

...for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus. (Acts 18:28)

**I. Paul Continues His Ministry Journey (vv.1-17)**

- a. Corinth, a seaport city /commercial center that was diverse in people and activity
  1. Sailors, prostitutes, broken women, and people disillusioned by pleasure
  2. Pagan worship and wicked behavior were the order of the day.
- b. Paul meets Aquila and Priscilla, fellow tentmakers and they become life-long friends.
- c. After teaching the Gospel in the synagogue, Paul is abused and arrested by unbelieving Jews. (vv.6, 12,13-17) Justus opens his home to Paul.
  1. Crispus, "the ruler of the synagogue" believes, *and his household*
- d. There were two important synagogue officials:
  1. "angel of the synagogue" - responsible to pray, preach, take care of the law (scroll) and to appoint readers
  2. Crispus/Sosthenes "the ruler of the synagogue" – they were responsible for other affairs and regulating service. (vv.8, 17)
- e. Paul taught in Corinth for 18 months; many were converted and baptized (Christ "I have many people in this city"; *The specific's Paul's ministry are outlined in 1 and 2 Corinthians*)
- f. **Cenchrea** ; He shaves his head and takes a vow; **Ephesus** – Paul ; **Antioch** – He goes to his home church; **Galatia** – Paul begins his 3<sup>rd</sup> Missionary journey

**II. Ministry of Apollos at Ephesus (vv.24-27)**

- a. Apollos, an anointed preacher from Alexandria, Egypt; he knows *only* what John the Baptist said about Jesus.
- b. Aquila and Priscilla teach him about Jesus; Apollos became an effective teacher. (Rom 16:1-2)
- c. Can we know Jesus and not *know* Him?

**III. What Scriptures Prove That Jesus Was The Christ (Messiah)? (v.28)**

- a. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and your seed and her Seed. (Gen 3:15)
- a. But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law. (Gal 4:4)
- b. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)
- c. I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, You are My Son, today I have begotten You. (Psalm 2:7)
- d. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)
- e. The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool. (Psalm 110:1)

**IV. Thoughts and Considerations for Action**

- a. How comfortable are you in defending the Gospel? Do you believe and know enough about Christ to stand and give evidence of His existence.
- b. In his travels, Paul experienced hardship and dark disappointment, but he was comforted by friends (Aquila and Priscilla), ministry mates (Silas and Timothy), and encouraging words from Jesus.