

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: 16

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP: 51 SUNDAY PM WORSHIP: 16

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 16

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January 18, 2026

Welcome to the
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Sermon

**Preaching Through Acts – The Template of the Lord’s Church
Part 31**

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 31

-In 50 A.D., Paul has ventured into 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 worshipers to worship her. Paul met Aquila and Priscilla, Jews from Italy, whom he gave the gospel, became Christians, and he lives and works with. Paul has spread the gospel to the Jews of the region and is now preaching to all the Gentiles.

Chapter 18 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 previously 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 when 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 while he was there. 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 recognized that the hair a person grows when they have placed themselves under a vow to God demonstrates they are "set apart" as long as they are doing so. We see Paul offered to go to Ephesus - the same place he was trying to go years earlier - and he now conforms his life to God's will and not his.)

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 1st!!**

Sermon Scripture References - cont’d:

Verses 24-28

1 Tim. 2:11-14 & Acts 2:38 & Matt. 28:18-20 (This passage is often cited by false teachers as an example of "A Christian woman Biblically instructing a Christian man." It is not. Apollos is introduced as a **JEW** who was speaking boldly for Christ, who understood everything about Jesus being prophesied from the Old Testament and that there is a new covenant, except he did not understand baptism. He had only been baptized for "repentance" as John the Baptist was doing, but Christians are forgiven of their sins and added to the Church of the New Covenant by God when they are baptized "for the forgiveness of their sins" "in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." Because he was unaware of this, he had not done it, and was not a Christian, because getting baptized the right way, but for the wrong reason, does nothing for anyone. When Paul prohibited women from having authority over men and not teaching them, his authority only extends to men and women of the Church, and Biblical things. He is not stopping women from being governor, police, or professor, because that is non-Biblical authority/teaching. A woman of the Church can also teach anyone who is not part of the Church (i.e., she can be a missionary to anyone and bring them the gospel). But in the Church, women cannot teach men, but can teach other women and children. Priscilla could be involved with Aquila to teach Apollos initially, but when he then got baptized, she needed to respect her role and not teach him anymore.)

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)
Adrian Osborne (macular degeneration treatments)

Shut-ins: Kathie & Eddie Rose, Wally Dickinson