



**WHY EVERY LEGIONARY
SHOULD STRIVE TO BE
LIKE ST. PAUL**

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“Rooted in Love”

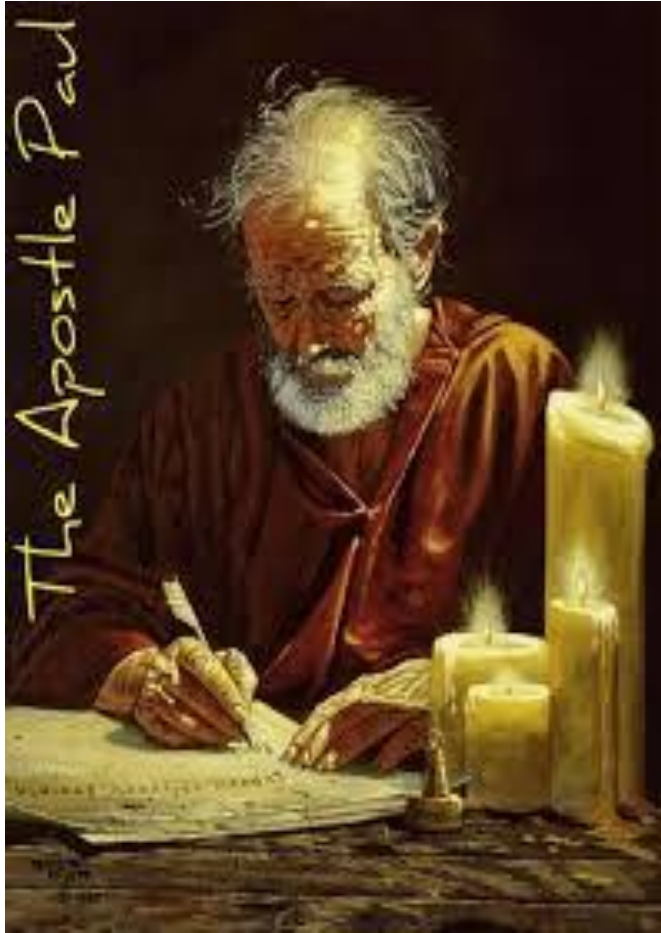
OBJECT OF THE LEGION OF MARY IS PAULINE IN NATURE

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation, under ecclesiastical guidance, in Mary's and the church's work of crushing the head of the serpent and **advancing the reign of Christ.**

Words of Wisdom

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.

WHO IS SAINT PAUL?



Jewish name was Saul.

From Tarsus (now Turkey)

Born in a Roman Free City

Date of Birth: Around 4 BC

Belong to the tribe of Benjamin

Acquired Roman Citizenship

Tent Maker

Educated and Trained by Gamaliel

WHO IS SAINT PAUL?



“I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia but brought up in this city, educated under Gamaliel, strictly according to the law of our fathers, being zealous for God, just as you all are today.” (Acts 22:5)

MAJOR EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF SAINT PAUL

- **A.D. 5–10 - Born in Tarsus, an Israelite from the tribe of Benjamin and a Roman citizen** (Acts 22:3, 28; Rom. 11:1; Phil. 3:5); **raised in either Jerusalem** (Acts 22:3?) **or Tarsus**
- **15–20 - Trained as a Pharisee by Gamaliel I** (Acts 22:3; 26:5; Gal. 1:14; Phil. 3:5–6)
- **30/33 - Death, resurrection of Christ**
- **31–34 - Present at Stephen's stoning; persecuted Christians** (Acts 7:58; 8:1; 22:4a; 26:9–11; 1 Cor. 15:9; Gal. 1:13; Phil. 3:6)

