

Stewarding the Visit!!!

Acts 18: 1-

Paul came to Corinth!

Corinth's Distinction.....:

I. God allowed Messengers to come to that town!

- Paul – Paul came because of disputes
- Aquila and Priscilla (vs 2) – The Roman leader Claudius sent them away and they landed at Corinth!

– The messengers of God are sometimes sent by God through adversity!

II. God's Messengers declared a clear choice!

Vs 5-6

Vs 7-8

One hears and rejects the message and another hears and believes... hearing the same story but coming up with two very different responses. **Baptism marked the difference!**

III. There were some who responded well to the visit... There were some that wasted it!

Justus – lived at Corinth, his house joined to the Synagogue.

Crispus – chief ruler of the synagogue – Believed the message and was publicly baptized!

Sosthenes – Chief ruler of the synagogue, was beaten by the Greeks for bringing Paul to Corinth (1st Corinthians 1: 1)

Aquila and Priscilla – we know why they came... here they came to be part of Paul's world, became business partners, they were tent makers.

– Paul Baptized only two people and one of them is here at Corinth... A ruler at the Synagogue here at Corinth and a ruler in Rome – Gaius.

Notice: God told Paul... "Be not afraid....***I have much people in this city.***" (Vs 9-10)

Vs 8 "...and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized."

What does all this mean?

In the midst of this heathen town, Corinth, a city known for sin, and major hang-ups and hindrances, a city with 1000 prostitutes, opposing Jews and Cruel Greeks, God raised up a group of believers that would impact much of this world and is still teaching us as we read Paul's addresses to them.

God Sent Paul, Priscilla and Aquila, saved Crispus, Justus, Sosthenes and many were supposed to be his enemy but yet God invited them and they stepped forward to proclaim their belief. In this town it was the Greeks that abused the Jews for believing.

But thank God for the Message, the Messenger, the Holy Spirit that opened their eyes!

Praise God for opening their eyes but also for the enemies because they also served as valuable tools here. **They were the filters of the true believers.**

We must see this from Eternal eyes! We are stewarding, hosting the Holy Spirit's visit to this area. Jesus passed through Corinth and what was done with that opportunity will set eternity.

Remember, when Jesus came to Nazareth, they did not believe and He left.

When Jesus came to the other side of Galilee, they ask Him to leave.

When Jesus was in Capernaum, He said:

Matthew 11: 15-24.... we have danced and mourned but ye have not lamented... John did not eat; I came and eat, but you called John a devil and me a wine bibber.... therefore Woe...

Feed the 5000 in Bethesda...

But on the other hand... when He was in the Coast of Tyre and Sidon... a woman came, a Phoenician woman, she came for her daughter...

Matthew 15: 21-28 He declared that this woman had great faith... He could not discourage her even with insults.

And when He visited Jerusalem, He stood and looked down with tears... and said:

Luke 13: 31-35

It all comes down as to what we do with the goodness of God!

Do we not think that Jesus gets out of sorts when one is visited with truth and turns their heart to reject...?

When Jesus passes by, what will we do???