

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4 Angela Ferguson      13 Alan Cooley  
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**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



### VERDE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: 21**

**SUNDAY AM WORSHIP: 58 SUNDAY PM WORSHIP: 15**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 13**

**OFFERING: \$1,911**

January 11, 2026

Welcome to the  
Verde Valley Church of Christ



## VERDE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### Sermon

**Preaching Through Acts – The Template of the Lord’s Church  
Part 30**

### Gathering Times

Sunday Bible class 9:30 AM    Sunday morning worship 10:30 AM

Sunday evening worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible study 7:00 PM

# SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

## Preaching Through Acts – The Template of the Lord's Church – Part 30

-In 49/50 A.D., Paul and Silas are going through Greece on the second missionary journey. Paul has just stated that God will not overlook people's sins in ignorance anymore, since He has given proof to the entire world via Jesus, the most famous Man in history, very publicly dying, being buried, and being raised from the dead. Paul now travels southeast to the city of Corinth, an incredibly amoral city located on the isthmus - thin strip of land - that connected Greece with the Peloponnesian peninsula. This city was very wealthy due to them building a road lined with logs that went from one side of the isthmus to the other. They would pull ships over this from one side to the other to save the time and money of sailing around. This brought much money, which then attracted sin. Corinth had a reputation for sexual sin, homosexuality and transvestites were rampant there, as was the world's largest temple to Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love and sex, with 400 "priestesses" who slept with worshippers to worship her.

Chapter 17 Verses 32-34

1 Cor. 2:12-14 & Jms. 4:13-14 & Acts 16:30-34 (These "learned" men sneered at how Paul claimed Jesus was resurrected from the dead, looking down on how preposterous that was while they held to their belief that "nothing created everything." Others were interested in what Paul said, but would check it out later, saying "they would hear him again," with the Bible not noting if they ever got to. We have no control over our future, and when we hear the Truth, and realize that we have sinned, sin brings punishment, and we need forgiven for it, we need to follow our directions for doing so immediately, not knowing how much, if any, time or opportunities we have left. Those men who "believed" were described using the verb "*pisteuō*," which means "mental belief that motivated to physical action." They were baptized, which is when the Bible records that a person "believes" in the verb form. The men who joined Paul already mentally "believed" what he was saying, but we need to note that the Bible does not credit them with "believing" until after they went away with him and were baptized.)

Chapter 18 Verses 1-4

Matt. 7:7-8 & Rom. 8:28 (Aquila and Priscilla are Jews who were just expelled from Italy by Emperor Claudius. This proclamation happened in 49 A.D., which lines up perfectly with this being late 49 or early 50 as we have been tracking. Because they will believe, God has used all things to put them in the path of someone (Paul), who will show them the Truth of the Church. God promises to do this with everyone who desires to find Him and who will believe, they will hear. Paul works with and lives with them, since they *coincidentally* work the same vocation. Aquila and Priscilla are not Christians yet, but are introduced as "Jews," once again demonstrating the Bible specifying when people are brethren or not.)

Verses 5-7

Matt. 6:31-34, 10:14-15 (Paul worked another job to make money and support himself and preach when he could, but when God lined up his life to start working for Him full time, Paul listened to the directions and followed God's will. When God puts open doors in front of us, we need to go through them, and we need to do it on God's timing and not ours, trusting He knows what is best and that He can and will make it work to take care of us while we do so. When the Jews no longer wanted to hear about Jesus and actively fought what Paul stated, he "shook the dust off" and started telling others, since everyone needs to know about the coming judgment. Paul very symbolically moves in with Titius Justus, a man with a Roman name, who lived next door to the synagogue - a Gentile who believed - next to a building of Jews who rejected the faith.)

Verse 8

Rom. 1:16-17 & 1 Cor. 6:9-11 & Matt. 13:44-46 (Crispus is the leader of the synagogue, the most and probably "best" example of being a Jewish man in the area. He believed, along with many Corinthians, who were the most and probably "best" example of amoral,

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SERVICES ARE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE

- **Classes and sermons are available on YouTube.**
- **There is a children's Bible study during the sermon.**
- **Make plans to join us for our next potluck following morning worship on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>!!**

## Sermon Scripture References - cont'd:

sinful, Gentiles in the world. Both came to believe in the gospel and were baptized for the forgiveness of their sins. It does not matter where a person starts or what they have done in their life, it matters what they choose to do next and how they finish. Those who believe, but are doing so in error, who wish to find God correctly will come to Him, just like those who serve sin, but ultimately are seeking to serve God, will change their ways - Repent - and serve Him correctly.)

Verses 9-17

1 Cor. 1:1 (Paul is instructed by God to remain in the city and let more Corinthians hear the gospel. Paul ends up staying another 18 months from when he likely arrived at the beginning or so of 50 A.D. before the Jews cause an uproar. This means it's about halfway through 51 A.D. when Paul is brought before Gallio the proconsul, a pseudo-military area leadership position, like a "mayor" and "commanding officer," of a region who implemented the consul's (and later the Caesar's) wishes in an area and wielded their power in the region. History records that Lucius Junius Gallio Annaeanus, or simply "Gallio," was the proconsul between 51-52 A.D., exactly when the Bible tracks Paul to be brought before him, in mid 51 A.D. In verse 17, they start beating Sosthenes, the leader of the synagogue who replaced Crispus, and this is likely because he became a Christian too and is the brother Paul talks about in the beginning of 1 Cor.1.)

Verses 18-23

Num. 6:5,8 & Acts 18:9-10 & 2 Cor. 11:22-29 (Paul stayed in Corinth "many days" after he was brought before Gallio, the same turn-of-phrase Luke has used for "3 years." Thus, Paul ultimately departs from Corinth in 54 A.D. Priscilla and Aquila come with him, as they will be traveling to Italy soon, while the rest of the brethren remain in Corinth. Paul goes to Cenchrea, and he has his hair cut off because he was "keeping a vow." This harkens back to the Nazirite vow and a person would not cut their hair while they are being "set apart for God." Paul cuts his hair when he left Corinth, thus, the vow was tied to Paul remaining in Corinth to teach God's people in the city, perhaps tied to God keeping him safe while doing so from v. 9-10. This would make sense as Paul has to defend all the punishment he has taken from the rest of his apostleship to these Corinthians later in 2 Cor. because they might not have seen him take any. This is not Paul holding himself under Jewish Law, as he did not offer the sacrifices that went with the end of this vow, but recognizes that he was being set apart for God's purpose here, and conformed to those expectations)

## PRAY FOR



**Greg & Wanda Mattson's daughter, Jaime**  
**(recovering from a brain aneurysm)**  
**Gary Bates (recovering from back surgery)**  
**Barbara Parsons (recovering from hip surgery)**  
**Jim Vogel (recovering from wrist/hand surgery)**  
**Adrion Osborne (macular degeneration treatments)**

**Shut-ins: Kathie & Eddie Rose, Wally Dickinson**