

I Cor 1:26: *For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.*

1 Cor 6:9-11; *Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you.*

III. _____ IS SERVED

Vss.12-17; *But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal, 13 saying, "This man is persuading people to worship God contrary to the law." 14 But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were a matter of wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews, I would have reason to accept your complaint. 15 But since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves. I refuse to be a judge of these things." 16 And he drove them from the tribunal. 17 And they all seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of this.*

John 4:21-24 ... *the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.. 23.. true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."*

All who repent and turn to Christ are invited to _____ draw near to the living God.

GOD'S GRACE FOR NOTORIOUS SINNERS

CHRIST COMMUNITY

Reformed Church

ACTS 18 1-17

Corinth was most known for was its _____ lifestyle and their wicked pagan worship of _____, the goddess of love.

I. GOOD NEWS _____ FOR THE _____

Vss. 1-3: *After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. 2 And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, 3 and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. 4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.*

Acts 17:34: "... some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them..."

Paul did not attempt to use soaring _____ or _____ to manipulate or dazzle his hearers.

I Cor 2:1-5; *And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, 4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.*

We don't need to _____ the message or try to make it _____.

Aquila & Pricilla are fruitful _____ of _____, mentioned _____ more times in the NT.

II. _____ THE GOSPEL

Vss. 5-6; *When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. 6 And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."*

Rom 9:2-3; *...I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.*

Now all that is left for these unbelieving Jews is the _____ of the _____; spiritual and eternal _____.

Acts 16:17-18; *...I am sending you 18 to open their [the Gentile's] eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'*

We all have differing _____, but the same _____!

2 Tim 4:7-8; *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing...*

Vss.7-8; *And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. 8 Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized.*

Vss.9-11; *And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, 10 for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people." 11 And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.*

The Lord had to reassure _____.
Ex 33:14; *My presence will go with you...*

The Lord had to reassure _____.
Josh 1:6; *Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you...*

The Lord had to reassure _____ = _____.
Judge 6:16; *the LORD said to him, "I will be with you..."*

2 COR 6:4-10; *... as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5 beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ... 8 ... through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything...*

The doctrine of divine _____ ought to _____ you.

Whitfield:, *"The Lord Jesus Christ, my dear sisters, doth choose you merely by his free grace; it is freely of his own mercy, that he brings you into the marriage covenant: You, who have so grievously offended him, yet, the Lord Jesus Christ hath chosen you; you did not, you would not have chosen him; but when once, my dear sisters, he hath chosen you, then, and not till then, you make choice of him for your Lord and Husband."*