

Acts 18:9-11;

9-Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: 10-For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city. 11-And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

1-A brief summary of Acts 18:1-20;

1-Paul leaves Athens for Corinth.

2-In Corinth Paul meets and works with Aquilla and Priscilla.

3-Paul preaches in the Synagogue.

4-When the Jews apposed themselves and blasphemed because Paul taught that Jesus was the Christ; with a scathing denunciation 'Your blood be upon your own heads' Paul turned from the Jews to the Gentiles.

5-8-And Crispus the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all of his house; Crispus baptized; 1-Cor. 1:14; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

6-In a vision the Lord encourages Paul.

7-Paul continues a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

8-After almost two years in Corinth Paul "sailed for Syria," taking Aquilla and Priscilla with him as far as Ephesus.

"The Lord's Much People." Acts 18:9-11.

1-As to Athens, Paul came to Corinth alone, he seems to have felt his loneliness keenly.

1-However, Paul was fortunate in finding congenial companions in the persons of Aquilla and Priscilla.

2-As usual, Paul began his preaching among the Jews. Notwithstanding his initial success Paul seems to have grown discouraged.

1-The prospects seemed to be forbidding.

2-Perhaps the enemy was alert and full of threatenings.

3-Nevertheless the Lord was with the apostle Paul, and he appeared to Paul in a vision with the assurance of his abiding presence and continuing success.

3-Many heard-Many believed; and Many were baptized:

1-This order describes the gospel process of conversion.

2-The word of God is preached:

1-Cor. 1:21;

For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

3-The word is preached and faith comes:

Romans 10:17;

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

4-All baptized who gladly received his word:

Acts 2:41;

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

4-"I have much people in this city."

1-The Lord assured Paul that he had "much people in Corinth, even before they were converted. How can these things be?"

1-God recognized those as his people who were of such mind to receive him.

2-The opportunity for their conversion was provided in Paul's preaching.

4-Much People in Idolatrous Corinth??????

1-The marvel of the gospel is that it can save the vile sinner from the error of his way.

1-A lost, idolatrous city transformed by the power of the gospel.

2-Transformed from false gods into the image of Christ.

2-The laxity of the morals of Corinth was proverbial.

1-How low and shameful the city had fallen under the reign of idolatry.

2-Paul made reference to the bestial conditions in letters addressed to the church.

5-Much people in idolatrous Corinth??????

1-Surely if there was less hope for Athens than for Corinth-If in Athens the Lord had few, in Corinth much people-Then the human attitude toward the gospel means everything.

6-Of the two types of sinners:

1-The fleshly

2-The spiritual- the

former alone can be called.

1-Spiritual pride-the proud haughty spirit-is the ruin of men and of nations.

Proverbs 21:4;

An high look, and a proud heart, and the light of the wicked, is sin.

1-Peter 5:6;

God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble.

7-A great church was organized at Corinth, but none that we have clear record of in Athens. What makes such difference?

1-The soul of the people, the mental, spiritual attitude.

2-Athens:

1-The people were turned to spiritual pride and conceit-Philosophers; Epicureans-Stoicks

3-Corinth:

1-Their ears were open to the blessed call of the glorious gospel of Christ. For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek

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