



# Paul the Author of Galatians

Galatians 1:1

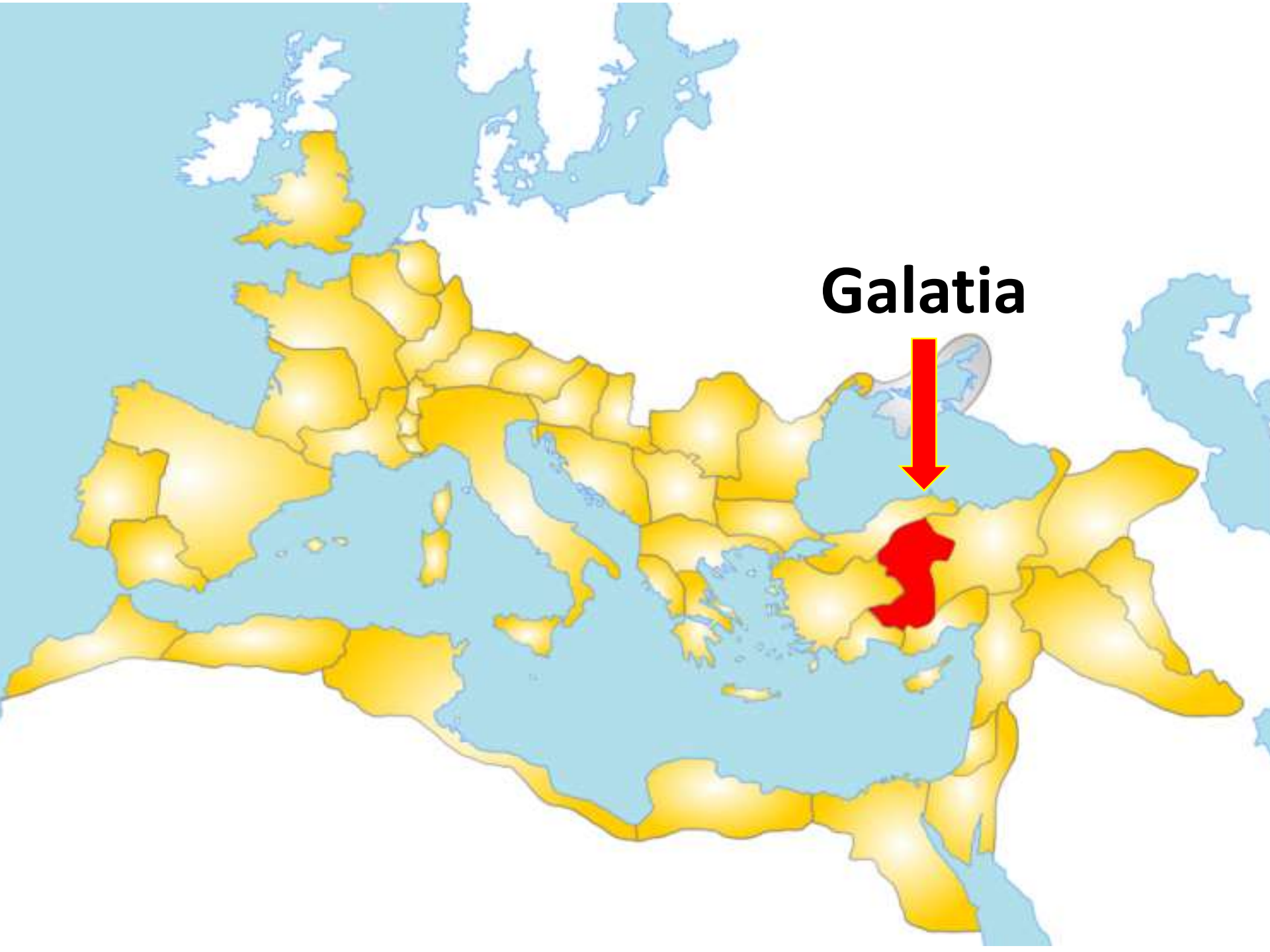


**Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—<sup>2</sup> and all the brothers who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, <sup>5</sup> to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.**



## Galatians 1:2

• and all the brothers who  
are with me, **To the  
churches of Galatia**



**Galatia**







# Galatians 1:1

- **Paul, an apostle**—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—



**Any time you hear or read  
the name Paul in the Bible  
you should immediately think  
of the power of the gospel to  
change a life!**



# Look @

## Galatians 1:13





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- For you have heard of **my former life** in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it.



# A Word of Caution

Everyone doesn't  
have a former life.  
And that is Good &  
Glorious!



# Saul (Paul)

- **Born in the City of Tarsus (c. AD 5)**
- **Roman citizen by birthright (Acts 22:28)**
- **A Jew of the Tribe Benjamin**
- **Taught by Gamaliel a doctor of the Law**
- **Self-described as a Pharisee (Phil 3:5)**
- **Tentmaker by trade (Acts 18:3)**



# Turn to

## Acts 7:59-8:1

**We turn because the act of turning increases the probability we will remember the text in the future.**



# Acts 7:59

- And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, **Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.** <sup>60</sup> And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep. <sup>1</sup> **And Saul was consenting unto his death.** And at that time there was a great [Jewish] persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.





