

**Galatians** – written by Paul to churches he started on 1<sup>st</sup> missionary journey

**Churches in crisis** – Jewish Christians are teaching salvation comes through Jesus + OT Law

Paul defends his calling and his message





# Paul Before Conversion

### Violently Opposed to the Gospel

• Acts 21.4-5: I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison, as the high priest and all the Council can themselves testify. (see also Acts 26.10 -11)

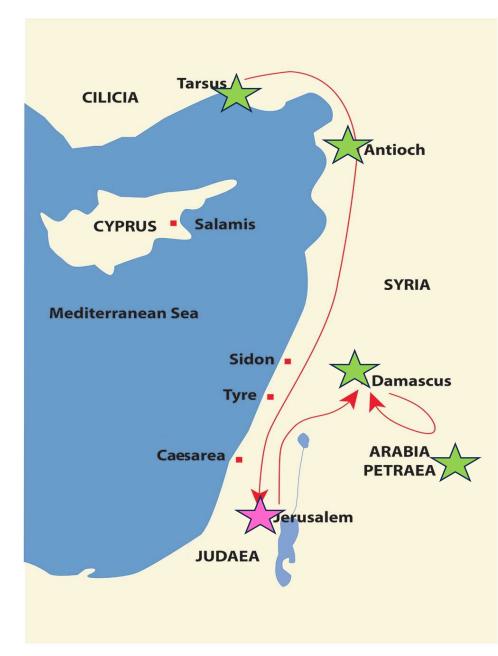
### Passionately Following the Law

 Philippians 3.5-6: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

## Galatians 1:11-24



#### Paul's First 14 Years of Ministry:



#### STONEBRIDGE CHURCH

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