







There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³ and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them.



When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching,



⁴ Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks... testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah.

⁶ But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

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⁸ Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.



⁹ One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. ¹⁰ For I am with you...



Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

"I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling." 1 Corinthians 2:3



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IM 35 AND I FEEL GREAT





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Disciples: and by extension given to us. "Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your

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¹² While Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews of Corinth made a united attack on Paul and brought him to the place of judgment.
¹³ "This man," they charged, "is persuading the people to worship God in ways contrary to the law."

¹⁴ Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to them, "If you Jews were making a complaint about some misdemeanor or serious crime, it would be reasonable for me to listen to you. ¹⁵ But since it involves questions about words and names and your own law-settle the matter yourselves. I will not be a judge of such things." ¹⁶ So he drove them off.



¹⁷ Then the crowd there turned on Sosthenes the synagogue leader and beat him in front of the proconsul; and Gallio showed no concern whatever.





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And while we can't claim God's final promise to Paul exactly, we do have God's promise to work for the good of his people. (Rom 8:28)

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