

## Victory in a Corinthian Court Acts 18:1-22

### **Paul experiences great success mixed with angry rejection. 1-11**

- ◆ Aquila and Priscilla are expelled from Rome but fortunately get to team up with Paul, see in 20:18,26, Rom. 16:3, I Cor. 16:19, I Tim. 4:19. What does Aquila and Priscilla's experience suggest to us?
- ◆ *Your blood be upon your own heads*, cf. 5:28, II Sam. 1:16, Ezk. 33:4-19. How should we apply this to us?
- ◆ Paul's place of ministry moves next door to the synagogue, with its former leader attending (I Cor. 1:14). A vision calms Paul's fears, but compare 2:47, 13:48, Eph. 1:4,5 to Paul's pronouncement in verse 6. Clearly, divine sovereignty doesn't negate culpability for rejecting God.

### **Paul wins at court and his successful ministry continues. 12-17**

- ◆ Gallio rules in Paul's favor, as he views Christianity not as a cult but part of Judaism. Till Nero's persecution, Paul is protected by Rome.
- ◆ Recall Jewish jealousy fuels the attacks on Paul, 5:17, 13:45,17:5.
- ◆ As here, today's important court cases are crucial and set precedent.

### **Paul leaves Corinth and heads home toward Antioch. 18-22**

- ◆ Paul leaves with this new companion couple, but leaves them on the way home at Ephesus, where they update/teach Apollos, 24-26.
- ◆ Paul briefly ministers in Ephesus but will return as hoped, 19:1.

