

Paul & Silas in Corinth

Acts 18

Roughly 49 AD

2nd Missionary Journey

Ch. 16: Philippi > Lydia > Jailer

Ch. 17: Thessalonica > Berea > Athens

Ch. 18: conclusion of 2nd Journey

1. In Corinth – Acts 18:1-11

- 1 – Paul comes into Corinth (wicked city; admin. center of Roman province Achaëa)
- 2 – meets great husband & wife team Aquilla & Priscilla
- 3 – all tentmakers
- 4 – Paul [frequently] went to synagogue (10+ Jewish men)
- 5 – Silas & Timothy come from Macedonia [17]
- 6 – audience not receptive of message
- 7 – goes to the house of Justus
- 8 – Crispus (and many others) believed
- 9 – God to Paul: be not afraid; speak
- 10 – with thee; no man shall hurt thee
- 11 – stays 18mo; *cf. 1 & 2 Corinthians*

2. Gallio – Acts 18:12-17

- 12 – Gallio, deputy, only 1 yr. in office
- 13 – accused of teaching contrary to Law
- 14-15 – Gallio: if it is wicked lewdness I will judge; if *of your law* you judge
- 16 – driven away
- 17 – Sosthenes taken and beaten
 - Crispus; 1 Corinthians

3. Return to Syria – Acts 18:18-23

- 18 – takes P&A with him; takes a vow
- 19 – takes P&A to Ephesus, leaves them [3rd]

- 20 – wanted Paul to stay in synagogue
- 21 – key: I will return if God wills
- 22 – ends up in Antioch
- 23 – goes into Galatia

4. Apollos – Acts 18:24-28

- His name:
 - He is a Jew; Apollos is a Grecian name
 - “Apollos” – “of Apollo” – god of truth & life
 - “of Alexandria” – founded by Alexander the Great in Egypt near the Nile
 - “Eloquent” – in Greek “Learned”
 - “Fervent in the Spirit” – not a dry professor
 - “Spoke and taught boldly” – not brashly but with courage
 - “Mighty in the Scriptures” – kind of preacher younger preachers would emulate
- His problem
 - Ac. 18:25 – he only knew the baptism of John (Mt. 3:2)
 - Jesus had already established the kingdom!
 - He had to be taught – Ac. 18:26
 - He was a good man and very educated but needed to be taught
- Regardless of name, pedigree, etc., we must be taught to be pleasing to God!

Lessons:

1. We can be highly effective when we work with likeminded people.
2. Sometimes we are benefitted from not getting involved in other’s issues.
3. We must do everything with the same statement in v. 21: “if God wills.”
4. Regardless of our pedigree, heritage, or background, we must be taught the whole council of God!

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