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This is not only what we should accept - it is what we should expect.





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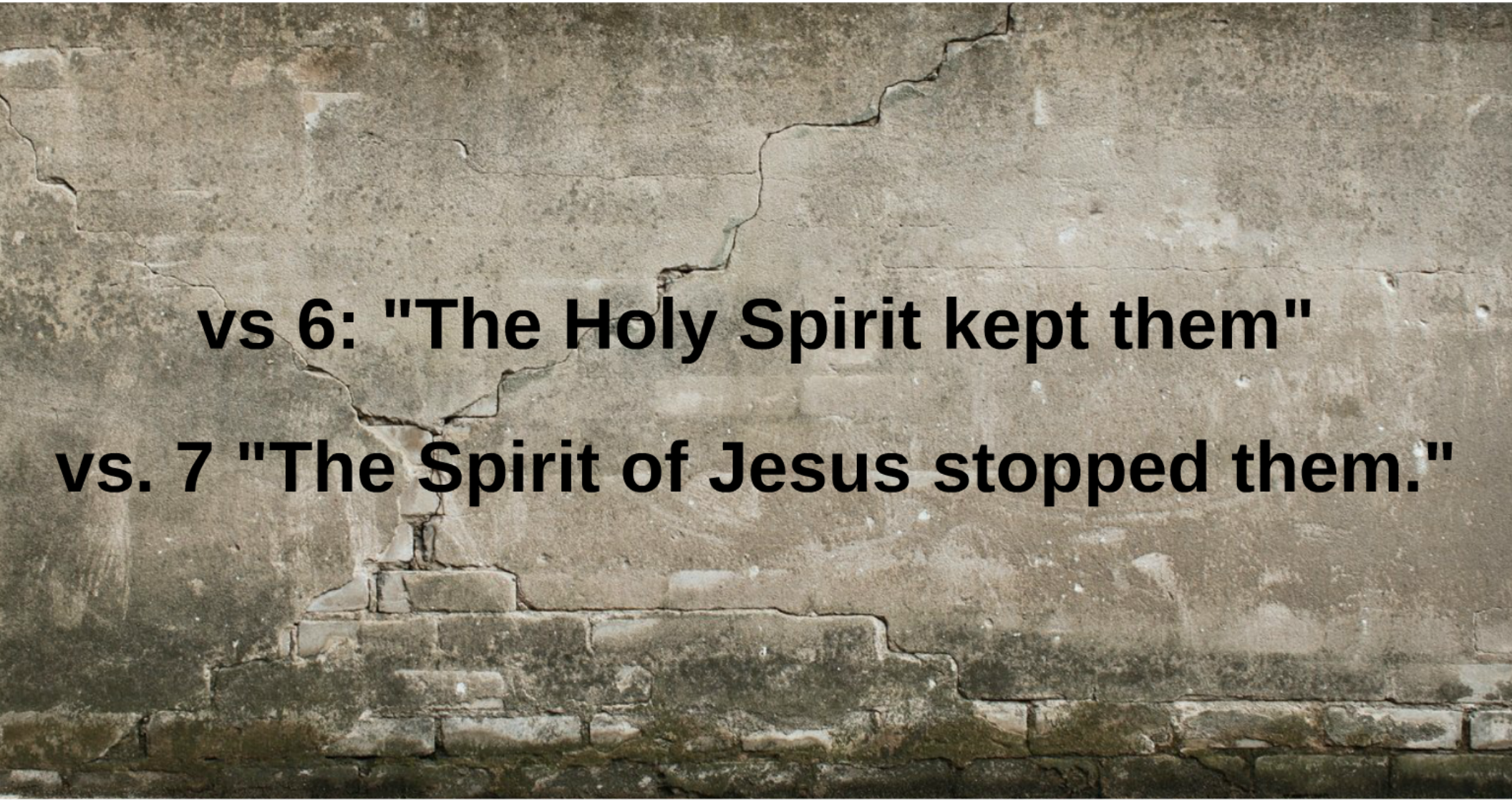


