

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy

## Chapter 1

“Paul’s Last Will and Testament”

# Loyalty

- This epistle seems to emphasize one word above others: **Loyalty**
  - Loyalty in suffering Chap. 1
  - Loyalty in service Chap. 2
  - Loyalty in apostasy Chap 3 -4:5
  - The Lord's loyalty to His servants in desertion Chap. 4:6-22

For the which cause I also suffer these things:  
nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know  
whom I have believed, and am persuaded that  
he is able to keep that which I have committed  
unto him against that day.

2 Timothy 1:12

- Note: it isn't what you believe, but in Whom you have relied:
  - Salvation is not about doctrines, but about a *person*:  
Jesus Christ
- “committed”: *deposited*. You and I are His debtors!

Cf. John 10:28, 29



Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

**2 Timothy 1:13**

Verbal plenary inspiration of the Scripture:

– *“When a church, or other Christian organization, goes liberal, it usually starts with a weakening of their leaders’ convictions about the Word of God”*

– J Vernon McGee

That good thing which was committed unto thee  
keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

**2 Timothy 1:14**

The Christian life can be lived only in the  
power of the Holy Spirit

This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

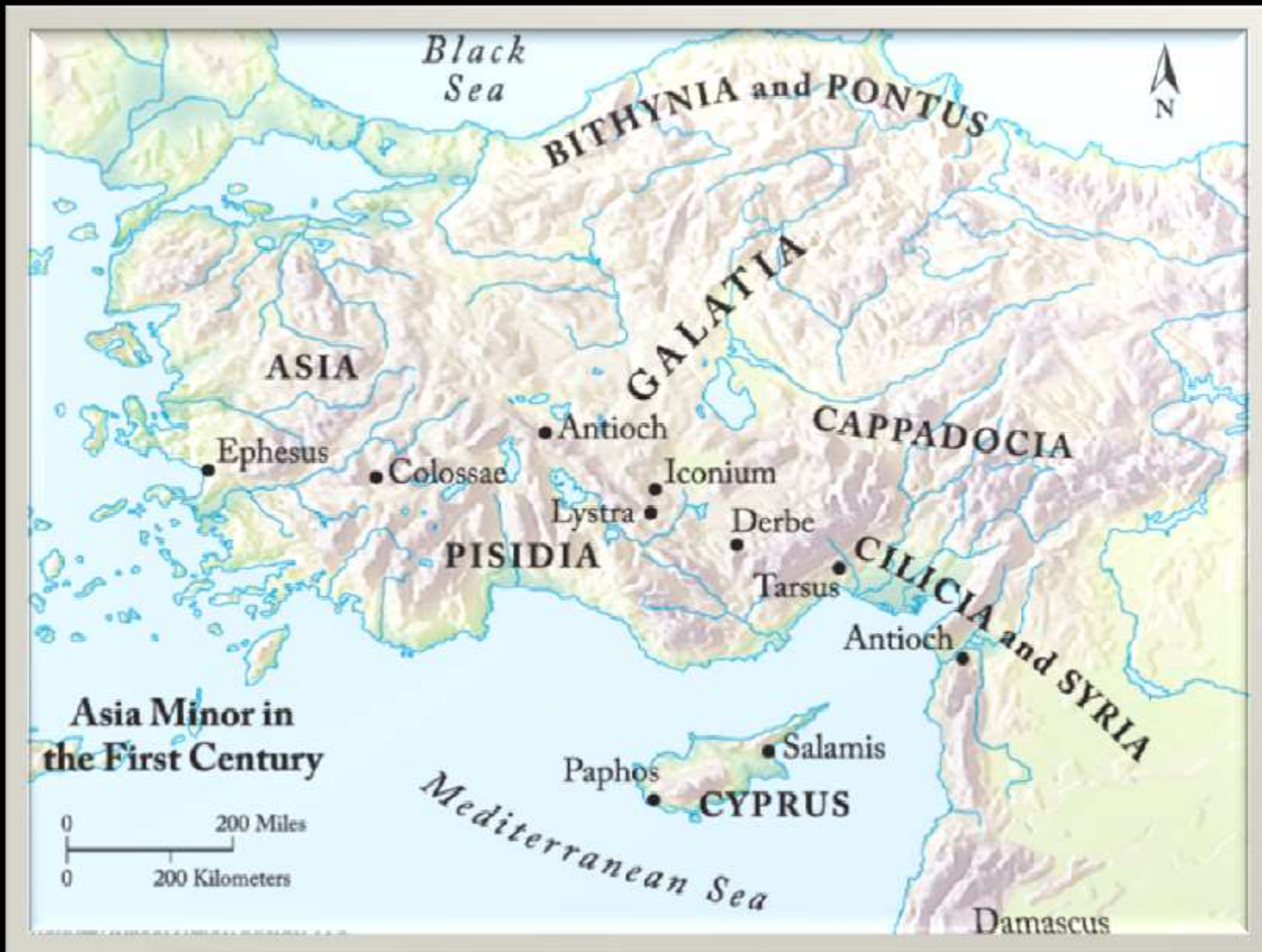
2 Timothy 1:15

- Paul gives the actual names of those who have been unfaithful to him.
- There is a time to name and shame if it prevents others from being deceived
  - But there is a fine line between *'naming and shaming'* and becoming an *'accuser of the brethren'*!

# The Province of Asia

- The province of Asia included the Roman districts of Lydia, Mysia, Caria, and Phrygia. Paul was forbidden to minister in this area on his 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey **Acts 16:6**
- But on his 3<sup>rd</sup> journey, he stayed nearly 3 years in Ephesus, the capital of Asia, and evangelized the entire area! **Acts 19; 20:31**
- The Seven Churches of Asia were all in this area. **Rev 1:4, 11; 2 & 3**

# The Province of Asia





The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain:

But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found *me*.

The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

**2 Timothy 1:16-18**

- Some believe Onesiphorus was also arrested and persecuted

Cf. “household” in 4:19

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## Chapter 2



Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:1

- How does one “be strong”?
- Paul tells us in to “put on the whole armor of God...”  
Eph 6:10-18
  - In fact, he mentions it *twice*
- If you think you can live the Christian life through your own committed strength, *you are in for a rude awakening!*



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