

Acts 18:1-17

v1 – Corinth	(noun)	a city in Greece to the west of Athens (see map)
v2 – Jew	(noun)	someone from the nation of Israel
v2 – native	(noun)	someone born in a particular country or place
v2 – recently	(adverb)	not long ago
v2 – ordered	(verb)	told (people) they must do something
v2 – Rome	(noun)	capital city of the Roman Empire
v3 – tent-makers	(noun)	people who make, sell and fix tents.
v4 – Sabbath	(noun)	a rest day; Saturday in Jewish culture
v4 – reasoned	(verb)	urge through logical arguments
v4 – synagogue	(noun)	the building where Jewish people meet to worship God
v4 – persuade	(verb)	cause someone to believe what you are saying by giving good reasons
v5 – Macedonia	(noun)	Roman state north of Greece (see map)
v5 – devoted	(verb)	spent most your time and energy on an activity
v5 – exclusively	(adjective)	involving only the specified activity and nothing else
v5 – preaching	(verb)	speaking to make God's truth known to people
v5 – testifying	(verb)	saying what they know about a person/ event after promising to tell the truth
v5 – Christ	(title)	God's King
v6 – opposed	(verb)	disagreed with someone and tried to stop them from doing something
v6 - abusive	(adjective)	behaving in a cruel and violent way
v6 – Gentiles	(noun)	people who are not Jews
v8 – household	(noun)	people who live together in the same house
v8 – baptized	(verb)	sprinkled water on someone to show that they are part of God's family
v9 – vision	(noun)	an experience where you see things that others cannot see
v9 – afraid	(adjective)	scared; frightened; worried
v10 – attack	(verb)	hurt a person or place to cause damage



v10 – harm	(verb)	deliberately cause injury to someone
v12 – proconsul	(noun)	a governor or leader of a state in ancient Rome
v12 – Achaia	(noun)	a state in the west of Greece (see map)
v12 – united	(adjective)	acting together
v13 – charged	(verb)	accused
v13 – persuading	(verb)	causing someone to believe what you are saying by giving good reasons
v13- contrary	(adjective)	the opposite to
v14 – misdemeanour	(noun)	an act considered to be against the law
v14 – crime	(noun)	an action that does not follow the law
v14 – reasonable	(adverb)	fair
v15 – settle	(verb)	solve a problem or argument
v17 – beat	(verb)	hit very hard many times
v17- concern	(noun)	worry

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After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.² There he met a Jew named Aquila, who was a native of Pontus. Aquila had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla. The emperor Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see Aquila and Priscilla.³ They were tentmakers, just as he was. So he stayed and worked with them.⁴ Every Sabbath day he went to the synagogue. He was trying to get both Jews and Greeks to believe in the Lord.

⁵ Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia. Then Paul spent all his time preaching. He was a witness to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah.⁶ But they opposed Paul. They treated him badly. So he shook out his clothes in protest. Then he said to them, "God's judgment against you will be your own fault! Don't blame me for it! From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

⁷ Then Paul left the synagogue and went to the house next door. It was the house of Titius Justus, a man who worshiped God.⁸ Crispus was the synagogue leader. He and everyone living in his house came to believe in the Lord. Many others who lived in Corinth heard Paul. They too believed and were baptized.

⁹ One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Keep on speaking. Don't be silent.¹⁰ I am with you. No one will attack you and harm you. I have many people in this city."¹¹ So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half. He taught them God's word.

¹² At that time Gallio was governor of Achaia. The Jews of Corinth got together and attacked Paul. They brought him into court.¹³ They made a charge against Paul. They said, "This man is talking people into worshiping God in wrong ways. Those ways are against the law."

¹⁴ Paul was about to give reasons for his actions. But just then Gallio spoke to them. He said, "You Jews don't claim that Paul has committed a great or small crime. If you did, it would make sense for me to listen to you.¹⁵ But this is about your own law. It is a question of words and names. Settle the matter yourselves. I will not be a judge of such things."¹⁶ So he made them leave.¹⁷ Then the crowd there turned against Sosthenes, the synagogue leader. They beat him up in front of the governor. But Gallio didn't care at all.

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