

Bible Study

Gods Word in Focus



Week Fifty

Acts of the Apostles

Acts 18:1-28

Paul Goes to Corinth

Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. He found Aquila and Priscilla. He stayed with them, as they were of the same trade, tentmakers. Aquila and Priscilla had left Rome because of the command by Claudius. During this time, Paul taught in the synagogue and "persuaded both Jews and Greeks." Silas and Timothy then joined Paul at Corinth, coming from Macedonia. Paul taught the Jews that "Jesus is the Christ." They opposed him. Paul told them, "Your blood be on your own heads; I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." Paul then went to Justus' house, which was next to the synagogue. Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, and his household believed. Many Corinthians believed and were baptized. The Lord spoke to Paul in a vision, encouraging him to be bold and to continue to speak; for the Lord would be with him. Paul continued teaching there another year and a half. The Jews then took Paul before the proconsul of Achaia, Gallio, charging that he "persuades men to worship God contrary to the law." Gallio refused to be a "judge of such matters" and drove them away from the judgment seat. [I and II Thessalonians may have been written.]

Paul Returns to Antioch

Paul remained there a while longer. Next, Paul, Aquila and Priscilla set sail for Syria. As they were departing, Paul had his hair cut off at Cenchrea as part of a vow. Paul left Aquila and Priscilla in Ephesus, as they were traveling. Paul did not remain in Ephesus, as he wanted to keep the feast in Jerusalem. He sailed on to Caesarea, greeted the church there, and went on to Antioch.

Apollos in Ephesus

Paul departed from Antioch of Syria to begin the 3rd journey. He traveled through Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening the disciples. Apollos of Alexandria is then introduced as an "eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures." Apollos traveled to Ephesus and spoke boldly in the synagogue. He taught the way of the Lord, but he only knew the baptism of John. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and "explained to him the way of God more accurately." Apollos then traveled to Achaia and "greatly helped" the believers. "He vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ."