

Acts 18-19 *The Second Missionary Journey. Corinth and Ephesus***NOTES****Acts 18:1-18 Corinth – *Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace!***

1. **Paul came to Corinth and chose to abide and work with Aquila and Priscilla (tentmakers) while he reasoned and persuaded the Jews and Greeks in the synagogue weekly. (16:1-6)**
 - ✓ Paul found a certain Jew named Aquila with his wife Priscilla and abode with them.
 - ✓ They were of the same craft and occupation – tentmakers.
 - ✓ Paul reasoned and persuaded and was pressed in the spirit to preach Christ crucified.
 - ✓ The Jews “opposed themselves” and blasphemed God breaking Commandment #3.
2. **Paul departed from the synagogue and chose to enter into private discussions from house to house which led many Corinthians to hear and believe and then to be baptized. (18:7-11)**
 - ✓ Paul went into Justus’ house – “one that worshipped God” but had not believed on Christ.
 - ✓ Crispus – the chief ruler of the synagogue – believed on the Lord with all his house.
 - ✓ Many of the Corinthians hearing believed and were baptized.
 - ✓ Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace... I am with thee... no man shall hurt thee.
 - ✓ Paul preached and taught the word of God in Corinth for a year and six months.
3. **Eventually, persecution came from unbelieving Jews which led to the beating of Sosthenes and ultimately Paul’s departure after 18 months at Corinth. (18:12-18)**
 - ✓ The unbelieving Jews stirred up trouble again and brought Paul to the judgment seat.
 - ✓ Sosthenes – the chief ruler of the synagogue – was beaten for supporting Christ’s work.
 - ✓ Aquila and Priscilla join Paul’s missionary team and were faithful laborers to the end.

Acts 18:19-28 Ephesus – *what God can do with faithful common people!*

1. **Paul came to Ephesus and left Aquila and Priscilla there while he returned to Jerusalem and Antioch before beginning his 3rd missionary journey through Galatia to Ephesus. (18:19-23)**
 - ✓ Paul left Aquila and Priscilla at Ephesus and entered the synagogue himself.
 - ✓ Those in the synagogue desired him to tarry, but he said he would return, if God will.
 - ✓ Paul wanted to get to Jerusalem for the great opportunity there to preach the gospel.
 - ✓ Paul returned to Antioch for a time and then began his 3rd missionary journey in Galatia.
2. **While stationed in Ephesus, Aquila and Priscilla were used by God to instruct a certain, lost Jew named Apollos from Alexandria in the way of God more perfectly. (18:24-28)**
 - ✓ Apollos was a Jew born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures.
 - ✓ He was instructed in the way of the Lord, he was fervent in the spirit, and he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.
 - ✓ When Aquila and Priscilla heard him and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.
 - ✓ He received the instruction wisely, put his faith in Christ alone preached Christ crucified.
 - ✓ He mightily convinced the Jews publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

Acts 19:1-7 Ephesus – *Beware of the tongues – they are not for us!*

1. **Paul returned to Ephesus on his 3rd missionary journey and found 12 Jewish disciples of Apollos most likely who had been baptized unto the baptism of John the Baptist. (19:1-7)**
 - ✓ It was indeed God’s will that Paul returned to Ephesus on his 3rd missionary journey.
 - ✓ Paul found twelve disciples of Apollos and questioned them why they had been baptized.
2. **Paul said that John baptized people and told them they should believe on the Lord Jesus Christ – the**

Messiah – who he was sent to prepare the Jews to receive. (19:4-5)

- ✓ Paul said that John instructed the people to believe on Him which should come after him.
- ✓ They believed the words of Paul and put their faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.
- ✓ After they believed, Paul baptized them in the name of the Lord Jesus.

3. For the twelve Jewish disciples caught in the transition, Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them and they spake with tongues and prophesied. (19:6-7)

- ✓ Because these were Jews that were still in the transition, Paul laid his hands upon them and the Holy Ghost came upon them in a similar manner as the Samaritans in Acts 8.
- ✓ They spoke with tongues – known languages – and prophesied so that Paul (the unbelieving Jew related to whether they were truly saved) would know for sure that they were saved.

Acts 19:8-41 Ephesus – how the word of God grew and prevailed in Ephesus!**1. In Ephesus, Paul spake boldly in the synagogue for 3 months, and then separated the church (disciples) in a school (meeting place) in order to equip them for service. (19:8-10)**

- ✓ Paul preached boldly in the synagogue for three months of the kingdom of God until many became hardened through unbelief and spoke evil of that way (God's church).
- ✓ Paul separated the disciples (church) to ground and equip them to take the gospel to the world.

2. God wrought many special miracles by the hands of Paul which led to the rise of many false prophets and teachers who attempted to do miracles by their own power. (19:11-16)

- ✓ God worked through Paul to do many things that have nothing to do with us at this time in history.
- ✓ Seven sons of one Sceva (a Jew) tried to use the name of Jesus for their own glory against an evil spirit which ended up causing them great embarrassment and pain.

3. The demise of the false teachers was known to all the Jews and Greeks (Gentiles) dwelling at Ephesus, fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. (19:17-20)

- ✓ The fall of the false teachers caused great fear to fall on all the Jews and Greeks in Ephesus and for the name of the Lord Jesus to be magnified (it was not a name to be used in vain).
- ✓ Many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their ungodly deeds, and many also brought their ungodly, evil books (things which had caused them to sin against God) and burned them before all men.

4. Paul sent two of his team to Macedonia while he stayed at Ephesus – and at the same time there arose no small stir about that way which opposed the great Diana. (19:21-28)

- ✓ Paul purposed in the spirit to visit the churches in Greece, to go to Jerusalem, and to see Rome.
- ✓ Demetrius the silversmith was motivated by the love of money and fear of losing his profits.
- ✓ Demetrius' accusation was that Paul had persuaded and turned away much people, saying they be no gods which are made with hands.
- ✓ Demetrius said that the temple of the great goddess Diana was magnificent and that all Asia and the world worshipped her.

5. The whole city of Ephesus was filled with confusion as emotions were stirred by Demetrius. (19:29-41)

- ✓ The whole city was filled with confusion as the craftsmen cried out saying, "Great is Diana."
- ✓ Paul was given counsel by certain of the chief of Asia (his friends) not to enter the theatre.
- ✓ The town clerk said Ephesus worshipped Diana and the image which fell from Jupiter.
- ✓ The town clerk called the temple of Diana a "church" – God preserved it for us in the KJV Bible.

Personal Applications

1. What did God speak to you about tonight? What does He want you to do differently beginning now?
2. Have you taken ownership of the Gospel ministry personally? Are you ready to advance the Gospel?