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# The Truth Claims of the Gospel

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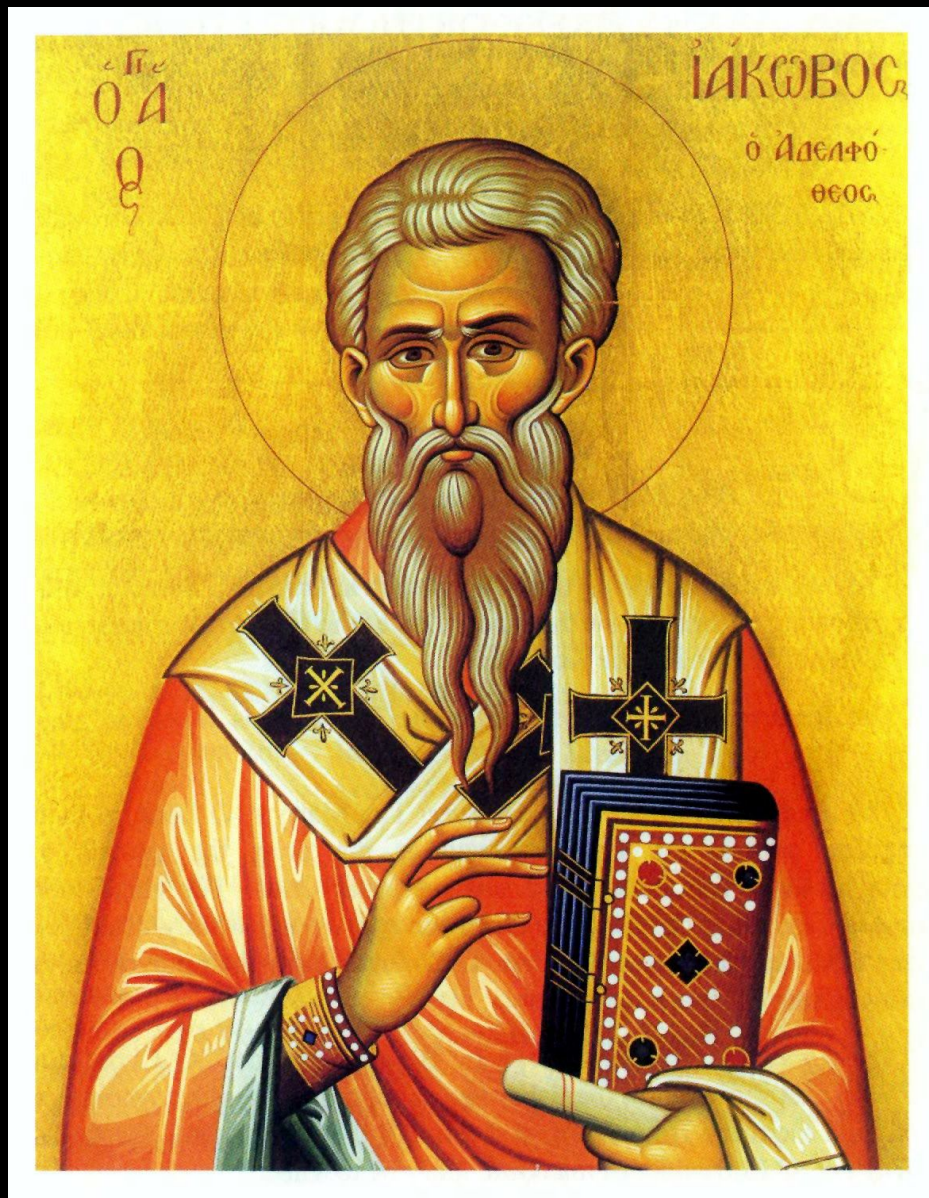
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# GALEATIANS

