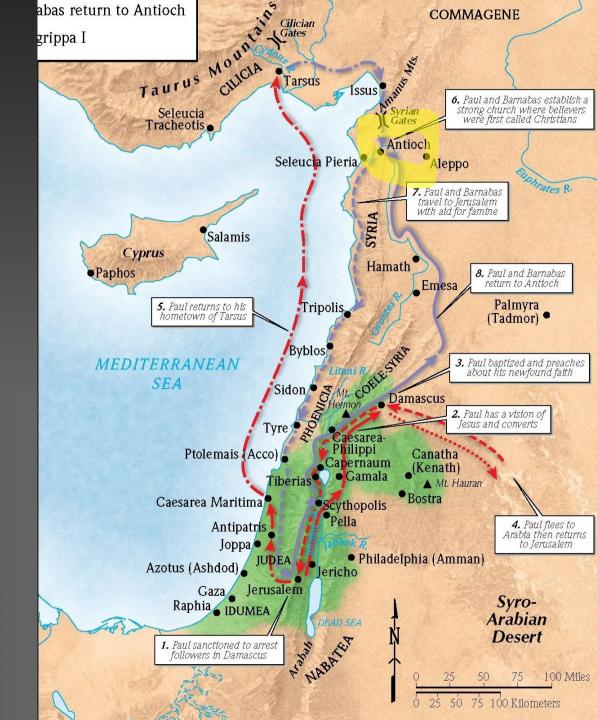


### Gospel Presented

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<sup>27</sup>Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup>And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). <sup>29</sup>So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. <sup>30</sup>And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Acts 11:27–30



# Gospel of Grace Presented

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# Application: Clarify the Gospel of Grace

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# Judaizer's Gospel Rejected

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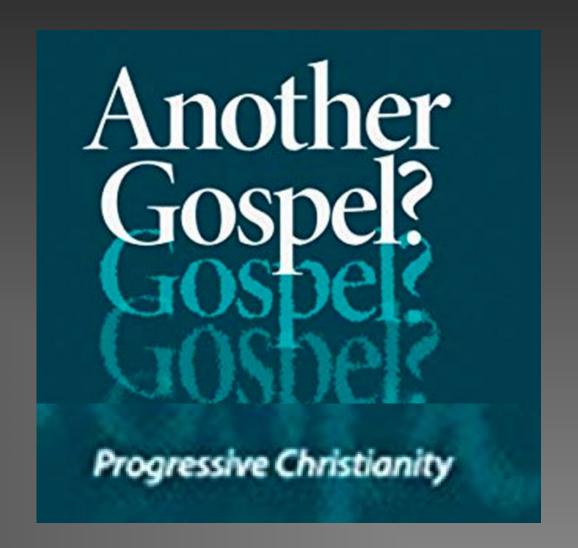
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"Christians are always trying to add something to the Gospel. They elevate some aspect of Christianity to a supreme place, so that the good news becomes faith in Christ plus something else. Usually what gets added to the gospel is something good in itself. Some particular experience of the Holy Spirit, perhaps. Some special ministry (usually the one we ae involved with). Some methodology for having devotions, growing a church, or raising a family. Some distinctive doctrine or style of worship. Some political or social cause. Some way of doing or not doing what the world does. But for the Gospel to be the Gospel, it has to stand alone. The Gospel is Christ plus nothing."

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And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me.

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### No Church Logos in Heaven

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# Gospel of Grace Impact

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# Grace is free & frees you to serve out of love

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