PAUL PREACHES TO THE CORINTHIANS
Acts 18:1-11

INTRODUCTION:

A. Paul preached to the Athenians
   1) Some mocked, some believed
   2) Paul departed from them 17:33
   3) Paul departed Athens 18:1a

B. Paul then came to Corinth 18:1b
   1) How does Paul know God's will?
   2) Here, there is great sin, it is not the same as the
      idols of Athens, but gross immorality.
   3) The Temple of Aphrodite is here
   4) Paul wrote to the Romans from Corinth and probably drew
      his picture of the Gentiles from them.

I. Paul Found Friends at Corinth vs. 2 & 3

A. "And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus,
   lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla;"
   1) "found" = heurisko = "to find, as without seeking",
      "meet with", "light upon"
   2) "lately" = prosphatios = "recently", "newly"
   3) (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart
      from Rome:) "and came unto them"

B. Paul joined their household vs. 3
   1) "craft" = techna = "an art", "trade", "skill",
      "technician"
   2) "abode" = meno = "to remain", "to dwell"
   3) "wrought" = hergazomaio = "to form by labour"
   4) "occupation" = (same as #1)
   5) "tentmaker" = skenopoios = "leather worker", "tentmaker",
      "The Rabbis emphasized work"

II. Paul Preached at Corinth vs. 4 & 5

A. "And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and
   persuaded the Jews and the Greeks"
   1) "reasoned" = dialegomai = "to speak to and fro", i.e.
      alternately, to converse with, argue.
   2) "persuaded" = peitho = "to win with words", "to
      influence with winning words"

B. Paul preached Jesus to them vs. 5
   1) Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia
   2) Paul was pressed in the Spirit
      a. "pressed" = sunecho = "to hold or press together",
         "constrained by the word"
      b. "spirit" = Textus Receptus, A.T. Robertson, should be
         "word", as in other texts.
c. "Paul was hard pressed with teaching the Word"
   3) "and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ"
      I Corinthians 2:3 (1-5)
   4) Silas & Timothy brought offerings.

III. The Jews Rejected Paul’s Message vs. 6

A. "And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook raiment, and said unto them,"
   1) "opposed" = antitassomai = "to array one’s self against"
   2) "blasphemed" = blasphemeo = "to revile God"
   3) "shook" = ektinasso = "to shake off"

B. "Your blood be upon your own heads: I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles"
   1) "you are responsible for your acts"
   2) "My conscience is clear"

IV. Paul Moves From the Synagogue vs. 7

A. He moved to the house of Justus vs. 7
   1) Justus worshiped God
   2) His house was next to the synagogue

B. Many believed on the Lord vs. 8
   1) Crispus, the chief-ruler of the synagogue
   2) All of his house
   3) Many of the Corinthians believed
   4) They were then baptized

V. Paul is Encouraged to Continue Preaching vs. 9-10

A. The Lord spoke to him by a vision
   1) "Be not afraid" - "stop being afraid"
   2) "but speak" I Cor. 2:1-6
   3) "And hold not thy peace"

B. The promise of the Lord
   1) "For I am with thee"
   2) "and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee"
      a. "set" = epitithemi = "to set", "put", "place" or "lay upon"
      b. "hurt" = kakoo = "to treat badly", "to do evil to anyone" vs. 18

C. The reason for preaching
   1) "for I have much people in this city"
   2) It surely didn’t seem so!

D. God keeps His promise vs. 11
   1) "continued" = "remained"
   2) "there" = "the place of God’s will"