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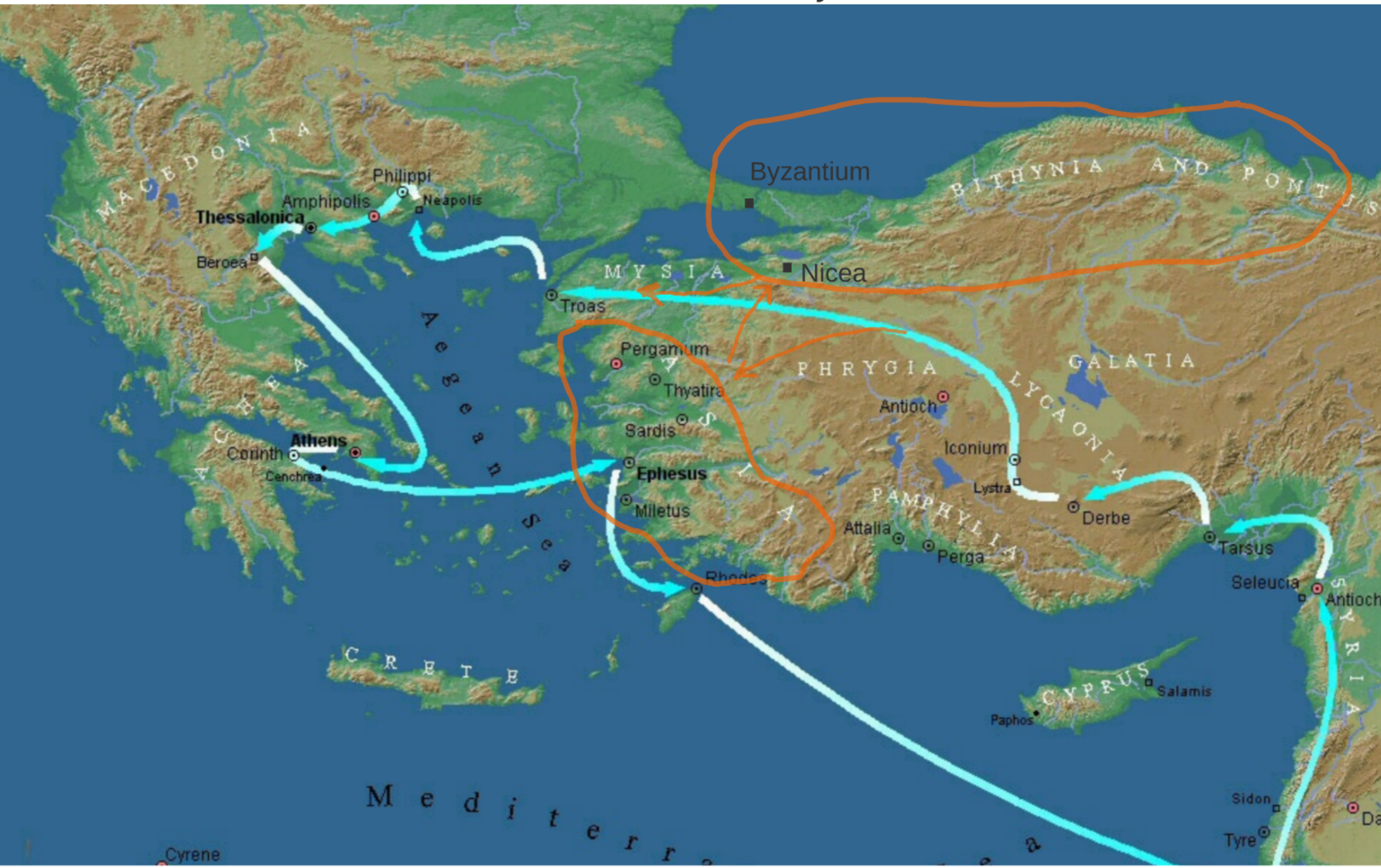
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vs 6: "The Holy Spirit kept them"
vs. 7 "The Spirit of Jesus stopped them."

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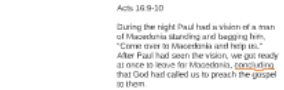

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Ephesus
Miletus
Athens
Corinth
Cenchrea
Aegean Sea
PHRYGIA
GALATIA
LYCAONIA
Antioch
Iconium
Lystra
Derbe
PAMPHYLIA
Attalia
Perga
Tarsus
Seleucia
Antioch
SYRIA
CRETE
CYPRUS
Salamis
Paphos
Sidon
Tyre
Cyrene
Mediterranean Sea

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(Building virtuous faith - following what looks like God into what seems right.)





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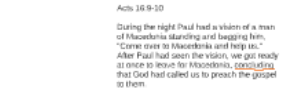


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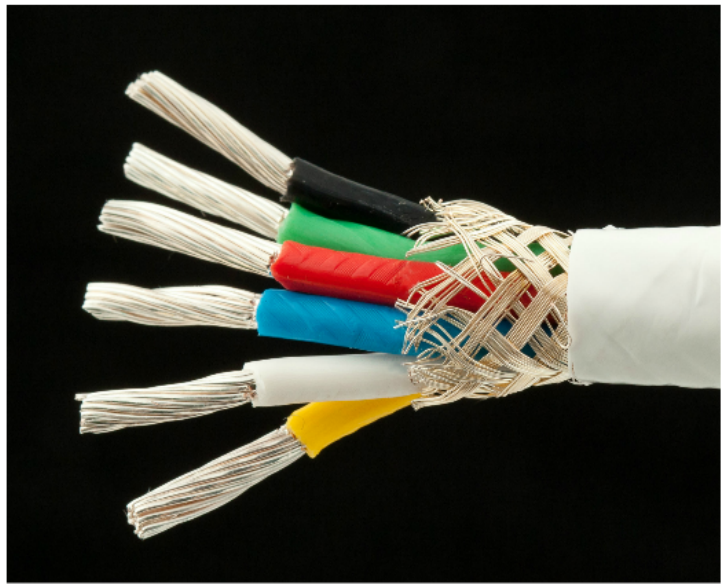
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John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but to do the will of him who sent me.



Matthew 17:5 a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

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