## Acts 8:2

- Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him.
- But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.



# Turn to Acts 9



## Acts 9:1

- But Saul, still **breathing threats and murder** against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.



## Acts 9:2–3

- and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might **bring them bound to Jerusalem.** <sup>3</sup> Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.



## Acts 9:4–5

- And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”
- <sup>5</sup> And he said, “Who are you, Lord?”  
And he said, **“I am Jesus,**  
whom you are persecuting.





# Have you met Jesus?



**He is the one and only Son of God.**

**He was born about 2000 years ago in Bethlehem of Judea.**

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit of God.**

**His mother was Mary and his father was a carpenter named Joseph.**

**He lived a perfect life—completely without sin.**

**He was a teacher and miracle worker.**



**His life was characterized by 'doing good.'**

**His disciples dedicated their lives to following Him and spreading His message.**

**He said His Father was God and He performed miracles of all types to authenticate the truth of His words.**



**He said He would build an assembly of followers and not even the gates of hell would keep this from happening.**

**He predicted his own death and resurrection and both came to pass just as He said.**

**At the age of 33 the Roman Empire crucified Him for crimes He did not commit.**

**But 3 days later He rose from the grave.**



**He remained on the earth for 40 more days proving to many that He in fact had risen from the grave until he ascended into the clouds to be take to heaven and promised He was coming again.**

**Now He reigns on the throne of God making intercession for all who believe as the one mediator between the creator God of the Universe and mankind.**





# Do you know Him?



**Paul's personal encounter with the resurrected Lord and other encounters may help us understand why Paul puts such emphasis on the resurrection of Christ.**

**Look @ the last phrase in Gal 1:1**



# Galatians 1:1

- Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, **who raised him from the dead—**



**The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most fundamental and essential truth of the entire Christian faith.**

**This is the validation of validations!**

**You must believe Jesus rose from the dead to be saved.**



## Acts 9:6–7

- But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”
- The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.





## Acts 9:8–9

- Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing.
- So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.
- And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.



## Acts 9:10–11

- Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” <sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to him, “**Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying,**



## Acts 9:12–13

- and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem.



## Acts 9:14–15

- And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.

# Remember



**Paul was not one of the original 12 disciples.**

**Paul was not selected to replace Judas Iscariot.**

**Paul was at the stoning of Stephen.**



**I want you to  
see what Peter  
has to say about  
Paul.**





# Turn to

## 2 Peter 3:15-16

## Peter (Cephas)



**Is identified by Matthew as the first disciple Jesus called to follow him**

**Is one of three chosen to see the transfiguration of Jesus**

**Is the undeniable leader of 'the twelve'**

**He is one on whom Jesus says, "I will build my church..."**



**What are the things  
that Peter is fully  
convinced of as it  
relates to the man  
Paul?**

## 2 Peter 3:15–16



- just as **our beloved brother Paul** also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, <sup>16</sup> as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.



**Consider all that  
Peter is  
communicating with  
our beloved brother.**



I am going to show  
you.

Galatians 2:11



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- But when Cephas [Peter] came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.





**How does a man  
who is persecuting  
followers of Christ  
become a  
beloved brother?**



**Paul is a brother  
because God is His  
Father & Paul believes  
Jesus is the Christ!**



**Peter is fully convinced that Paul has been adopted into the family of God and there is nothing in Paul's life from conversion to death that calls into question the legitimacy of his conversion.**

**Do you know John 1:12-13?**



## John 1:12–13 (NASB95)

- But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become **children of God**, *even* to those who believe in His name, <sup>13</sup> **who were born**, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but **of God**.



**Peter is fully convinced  
that Paul has  
experienced the  
second birth.**



**Peter is a witness of  
the transforming power of  
the gospel.**

**Paul Himself has become  
new creation in Christ.**



**Are you a brother?**  
**Are you a sister in**  
**Christ?**  
**Are you part of this**  
**family?**



**Is there evidence of  
the transforming power  
of gospel in your life?**





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**Peter also believes  
that Paul has been given  
wisdom.**

**Paul tells us the source  
of this wisdom.**



# Galatians 1:11-12

- For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel.
- For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I **received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.**



**Don't miss what is being  
communicated in this text.**

**The resurrected Jesus, who  
ascended to heaven, is revealing  
truth to Paul.**

**Look back at v. 1**



# Galatians 1:1

- Paul, an **apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ** and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—



**Paul is unequivocally  
advocating for the authenticity of  
his position as an Apostle.**

**Paul is establishing his authority  
because he is going to bring great  
correction to the churches in  
Galatia.**





# 1 Corinthians 11:23

- **For I received from the Lord** what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread,



**Next notice the level of authority Peter attaches to Paul's writings.**

**How does he identify what Paul writes about?**



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# Paul's Letters

- Romans
- 1 & 2 Corinthians
- Gal, Eph, Phil, & Col
- 1 & 2 Thessalonians
- 1 & 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon

