

New Mount Moriah AMEC
Bible Study, 20 October 2026
Acts 18:1-17 (NKJV)

Introduction: Last week we discussed how the Apostle Paul arrived in Athens, Greece, and found himself among people who were very “religious.” Tonight, we will discuss his arrival in the city of Corinth, which was about fifty miles west of Athens. Despite the moral and spiritual condition of the city of Corinth, the LORD assured Paul, our God, that He was with Him.

Lesson Outline:

Vs. 1-4	The Lord Will Provide
Vs. 5-8	Being Led by The Holy Spirit
Vs. 9-11	God is With You
Vs. 12-17	Facing Opposition

Lesson Review:

Background: Corinth was a wealthy trading center that attracted people from different nations and backgrounds. It was home to numerous pagan temples and religious practices. The city was also known for moral corruption and sexual misconduct. In verses 18-9-10 of our text, the LORD said to Paul, “**Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city.**”

Vs. 1-4 The Lord Will Provide: A tentmaker could also be someone who worked in a related skill. Please note Paul’s use of his God-given skill (***Tentmaker***) to support himself. In your opinion, what are the pros and cons of a BI vocational pastor?

Life Application: Please note how God used Aquila and Priscilla's being expelled from Rome to place them in a position to assist Paul in his ministry. What was meant as evil against the Jews was used by God for the benefit of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Supporting Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-9

Acts 20:33-35

- Please note Paul persuaded both Jews and Greeks in the synagogue on the Sabbath. **Greeks** (*Gentiles*) who believed and worshipped the God of Israel were known as God-fearers.
- To ***believe***, trust, or place confidence in.

Vs. 5-8 Being Led by the Holy Spirit: Compelled to hold together, constrain, press upon, or occupy. **Testified** means to bear witness or declare. **Opposed**, resist, or set oneself against. The word describes active resistance.

- Paul's focus is Jesus; He is the foundation of the Gospel and the life of every Christian. Every preacher/congregation must return to Him, our first love.

Life Application: Despite opposition, Paul did not give up but testified against them and took the message of Jesus to the home of Justus, which resulted in Crispus, his household, and some Corinthians accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

- **Things to Consider:** What is the significance of the process (**hearing, believing, being baptized**) and results of Crispus accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior?

Supporting Scripture: Romans 10:9-10

Mark 16:16

Vs. 9-11 God is With You: Do not fear: To fear, be afraid, or experience alarm. As reflected in verse nine, God speaks to His servant through dreams. Jacob dreamed about a stairway into heaven (**Genesis 28:10-17**). God warned Joseph and Mary to flee to Egypt (**Matthew 2:13**), and Pilate's wife suffered in her dreams about Jesus being innocent (**Matthew 27:19**). * **Our dreams will not conflict with the Word of God.**

Life Application: Does our assignment exclude us from needing the assurance of God? Also, what should be our response to those who oppose us from spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

Critical Thinking: How did God know that He had many people in the city of Corinth?

Supporting Scripture: Matthew 28:20

Isaiah 41:10

Vs. 12-17 Facing Opposition: What in the Law would prohibit Paul? The judgment seat was a large, raised stone platform in the marketplace, situated in front of the residence of the proconsul, where he would try public cases (**The MacArthur Study Bible**).

- Why were Paul's teachings contrary to the Law, and why was Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, beaten before the judgment seat?

Spiritual Insight: Please note Paul was not required to defend himself because Gallio refused to hear the complaint of those who opposed Paul.