

Apostle Paul's Welcome to Corinth Acts 18:1-8



Ministering at Corinth

¹After these things Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth. ²And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them. ³So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation, they were tentmakers. ⁴And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews *that Jesus is the Christ*. ⁶But when they opposed him and blasphemed, he shook *his* garments and said to them, "Your blood *be* upon your *own* heads; I *am* clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." ⁷And he departed from there and entered the house of a certain *man* named Justus, *one* who worshiped God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized.

Discussion Questions

1. Regardless of your position or calling, have you ever become discouraged in doing the work of the Lord? What are some things that cause you to become discouraged doing the work of the Lord and how do you cope with it?
2. Not only did Paul preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, but he spent significant amounts of time teaching and encouraging fellow believers. What can you do to teach and/or encourage a fellow believer today?
3. Have you ever met a new acquaintance and they were able to encourage you or vice versa? How did it affect you?
4. Should preachers like Paul work a "trade" (Acts 18:3) or be financially supported by fellow Christians (read 1 Corinthians 9:7-15 and 1 Timothy 5:17-18).
5. Discuss why Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that that Jesus is the Christ?
6. Paul shared the Gospel of Christ with the Jews in Acts 18:5. Then Acts 18:6 says, "But when they opposed him and blasphemed, he shook his garments and said to them, "Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean." Why did he make that comment, especially saying, "I am clean"? When sharing the Gospel, how do you respond to people who are in opposition and reject the Word of God?
7. Discuss your views about the preachers on television who solicit money and say that if their ministry doesn't get your money, it will need to go off the air. What about "ministries" that sell copies of the messages that God supposedly spoke through them? Do you think it's okay to sell Bibles, commentaries, and other such "religious" books for profit?