

ACTS 18: October 19; Aquila & Priscilla Teach Apollos

ANALYSIS:

1. When Paul arrived in Corinth, why did he stay with Aquila and Priscilla? _____
2. In Corinth, why did Paul decide to direct his preaching primarily toward the Gentiles? _____
3. In order to encourage Paul, what did the Lord tell Paul about his preaching prospects in Corinth? _____
4. What verse introduces Paul's third missionary journey? _____
5. While Paul had largely turned to the Gentiles, who mightily convinced the Jews that Jesus was Christ? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

In this chapter we are introduced to Apollos, an eloquent man and mighty in the scriptures, who, the Bible tells us, was also fervent in spirit and diligent in teaching others the things of the LORD. But notice that while this man had great ability and desire for preaching the Old Testament scriptures, he only knew about John the Baptist, not the Lord Jesus Christ. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him preach, they took him aside and taught him of the Old Testament's and John the Baptist's fulfillment in the Lord Jesus Christ. And notice that after Apollos was taught the way of God more perfectly, we find him using the Old Testament scriptures that he knew so well to show the Jews that Jesus was indeed the Christ that had been prophesied of throughout the Old Testament.

How well do you know your Bible? Do you know the Scriptures well enough that you could do what Aquila and Priscilla did in teaching Apollos the way of God more perfectly? Are you able to give an answer from the Bible to those around you who may ask about your hope in the Lord Jesus Christ? Are you able to be a teacher of the doctrines of God, or are you continuously in need of someone else teaching you again and again the elementary principles of scripture? The Bible tells us that some believers never progress beyond the milk stage of their scriptural knowledge and understanding, while others by use and exercise progress to maturity and develop the ability to handle the word of God proficiently (Hebrews 5:12-14). What kind of a Christian are you? Are you growing from being a babe to being a mature adult in your ability to use the word of God to teach others?

HELP:

1. Because Aquila and Priscilla were tentmakers by occupation along with Paul (v 3).
2. Because the Jews "opposed themselves, and blasphemed" when Paul testified that Jesus was Christ (vs 5-6).
3. The Lord told Paul that He had "much people in this city" (v 10). That is, there were many of God's children in Corinth who needed Paul to teach them the truth of the gospel.
4. Verse 23.
5. Apollos (vs 24-28).