

# THE "OTHER" CHURCHES OF THE NT

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REMEMBERING THOSE WE USUALLY  
FORGET

# WHY DO WE REMEMBER SOME CHURCHES & NOT OTHERS?

- We remember those whose establishment is recorded in Acts
- We remember those to whom the apostles wrote letters
- We remember those which played a major role in later church history
- But, not all NT churches fall into any of these categories. Mentioned in passing or by inference

# IN ACTS...

- *Samaria* – Acts 8 – Philip preached there; converted many
- *Ethiopia* – Acts 8 – Eunuch returned home; thus, a church presumably came into existence
- *Damascus* – Acts 9 – Ananias was a “disciple” there; probably were others
- *Joppa* – Acts 10 – Peter was staying with Simon, presumably a Christian
- *Caesarea* – Acts 10 – Cornelius & co.
- *Cyprus* – Acts 13 & 15 – Proconsul believed, maybe others. Barnabas & John Mark went there after separating from Paul
- *Antioch in Pisidia* – Acts 13 – Paul preached in synagogue, & “as many as were appointed to eternal life believed”

# ACTS (continued)

- *Iconium* – Acts 14 – “a great number of Jews & Greeks believed”
- *Lystra* – Acts 14 – Paul stoned, but “disciples gathered around him”
- *Berea* – Acts 17/20:4 – “many of them therefore believed” – “Sopater the Berean” accompanied Paul
- *Athens* – Acts 17 – “some men joined him & believed”
- *Derbe* – Acts 20:4 – “Gaius of Derbe” accompanied Paul
- *Troas* – Acts 20 – Paul met with disciples there to worship
- *Puteoli* – Acts 28 – “There we found some brothers”

# IN REVELATION...

- **"7 Churches of Asia"** (Rev. 2 & 3) include 6 about which we know little else
- ***Thyatira***
- ***Smyrna***
- ***Pergamum***
- ***Sardis***
- ***Philadelphia***
- ***Laodicea*** (also mentioned 3 x in Colossians)

# IN TITUS & GALATIANS...

- *Crete* - Paul had "left Titus in Crete" to deal with false teachers & appoint elders
- *Churches of Galatia* - Paul addressed a letter "to the churches of Galatia"; number & exact location not specified

# Lessons from these “Other Churches”

- 1. Much of the work of God’s kingdom is done by people whose names we will never know – but God knows!*
- 2. Even a small, unknown church is important to God. The church is Christ’s church, no matter its size or relative obscurity.*
- 3. Churches come into existence in all kinds of places & under all kinds of circumstances. What is important is that we exalt Christ & seek to do God’s will, wherever we are.*