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The previous chapter ended saying: So Paul departed from among them. However some of them clung to him, and believed; among them was Dionysius the Areopagite -- he was one of the Council members, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

The Ministry in Corinth,

¹ After these things Paul left Athens, and went to Corinth;

² and there found a Jewish man named Aquila, born in Pontus, recently come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; because Claudius had decreed all the Jews to leave Rome: and Paul came to them.

³ And since he was of the same occupation, tentmakers by trade, he stayed with them and worked.

⁴ And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, to persuade both Jews and Greeks.

⁵ When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was devoted to preach the word, and testified to the Jews that Jesus is Christ / the Messiah.

⁶ But when they resisted and blasphemed, he shook out his clothes, and said to them, Your blood is on your own heads! I am clean; from now on I will go to the Gentiles.

⁷ So he left them, and went to the house of a man named Justus, a worshiper of God, whose house was adjacent to the synagogue.

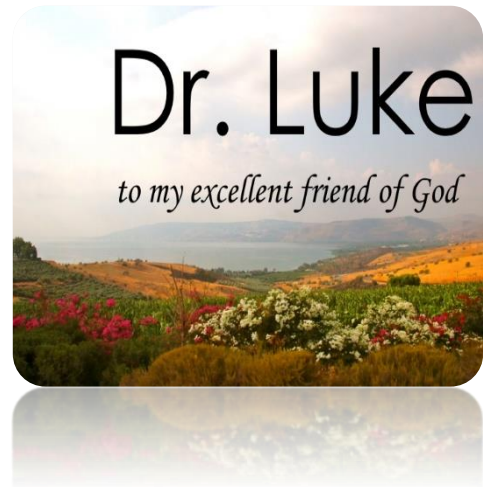
⁸ Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household; and many Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized.

⁹ Then the Lord said to Paul in a night vision, Do not be afraid, but keep speaking, and do not be silent:

¹⁰ for I am with you, and no one will put a hand on you to hurt you: because I have many people in this city.

¹¹ And he stayed there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

¹² When Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack against Paul, and brought him to the court,



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¹³ saying, This man persuades people to worship God, contrary to our law.

¹⁴ But as Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, If it were a matter of crime or moral evil, it would be reasonable that I should put up with you Jews:

¹⁵ but since these are questions about words, names and your own law, see to it yourself; for I refuse to be a judge of such matters.

¹⁶ So he drove them from the court.

¹⁷ Then all the Greeks seized Sosthenes, the leader of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the court. But none of these things concerned Gallio.

¹⁸ So Paul having stayed there for many days, said good-bye to the brothers and sisters, and sailed away to Syria – with Priscilla and Aquila; and he shaved his head at Cenchrea: because of a vow he made.

¹⁹ When they reached Ephesus, he left them there: but he himself entered the synagogue, and debated with the Jews.

²⁰ And when they asked him to stay longer with them, he declined;

²¹ but leaving them, he said, I must keep the feast in Jerusalem: but I will return again to you, if God wills. And he sailed from Ephesus.

²² And landing at Caesarea, he went up to Jerusalem and greeted the assembly, then went down to Antioch.

²³ And after spending some time there, he left, to travel over all the regions of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

The eloquent Apollos,

²⁴ Now a Jew named Apollos, native of Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

²⁵ This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spoke and taught diligently about the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.



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²⁶ And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: but when Aquila and Priscilla heard him, **they took him aside, and explained to him the way of God more accurately.**

²⁷ And wanting to cross over to Achaia, the brothers and sisters wrote to the disciples urging them to welcome him.

After he arrived, **he greatly helped those who by grace had believed:**

²⁸ because he forcefully refuted the Jews in public, **showing through the scriptures that Jesus is the Christ / the Messiah.**

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