# Ask and Answer:



**1.What do I believe about God?**

**2.What do I believe about Jesus Christ?**

**3.What do I believe about Scripture?**

**4.What do I believe about man & sin?**



# What does Peter say about the importance and significance of Scripture?



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**We need to admit that there are things in the Bible that are hard to understand.**

**The Bible is difficult and no one man had a lock on the correct understanding on the most difficult tensions and truth of doctrine.**





## For Example

**What has God foreordained will happen and what has He not predestined to happen?**

**If God has foreordained something to happen how is man still culpable for His actions?**



**How do people  
twist Scripture to  
their own  
destruction?**

# #1 People twist Scripture



By modifying the  
God of the Bible into  
their own god.

# #2 People twist Scripture



By disregarding the  
exclusivity of Christ;  
Jesus Himself made  
clear.

# #3 People twist Scripture

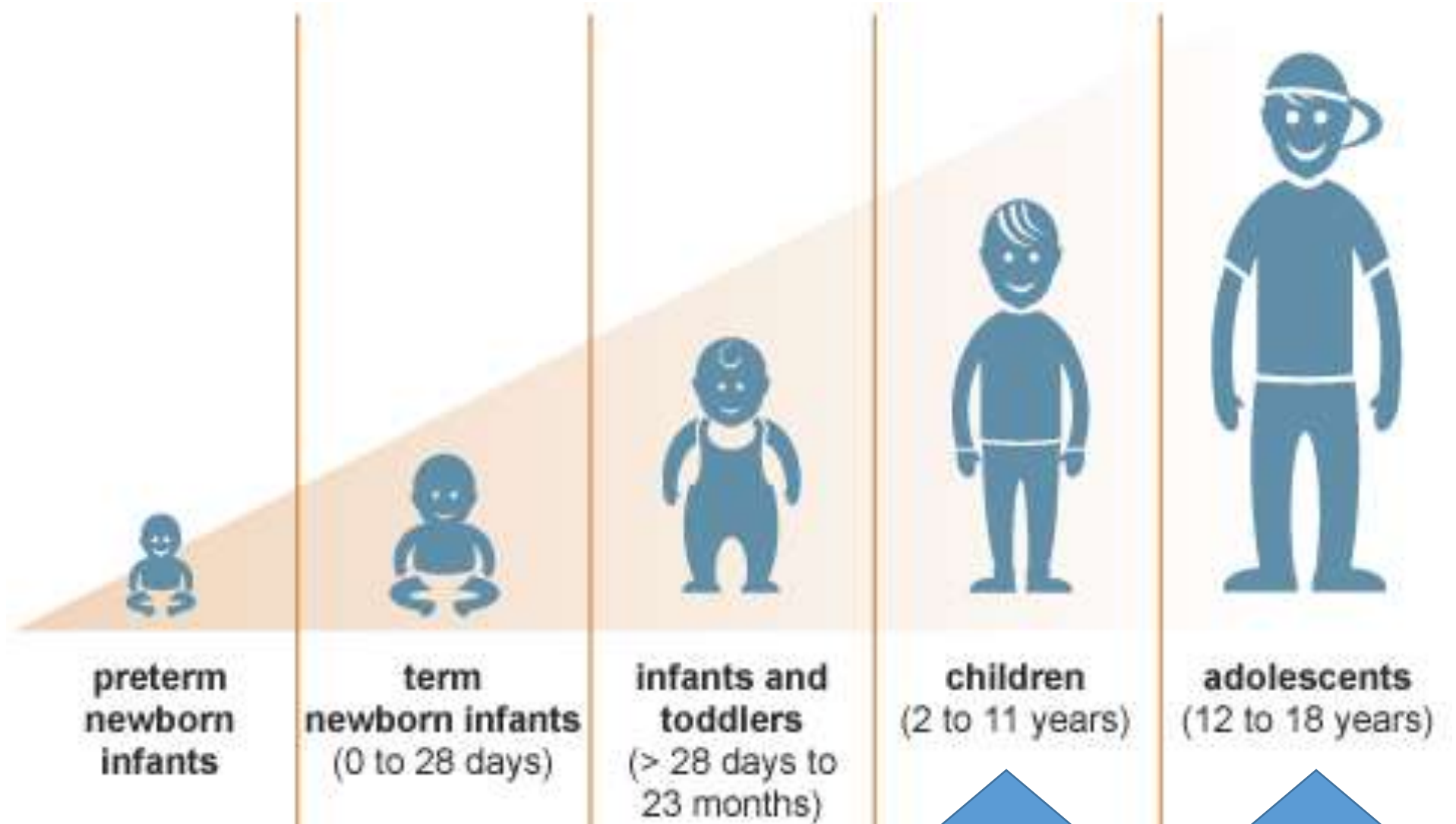


By purporting that  
Scripture contains the  
Word of God thus  
undermining its  
authority.



# #4 People twist Scripture

By denying the necessity  
of a transforming life  
when authentic salvation  
has taken place.



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