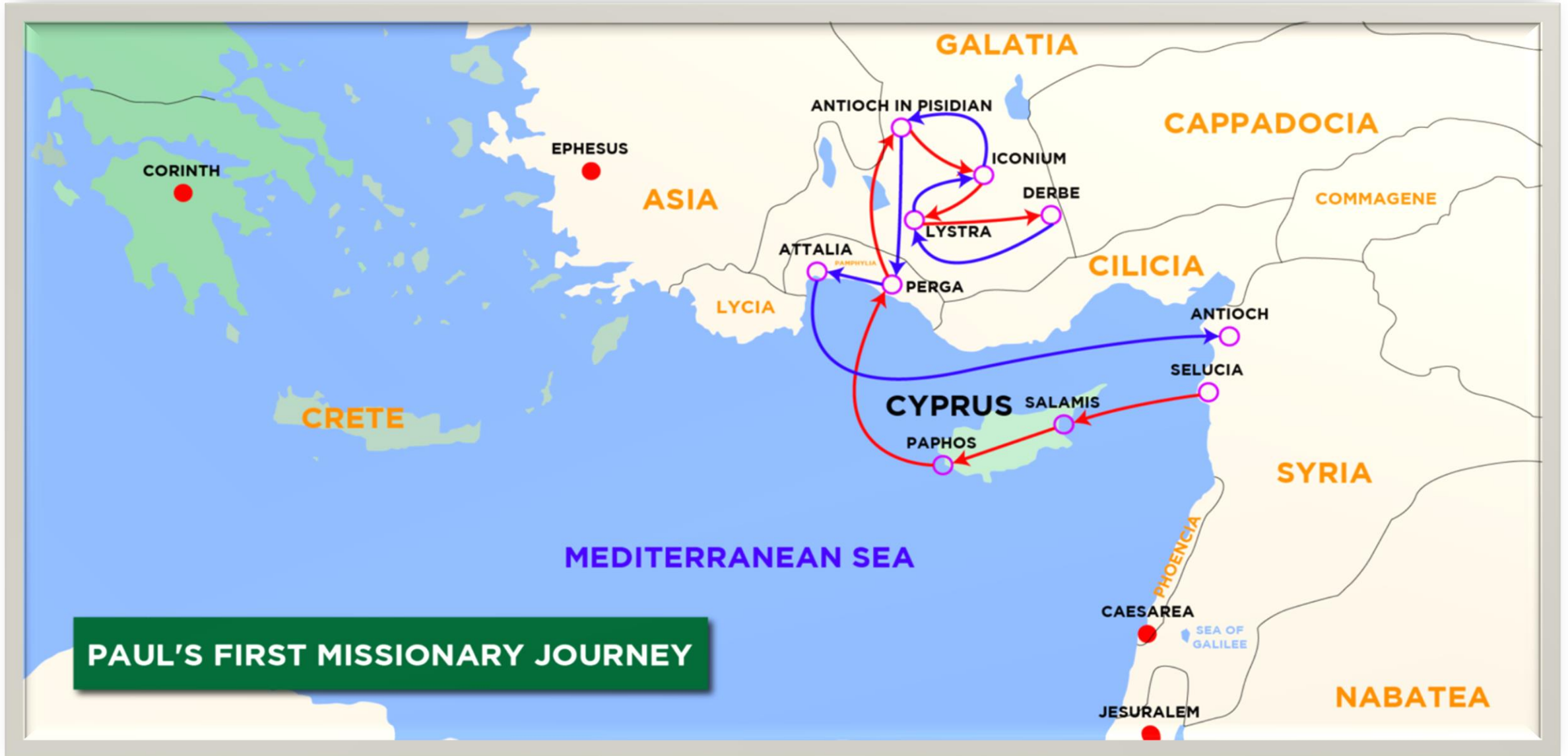
MAJOR EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF SAINT PAUL

- **33/34*** - **Converted, called, and commissioned on the way to Damascus** (Acts 9:1–19; 22:6–11; 26:12–18; Gal. 1:15–16)
- **33/34–36/37** - **Stays in Damascus a short time** (Acts 9:19b) **leaves for Arabia** (2 Cor. 11:32; Gal. 1:17); **returns to Damascus** (Gal. 1:17; Acts 9:20–22?); **escapes through city wall to avoid arrest** (Acts 9:23–24; 2 Cor. 11:32–33)
- **36/37** - **Meets with Peter, sees James, in Jerusalem** (Acts 9:26–30; Gal. 1:18) **Hellenists seek to kill him; flees to Tarsus** (Acts 9:28–30; Gal. 1:21)
- **37–45** - **Ministers in Syria/Cilicia** (2 Cor. 11:22–27?)

MAJOR EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF SAINT PAUL

- **44–47*** **Ministers with Barnabas in Antioch (Acts 11:25–26) Second Visit to Jerusalem; time of famine** (Acts 11:27–30; Gal. 2:1–10)
- **46–47 First Missionary Journey** (Acts 13:4–14:26): **1.5 years** (Began in Antioch and took him to Syria, Pisidia, Cyprus, Pamphlia, Phyygia – With him was Barnabas and John Mark, possibly a cousin of Barnabas.)

