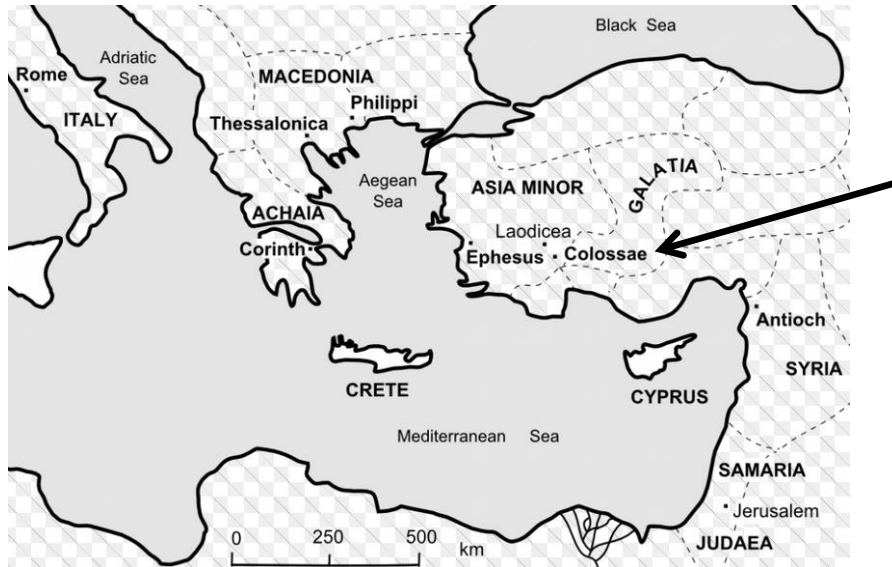


PAUL'S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS

CHAPTER ONE

The View from a Roman Jail (vv. 1-2)

A. From Rome to Colossae



I. A Sincere Compliment (vv. 3-8)

The signs of authentic Christianity -

A. Attitudes

- 1) Faith
- 2) Hope
- 3) Love

B. Action

- 4) Bearing fruit

II. An Earnest Prayer (vv. 9-12)

A. What he asks

- 1) Filled with
- 2) Strengthened by
- 3) Manifesting
- 4) Living like

III. The Significant Teaching (v. 13-19)

A. What you have experienced in Christ (vv. 13-14)

- 1) Rescued us from Darkness
- 2) Brought us into Jesus' Kingdom

B. The excellences of Christ (vv. 15-19)

- 1) Agent of all creation
- 2) Currently holds all things together
- 3) Head of the Church
- 4) Preeminent in the Resurrection and Final Perfection
- 5) Brings to us the fullness of the Godhead

IV. What the World Needs Now (vv. 20-22)

V. What Will You Do About It? (v. 23)

- 1) Remain in the faith
(Present tense: continue on "continuing on")
- 2) Having a foundation
- 3) Steadfast
- 4) Not moving from the hope which is in the Gospel

