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Joshua 5:13-15

When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, *“Are you for us, or for our adversaries?”* And he said, ***“No, but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come.”***

And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshipped and said to him, *“What does my lord say to his servant?”*

And the commander of the LORD’S army said to Joshua, ***“Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.”*** And Joshua did so.

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A look of Paul's letter to **Titus**

Titus 1:1-4

**Paul instructs Titus to
'help put the church in order'**

Titus 1:5-9

**A church needs effective
godly leadership who...**

**Manage their private life
well...**

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Manage their private life
well...

**demonstrate maturity in
their character...**

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their character...

**are tenacious with God's
Word for the good of all.**

Titus 1:10-16

**...that sort of leadership
does not exist in many
churches.**

Titus 1:10-16

**...because the church is facing
unprecedented pressure,
and even persecution,
for not being conformed to
the world...**

Titus 1:10-16

...but being conformed to the world, rather than transformed into the image of Christ by His truth, actually abandons people to an inevitable and painful bondage.

Titus 2

**A church needs to
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**2:1 But as for you, teach what accords
with sound doctrine.**

Titus 2:1-10

**...it starts with men and women
who live lives of distinction...**

***...and we can't do that
unless we do it together in a
dynamic integration of generations.***

Titus 2:1-10

***“A credible message
needs a credible messenger...”***

**...because charisma
without character
is a catastrophe!”**

Titus 2:11-15

**Sound doctrine is grounded
in the life changing reality
of the work of Christ
in us and among us...**

His grace lived out in us!!!

Last week...

'Quest'ions?

Last week...

Are we going to be
'difference makers'

or

'difference destroyers'?

Last week...

Are we going to.....

**...treat people with the inherent value
that God gave them?**

Last week...

Are we going to.....

**...devote ourselves to good works
that reflect the grace that God has
poured out on us and wants to use
us to pour it out on others?**

Last week...

Are we going to.....

**...commit ourselves to avoid
the petty arguments and attitudes
that so easily destroy what God wants
to do in and through His people?**

Last week...

Are we going to.....

***...be a church in
and
for the community?***

Last week...

Are we going to.....

**...be a church that
*seeks God, loves people, engages life,
and helps people find hope?***

This week...

Titus 3:12-15

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The Mediterranean World in Paul's Day



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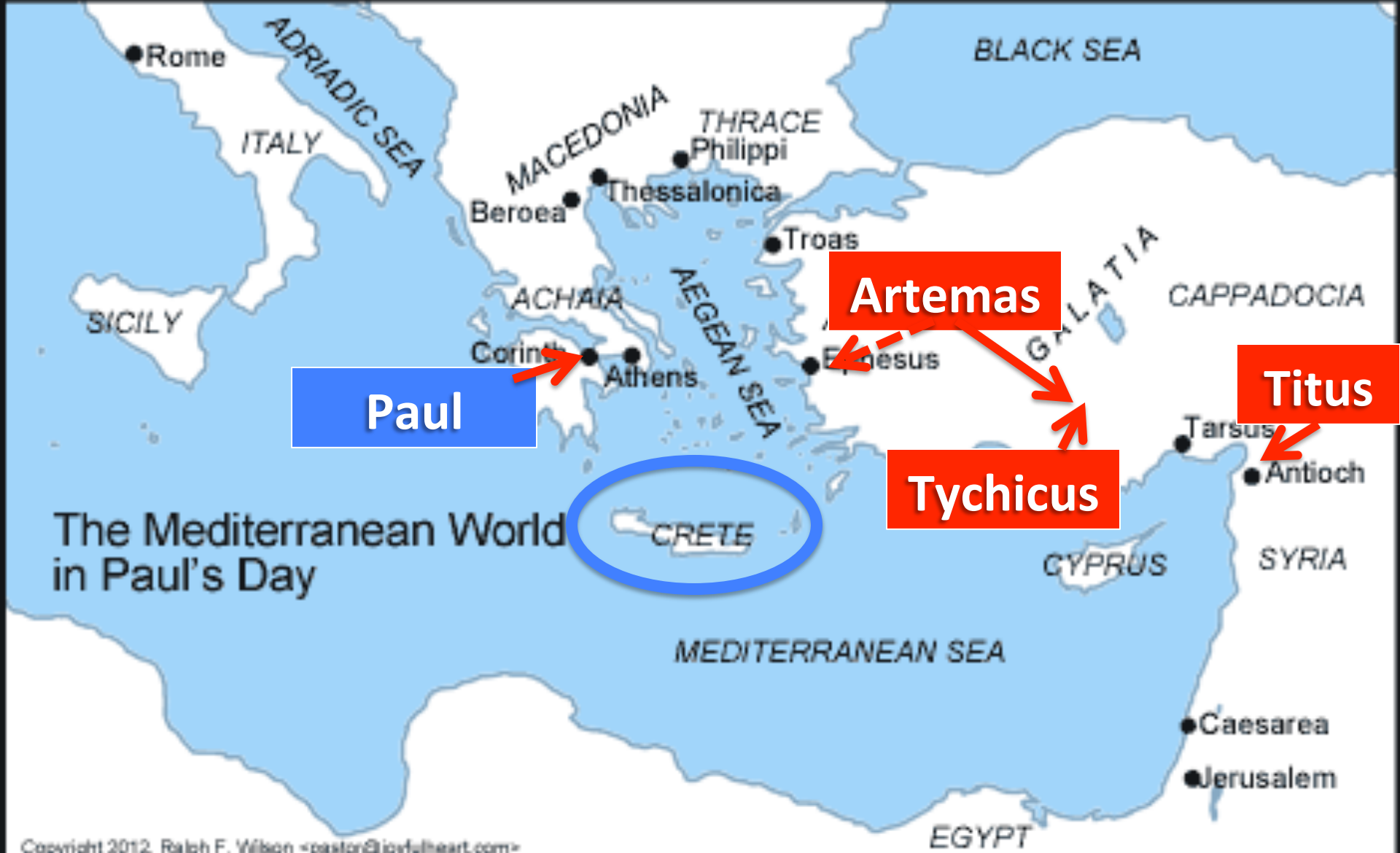