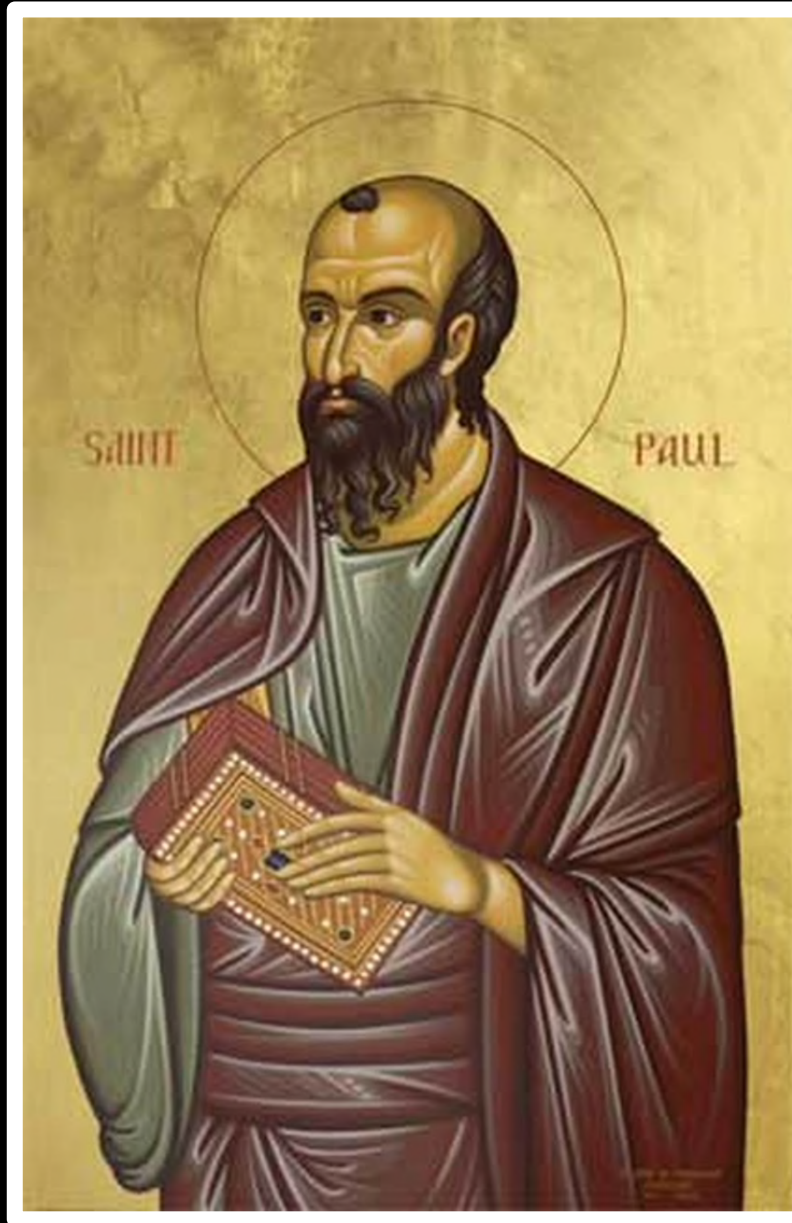
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— THAT SAVED THE CHURCH





