Senior Sunday School

6 July 2025

Text: Acts 18

Subject: The Founding of the Church in Corinth

Lesson #1

- ¹ After these things Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth.
- ² And 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.
- ³ So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers.
- ⁴ And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks.
- ⁵ When Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ.
- ⁶ 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. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."
- ⁷ And 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.
- ⁸ Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized.
- ⁹ Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent;
- ¹⁰ for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city."
- ¹¹ And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

Acts 18:1-11

A BRIEF HISTORY OF PAUL'S 2ND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Time Frame: 49-51 AD

(About 3 years)

Team: Paul, Silas Acts 15:40

(Antioch, Syria)

Addition: Timothy Acts 16:1

(Lystra)

Further addition: Aquila and Priscilla

(Corinth)

Regions:

- 1. Syria
- 2. Cilicia Acts 15:41
- 3. Derbe
- 4. Lystra Acts 16:1

(100 km between Derbe and Lystra)

- 5. Phrygia
- 6. Galatia Acts 16:4
- 7. Mysia Acts 16:7
- 8. Troas Acts 16:8

The Macedonian Call Acts 16:9-10

- 9. Samothrace to Neapolis Acts 16:11
- 10. Philippi Acts 16:12-40
- 11. Amphipolis and Apollonia (passing through)
- 12. Thessalonica Acts 17:1-9
- 13. Berea Acts 17:10-14

- 14. Athens Acts 17:15-34
- 15. Corinth Acts 18

ADDITIONAL FELLOW-WORKERS

- 1. Aquila and Priscilla Acts 18:1-3
 - a) Paul
 - b) Aquila
 - c) Tentmakers
- 3. Silas and Timothy rejoined Paul Acts 18:5
- 4. Paul's ministry
 - a) Reasoned (from the Scriptures) Acts 18:4
 - b) Presented the Lord Jesus as the Messiah Acts 18:5
 - c) Moved by the Holy Spirit Acts 18:5

5. Outcome

- a) Some were persuaded and became Christians
- b) Some others opposed Paul

6. An important declaration

Paul declares his intention to minister to the Gentiles Acts 18:6

7. A special vision given to Paul

⁹"Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent;

8. Paul ministered at Corinth for 18 months Acts 18:11

¹⁰ for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city." Acts 18:9-10