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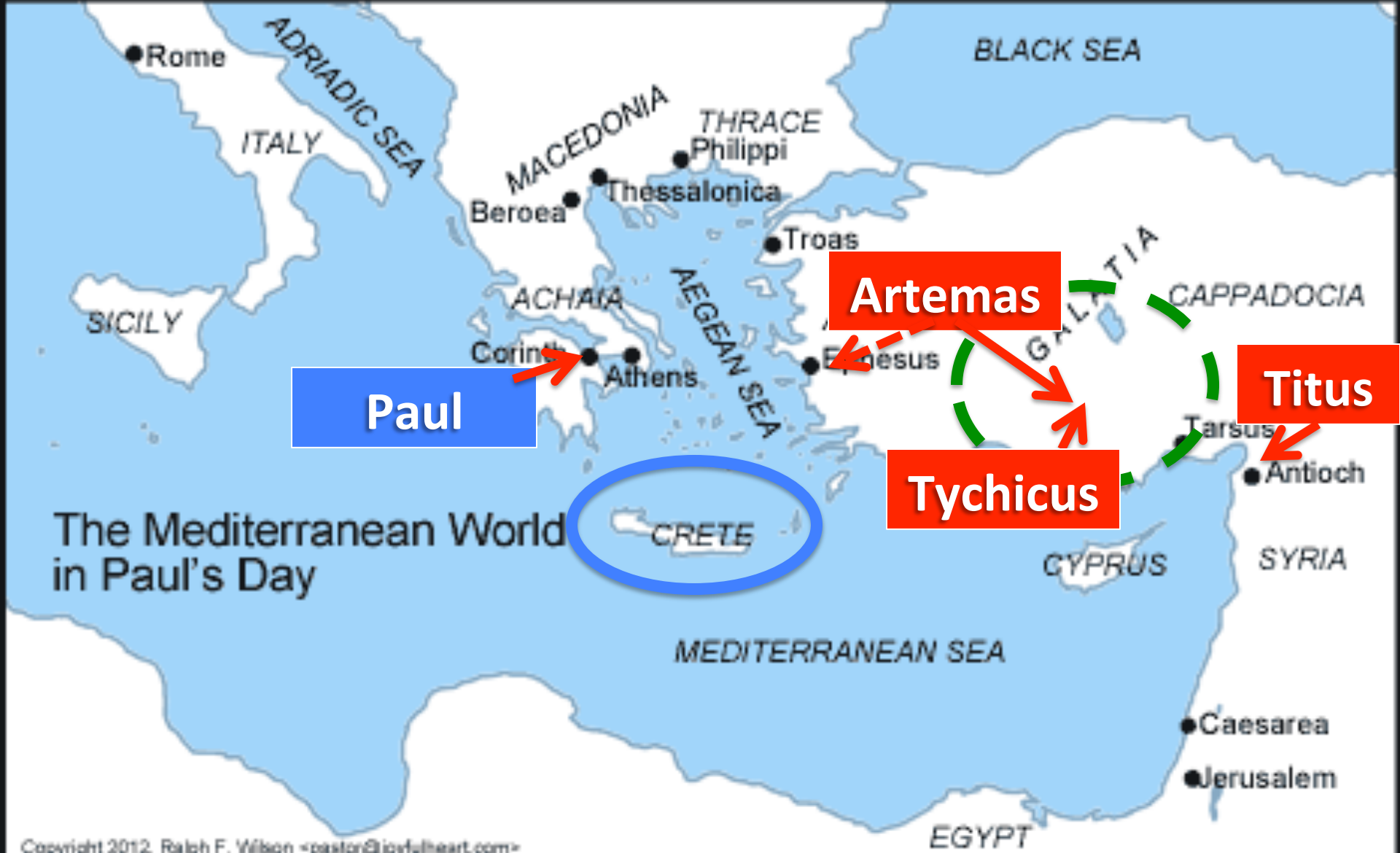
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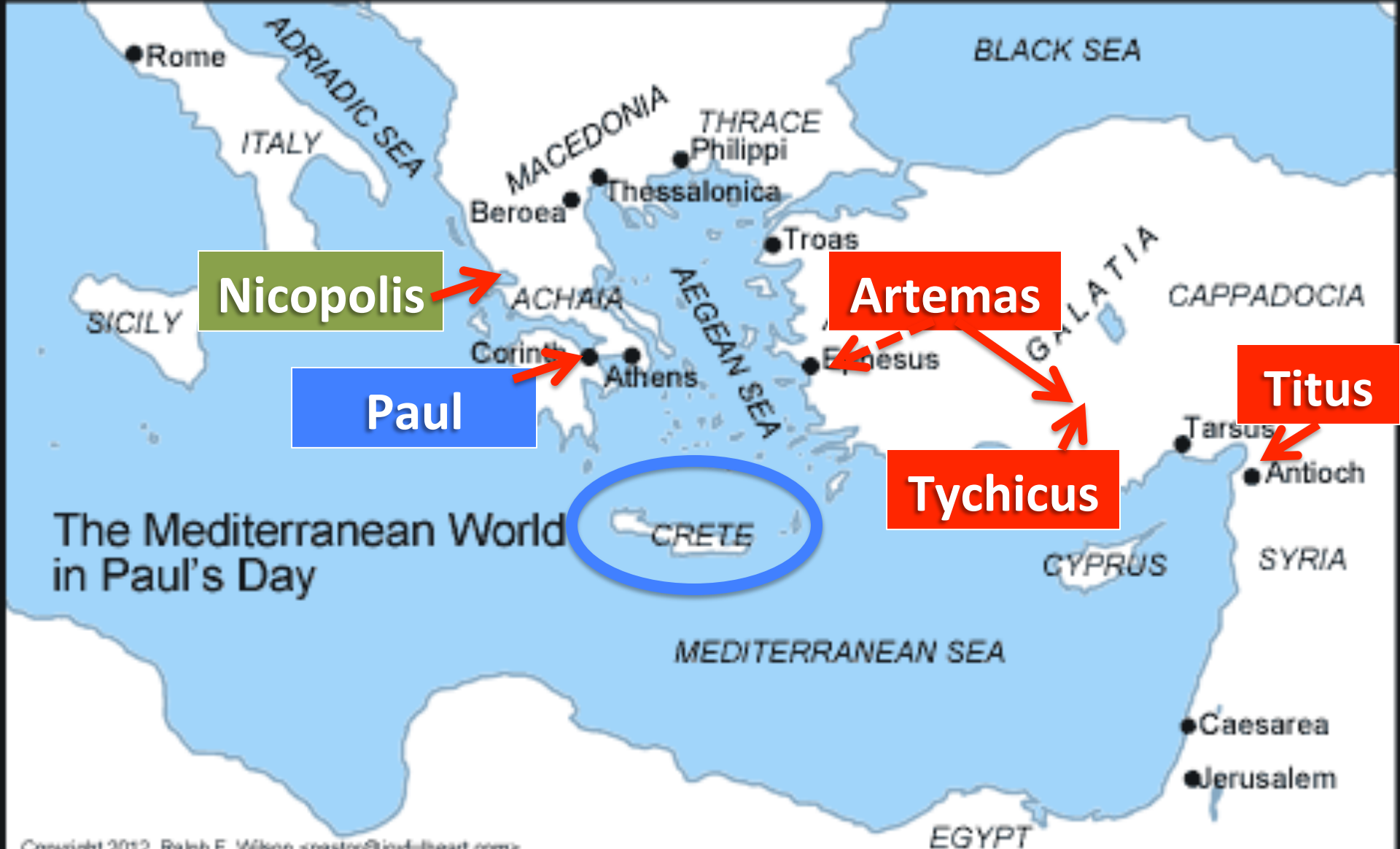
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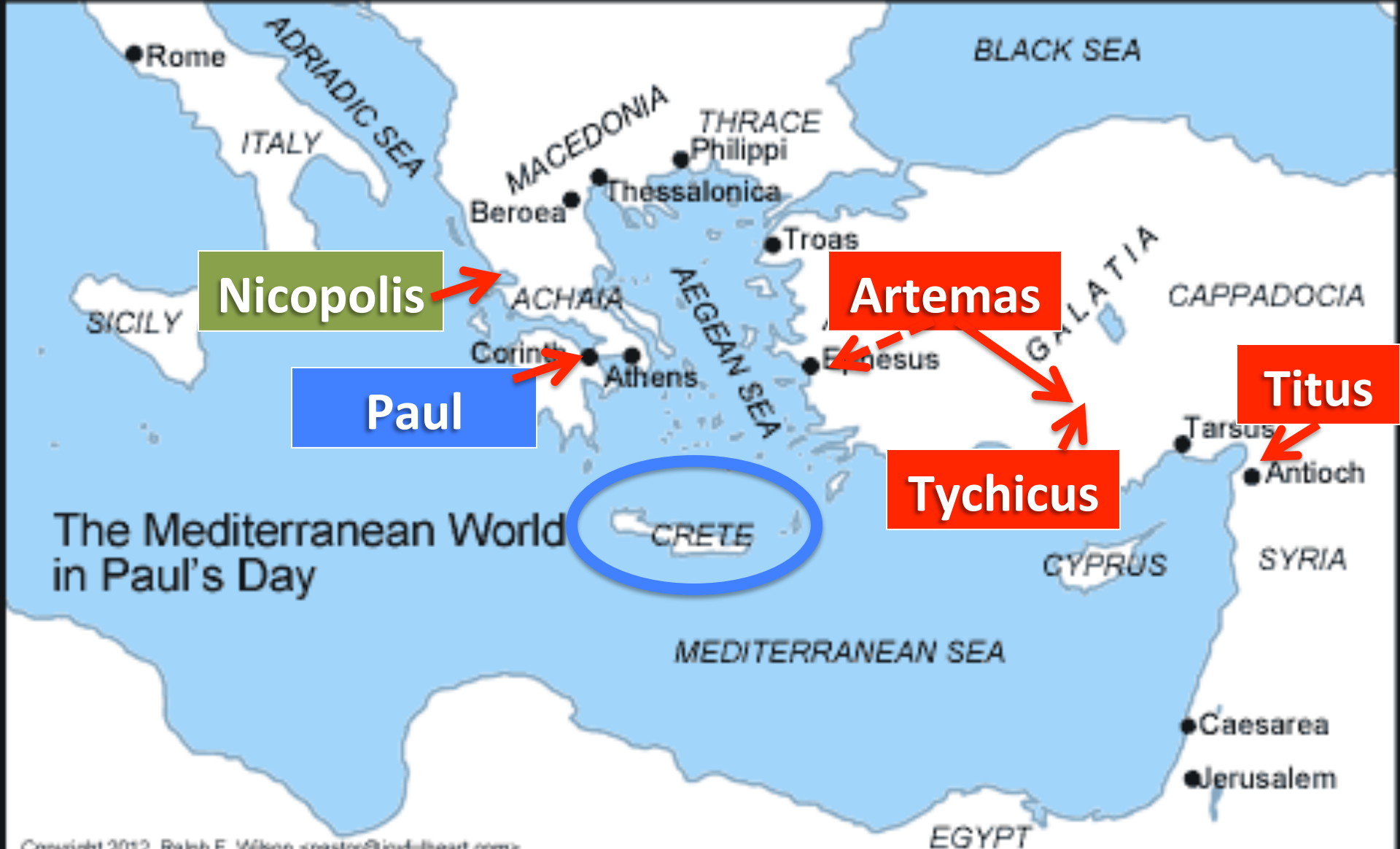
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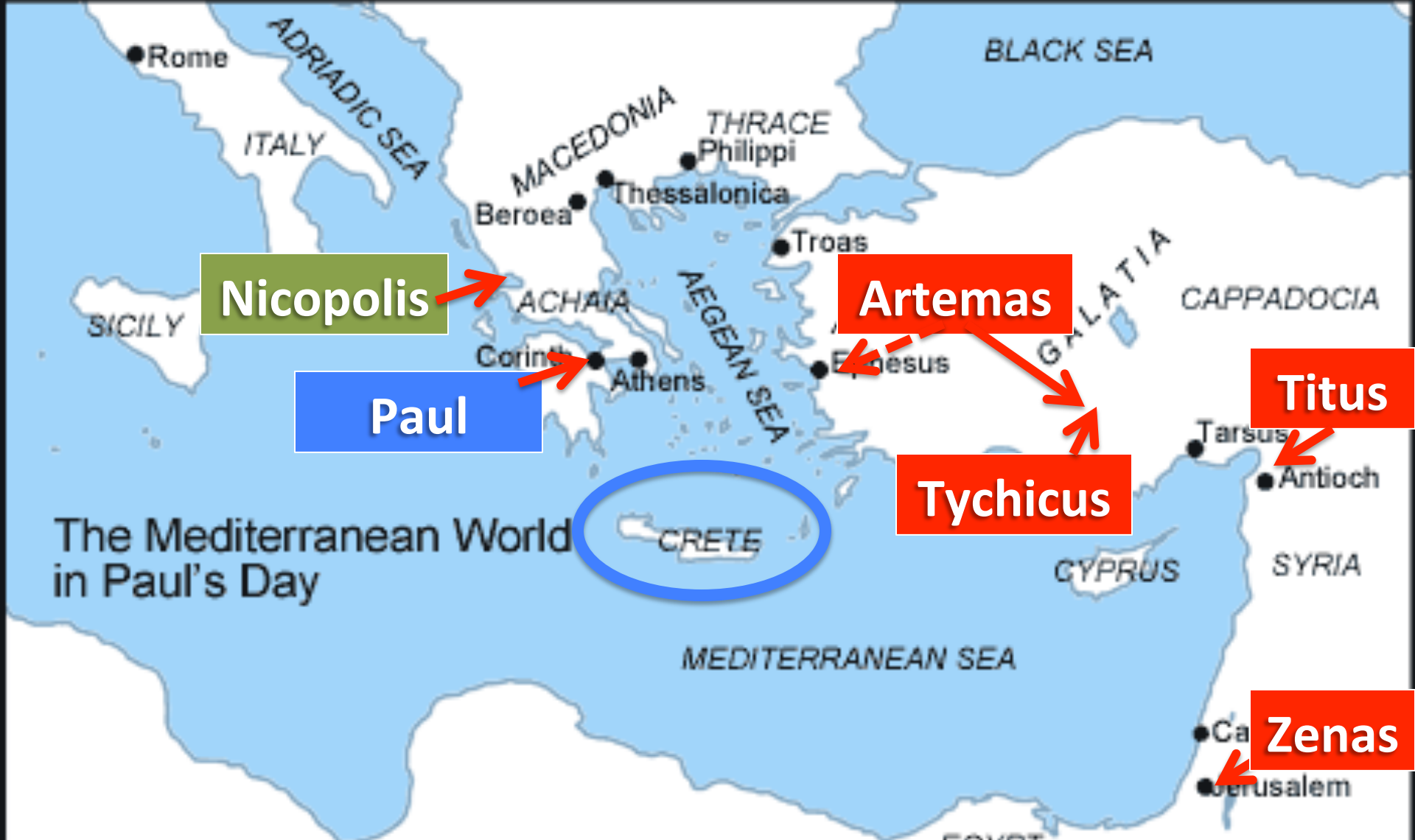
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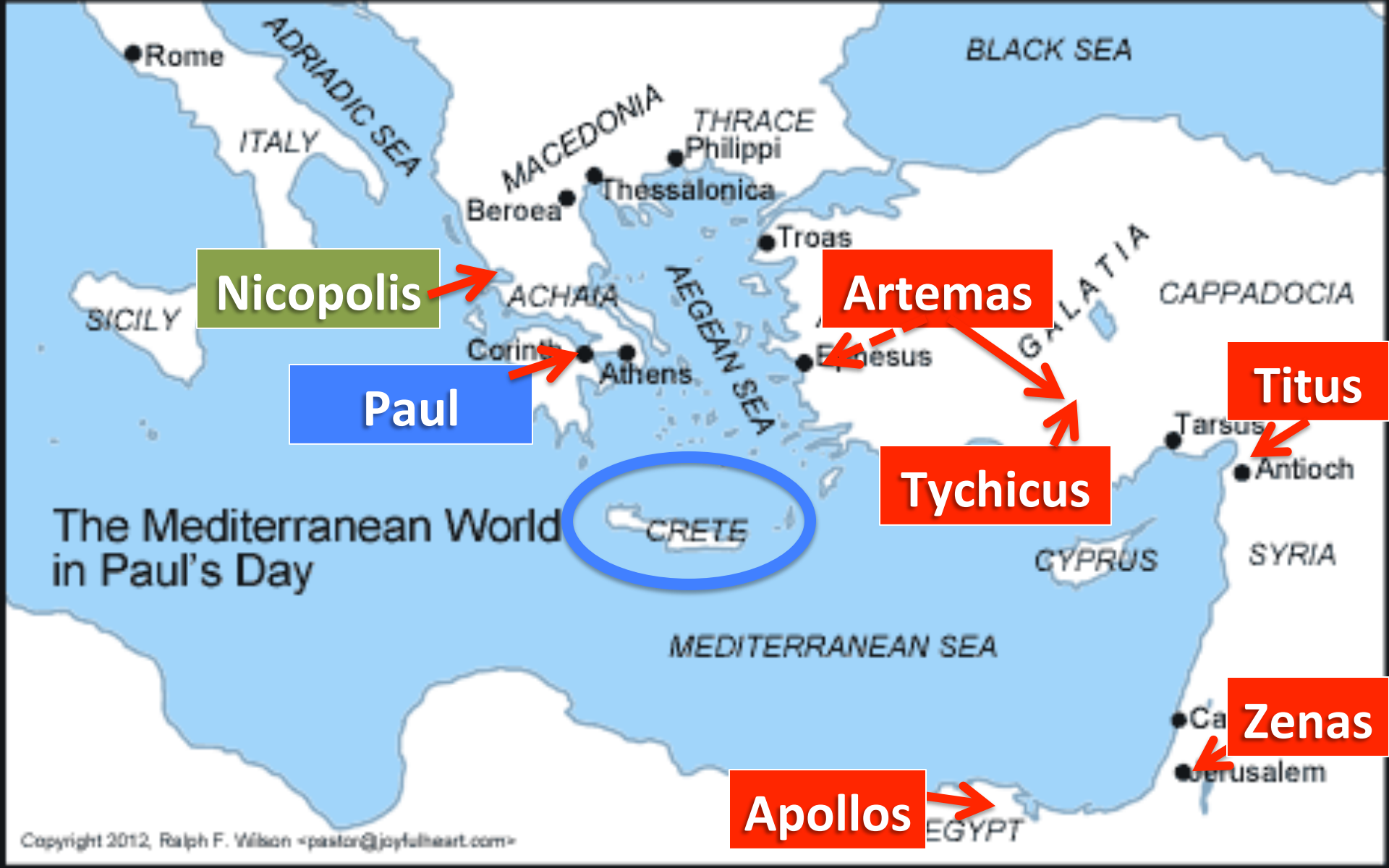
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Titus 3:12-15

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powerful in it's presence
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Titus 3:12-15

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Psalm 51

Psalm 51:1 *A Psalm of David...Bathsheba*
1 *Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgression.*

Grace be with you all.

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith.

And this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God, not a result of works,
so that no one may boast.

Grace be with you all.

Ephesians 2:8-10

For we are His workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand,
that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:9-10

Grace be with you all.

Titus 3:4-8

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Grace be with you all.

Titus 3:4-8

The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that these who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

Grace be with you all.

Titus

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Sound Doctrine: grounded in everyone's character
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*Important 'Quest'ions for us
to ask and to answer...*

- What is the condition of the church in our culture?
- Are we relevant to those in our community?
- Are we relevant to God and what He is all about?
- Are we willing to surrender our comfort zones in order to be used by God to impact our community?

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The Lord can empower us to respond with integrity in saying that...

We purpose.....

...to be a church that

says yes to His call to be

'difference makers'!



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'Difference Makers'