

# The Book of Acts Study Notes

## CHAPTER 18

### Paul Leaves Athens and Comes to Corinth (vs. 1-2)

- ❖ At Athens, Paul ministered to their philosophical ways and yielded some fruit
  - Note his approach to the Corinthians after leaving Athens – 1 Cor. 2:1-5
    - Wisdom of men vs The Power of God
- ❖ Corinth was capital of Achaia province of Roman Empire and was known for its immorality
  - Temple prostitutes serving Aphrodite

### Aquila & Priscilla

- ❖ Missionary couple that helped establish churches as a result of being forced to leave Rome
- ❖ Were also tentmakers like Paul
  - Did Paul have a Biblical right not to work? 1 Cor. 9:14
  - Why did Paul still work? Acts 20:34-35; 1 Cor. 4:12; 2 Cor. 11:7, 12:13; 1 Thes. 2:9; 2 Thes. 3:8

### Paul Gets More Help (vs. 5)

- ❖ Paul had spent time reasoning with them part time (vs. 4) but then more intensely after Silas and Timothy arrive with support (vs. 5) – 2 Cor. 11:9;
  - Phil. 4:10-17

### When It's Time to Move On (vs. 5-7)

- ❖ He poured himself all the more into them and when they opposed him, he moved on – Acts 13:45
  - He shook his raiment – Mat. 10:14; Acts 13:51
  - Your blood be upon your own heads – Lev. 20:9; 11,12
    - Different from on hands – Eze. 3:17-19; that's why Paul says he is clean...
- ❖ Paul moves on to the Gentiles
  - He goes to Justus house (Gaius) right next door to the synagogue
  - ➔ **Because the Paul wasn't received and was opposed, he moved ministry next door. Make sure your blessings don't end up next door because you won't receive them.**

### The Gospel's Impact and God's Covering

- ❖ Vs. 8: Crispus chief ruler of synagogue believes and his house – 1 Cor. 1:14
- ❖ Vs. 9-10: God reminds Paul to that he is covered and stays for 1.5 years
  - Told to be bold and continue to speak up
  - Told he is not alone – vs. 10 – Jer. 1:18-19; 2 Kings 6:16
- ❖ Gallio the Proconsul of Achaia (vs. 12-15)
  - Jews stirred up trouble and brought before him for judgment but wouldn't hear it since a matter of religious dispute
    - Vs. 13: The Jews accusation: Paul persuaded men to worship contrary to the Law
    - Vs. 14: Paul told to speak up but God intervenes and Gaius drops the case – 2 Chr. 10:17

- Vs. 17: They beat Sosthenes, Crispus replacement and Gallio paid it no attention
  - Sosthenes eventually converted – 1 Cor. 1:1

### Leaving Corinth

- ❖ Drops Aquilla and Priscilla off at Ephesus on his way to Caesarea and Antioch

### Apollos at Ephesus

- ❖ Was an eloquent man and mighty in the scriptures – 1 Cor. 1:12; 1 Cor. 3:1-4; 1 Cor. 16:12
  - Born in Alexandria, Egypt
- ❖ Vs. 25: Was a powerful teacher and only limited by lack of exposure and awareness
  - Hence the importance of being taught
  - Taught the baptism of John – John 3:1-11; Mark
- ❖ Vs. 26: The preacher learns from the tentmakers
  - Aquila and Priscilla heard him because they went to the synagogue
    - ➔ How will you ever help those who need more depth if you are too deep to fellowship?
  - They took him aside – note that they didn't attempt to show him up or embarrass him
  - They expounded the way of God more perfectly – they added to what he already knew
    - He knew of repentance and water baptism but needed to be taught of regeneration through Spirit baptism
- ❖ How open are we to constructive enlightenment? Pro. 15:31-33; 2 Tim. 3:16; Pro. 1:7

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