





A STUDY OF 2 CORINTHIANS



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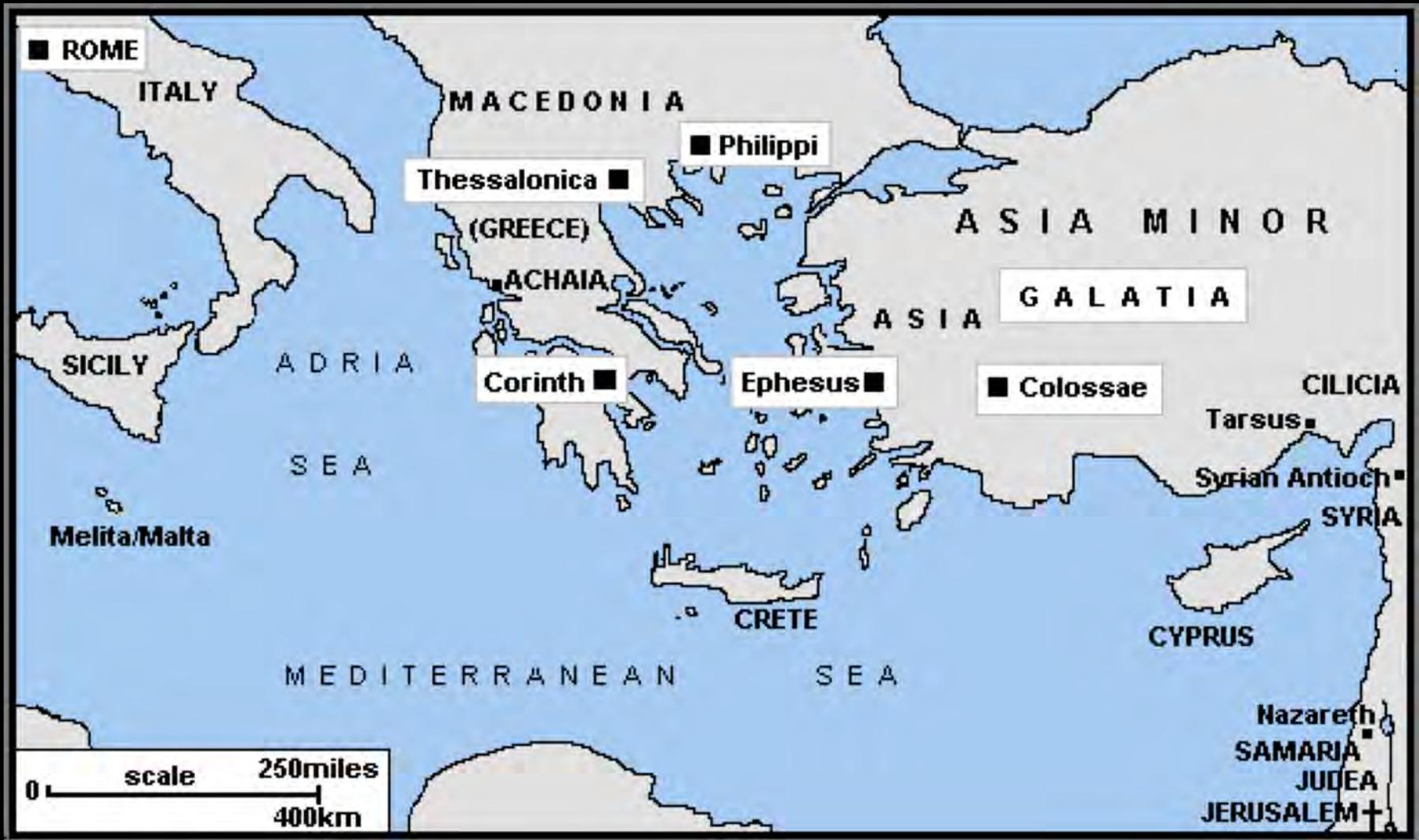


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*The Grace of Giving*



# *Historical Setting of 2 Corinthians 8 and 9*

## **Romans 15:25-27**

<sup>25</sup>Now, however, I am on my way to Jerusalem in the service of the saints there. <sup>26</sup>For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. <sup>27</sup>They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings.

## 2 Corinthians 9:6-10

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## Proverbs 11:24-25

<sup>24</sup>One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

<sup>25</sup>Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

# Decide. Then give.

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**Romans 8:31-39**

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

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**Hebrews 12:2b**

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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# Blood Donation Facts

## About Blood NEEDS

- Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- More than 38,000 blood donations are needed every day.
- The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately 3 pints.
- Many cancer patients will need blood, sometimes daily, during their chemotherapy treatment.
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood.

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## About Blood SUPPLY

- The number of blood donations collected in the U.S. in a year: 16 million (2006).
- The number of blood donors in the U.S. in a year: 9.5 million (2006). U.S. population > 311 million
- Share of the U.S. population eligible to give blood: Less than 38 percent. In the U.S. = > 118 million
- The number of patients who receive blood in the U.S. in a year: 5 million (2006).
- Blood cannot be manufactured – it can only come from generous donors.

# Blood Donation Facts

## About Blood DONORS

- The average adult has about 10 pints of blood in his body. Roughly 1 pint is given during a donation.
- Donors may donate red blood cells every 56 days.
- Typically, two or three (out of 4) of these are produced from a pint of donated whole blood – hence each donation can help save up to three lives.
- The number one reason donors say they give blood is because they "want to help others."
- If you began donating blood at age 17 and donated every 56 days until you reached 76, you would have donated 48 gallons of blood, potentially helping save more than 1,000 lives!
- Blood donations are accepted from volunteer donors.

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# Topics Covered

#1 - Materialism is a sin.

#2 - Scripture identifies giving as a gift/privilege.

#3 - Jesus exchanged riches for poverty for our sake.

#4 - It is important to get a Gospel theology of stuff.

#5 - Pursue integrity in all your financial dealings.

#6 - Healthy accountability  
could include giving.



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Our hearts are no longer heavy,  
they are light!



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You thought that we should see  
Your Word in our language.



**It's all about God.**

**2 Corinthians 9:15**

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# Gospel Application

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2. Are you ready to give like God has?