Map of First Missionary Journey



MAJOR EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF SAINT PAUL

48/49–51* Second Missionary Journey (Acts 15:36–18:22): 2.5 years Paul's second missionary journey. Established many of the churches he would later write to in his pastoral epistles. He had a "sharp disagreement" with Barnabas. Paul and Silas picked up another missionary, TIMOTHY.

Map of Second Missionary Journey



MAJOR EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF SAINT PAUL

- **49** - Paul and Silas travel to southern Galatia through Asia Minor, on to Macedonia [1 Thess. 2:2]; Thessalonica [1 Thess. 2:2; Phil. 4:15–16]; and Berea [Acts 17:10–15], and then to Achaia (Athens [1 Thess. 3:1] and Corinth [2 Cor. 11:7–9])
- **49–51** - Spends 1.5 years in Corinth (Acts 18:11); appears before Gallio (Acts 18:12–17); writes 1 and 2 Thessalonians
- **51** - Returns to Jerusalem (Acts 18:22)
- **52–57** - **Third Missionary Journey** (Acts 18:23–21:17): **5 years**
– In his third Missionary journey took him to Phrygia, Galatia, Macedonia and Greece.

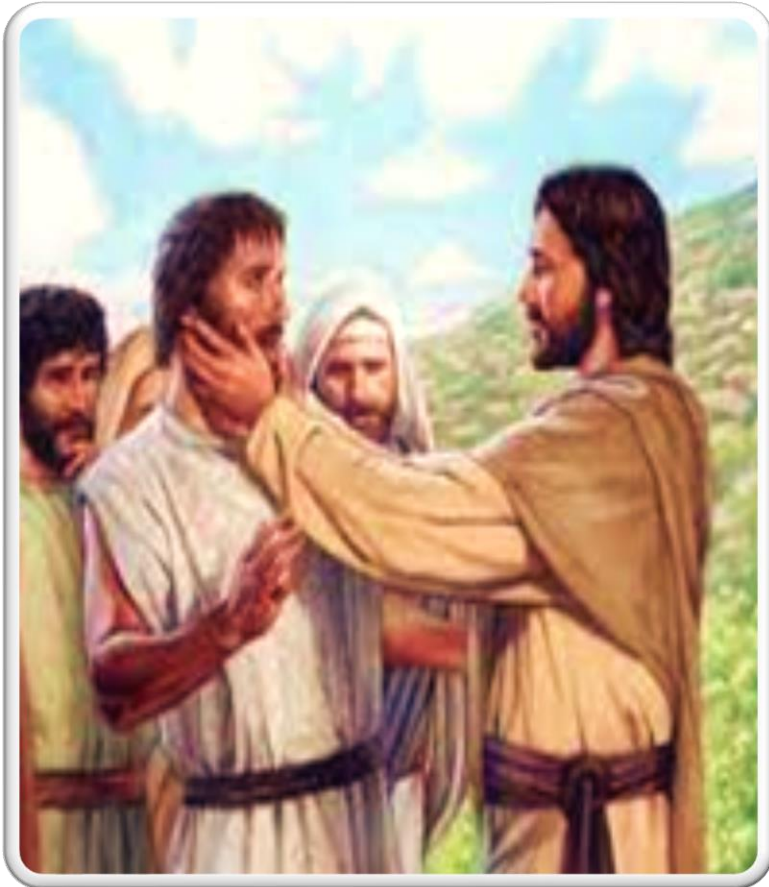
Map of Third Missionary



Words of Wisdom

“Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the Jews I became a Jew to win over Jews; to those under the law I became like one under the law – though I myself am not under the law – to win over those under the law. To those outside the law I became like one outside the law.”

SAINT PAUL BECAME LIKE US TO WIN US!



“To the weak I became weak to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.” (1 Cor 9:19-23; see also 1 Cor 10:33, Rom 15:1)

MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST



The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ and his fulness (Ephesians 1:22-23). Christ is its head, its chief indispensable and perfect part, from which all the members of the body derive their power, their very life.

MARY IS THE HEART OF THE MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST



“She has been described as its very heart. Her role, like that of the heart in the human body is to send the blood of Christ coursing through the veins and arteries of the Mystical Body, bringing life and growth with it.