James



Paul



Peter

Mediterranean  
Sea

Antioch



Antioch  
Church

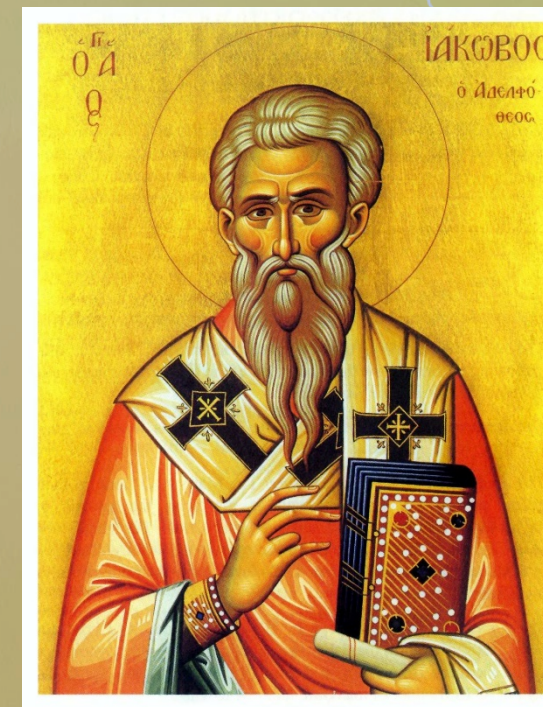


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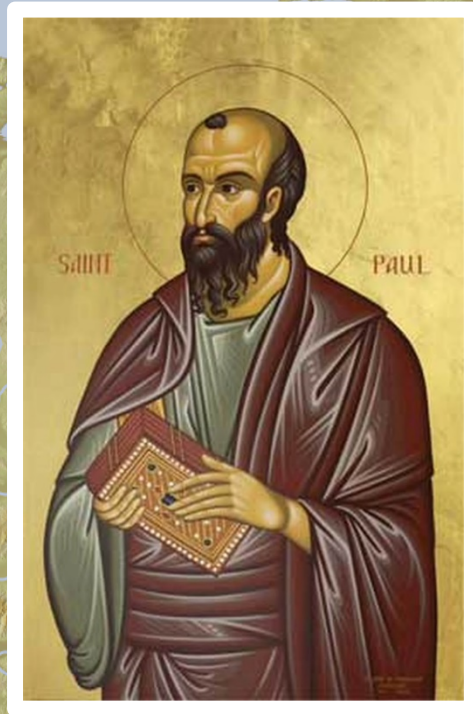
Jerusalem



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Church



James



Paul

Region of  
Galatia



Antioch



Jerusalem  
Church

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Sea

<sup>11</sup> I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. <sup>12</sup> I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1:11-12 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, **how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it.** <sup>14</sup> I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. <sup>15</sup> But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and **called me by his grace,** was pleased...

Galatians 1:13-15 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. <sup>17</sup> I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus.

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<sup>18</sup> Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him **fifteen days**. <sup>19</sup> **I saw none of the other apostles**—only James, the Lord's brother. <sup>20</sup> I assure you before God that **what I am writing you is no lie**.

Galatians 1:18-20 (NIV)

<sup>21</sup> Then I went to **Syria and Cilicia**. <sup>22</sup> I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. <sup>23</sup> They only heard the report: “The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” <sup>24</sup> And they praised God because of me.

Galatians 1:21-24 (NIV)



Region of Cilicia

Tarsus

Antioch

Region  
of Syria

Mediterranean  
Sea

Jerusalem

<sup>1</sup>Then after fourteen years, I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. <sup>2</sup>I went in response to a revelation and, meeting privately with those esteemed as leaders, I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain.

Galatians 2:1-2 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a **Greek**. <sup>4</sup> This matter arose because some false believers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. <sup>5</sup> We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.

Galatians 2:3-5 (NIV)

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Galatians 2:5 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup>As for those who were held in high esteem—whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not show favoritism—they added nothing to my message. <sup>7</sup> On the contrary, they recognized that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised.

Galatians 2:6-7 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> For God, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, was also at work in me as an apostle to the Gentiles. <sup>9</sup> James, Cephas and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised.

Galatians 2:8-9 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along.

Galatians 2:10 (NIV)

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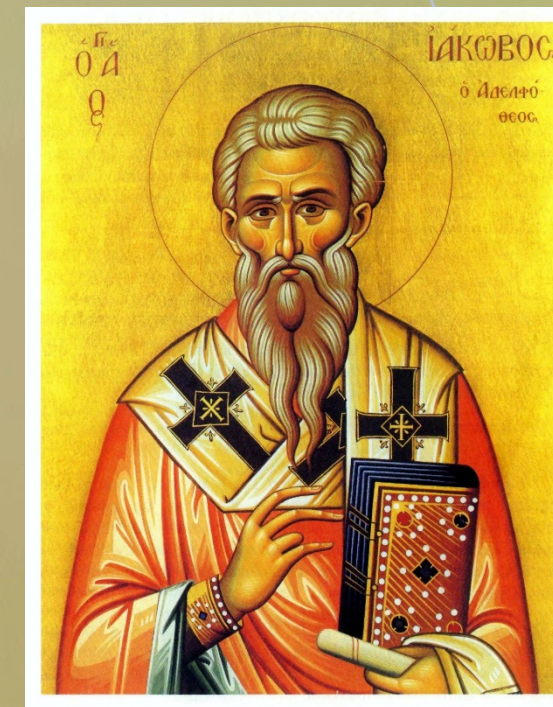
Jerusalem  
Church



Paul



Peter



James

<sup>11</sup> When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. <sup>12</sup> For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group.

Galatians 2:11-12 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> The other Jews joined him in his **hypocrisy**, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. <sup>14</sup> When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?”

Galatians 2:13-14 (NIV)

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Galatians 2:12 (NIV)

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right."

Acts 10:34-35 (NIV)

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Galatians 2:14 (NIV)

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[*orthopodeo* /or·thop·od·eh·o/]

You have to \_\_\_\_\_ in  
order to be made right  
with God.

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