



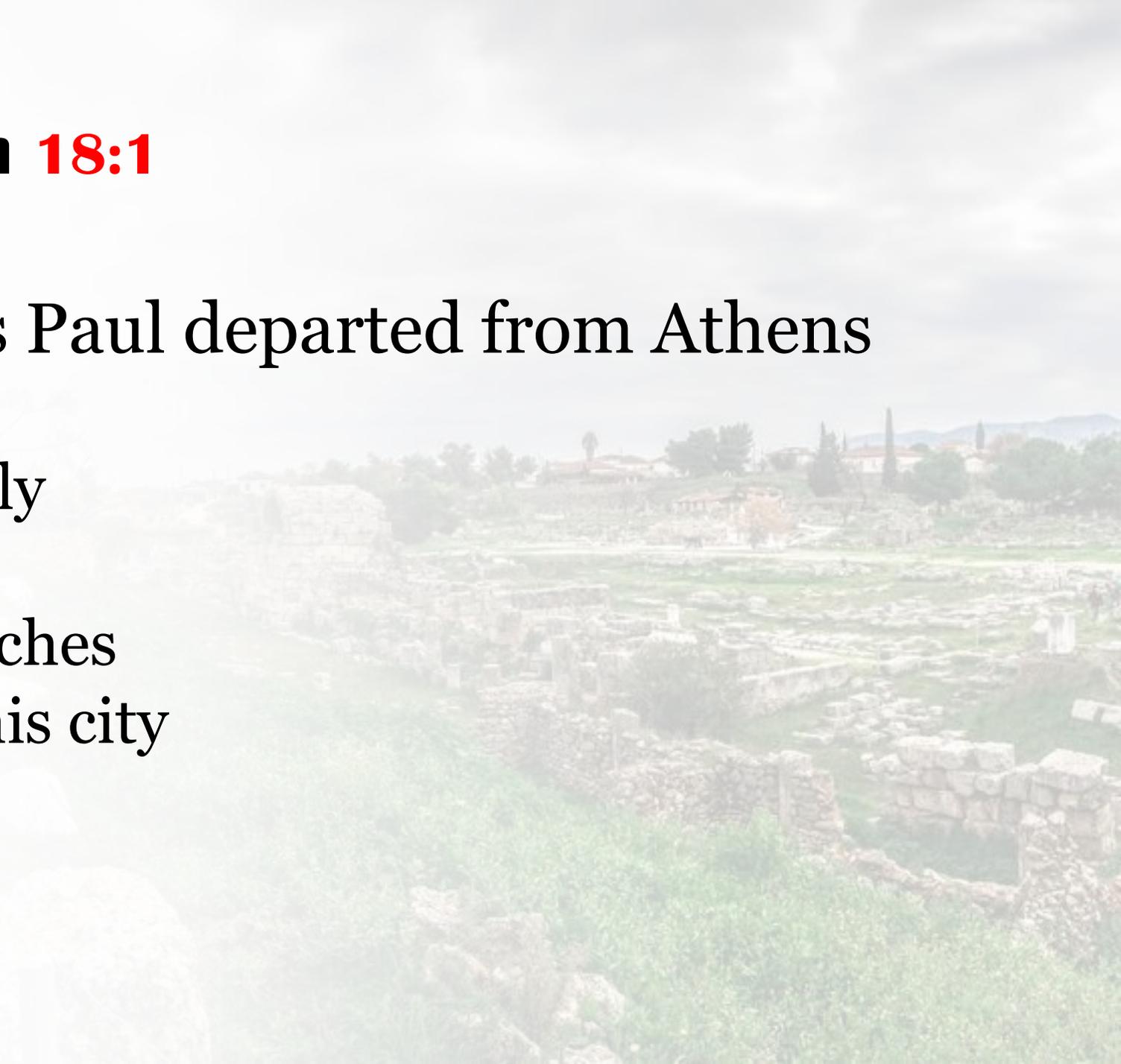
Christianity in Corinth

Acts 18:1-28

Paul comes to Corinth 18:1

18:1 After these things Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth.

- Paul is feeling lonely
- He is low on funds
- Worry for the churches
- Overwhelmed in this city



New friends 1-4

- 2-4 And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them.
- Jewish couple from Rome Aquila and Priscilla
- Much in common (nationality, faith, occupation)
- Paul stays and works with them
- Every Sabbath (synagogue)



Silas and Timothy 5-8

- 5 When Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews *that Jesus is the Christ*.
- Paul's renewed enthusiasm
- Good news from churches (1 Th 3:6-8)
- Support from Philippi (Ph 4:14-16)
- Paul able to devote time to teaching

Opposition again 5-8

- 6 But when they opposed him and blasphemed, he shook *his* garments and said to them, “Your blood *be* upon your *own* heads; I *am* clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.
- Paul turns from Jews to Gentiles
- Moves next door to home of Justus
- Positive results of gospel (18:8)
- Paul’s inner struggles (1 Cor 2:1-3)

The Lord encourages Paul 9-17

- 9-11 Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, “Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; ¹⁰ for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city.” ¹¹ And he continued *there* a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.
- Another vision: Jesus knew what to say
- Paul remained another 18 months
- The Jews try to get Paul thrown out
- This time it backfires (Gallio’s response)

Paul returns to Antioch 18-23

- 18 So Paul still remained a good while. Then he took leave of the brethren and sailed for Syria, and Priscilla and Aquila *were* with him. He had *his* hair cut off at Cenchrea, for he had taken a vow. ¹⁹ And he came to Ephesus, and left them there; but he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.
- Luke includes an unanswered question (Paul's vow)
- Priscilla and Aquila travel with Paul to Ephesus
- Meeting in Synagogue (positive response)
- Paul returns to Caesarea, Jerusalem, Antioch
- Paul again returns to Galatia (start of 3rd Journey)

Apollos comes to Ephesus 24-28

- 24 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man *and* mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus.
25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John.
- Apollos is highly skilled, but with incomplete knowledge
- Priscilla and Aquila show a tactful approach
- Showing kindness they are able to teach him
- Apollos is humble and glad to learn
- His effectiveness is powerful



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