

**Acts 18: At Corinth and the Third Missionary Journey**

**I. The Inception of the Work at Corinth (vv. 1–4)**

- A. Corinth was under the influence of both the Athenian civilization and the Roman lifestyle
- B. The Holy Spirit gathered workers for the work — leading in circumstances
  - 1. Paul met with Aquila and Priscilla — important spiritual companions
  - 2. He lived, worked, and served with them

**II. The Establishing of the Church at Corinth — Enriched in Speech and Knowledge, Not Lacking in Any Gift (vv. 5–17; [1 Corinthians 1:5–7](#))**

- A. Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching — encouraged by the coworkers being of one accord
- B. Testified that Jesus was the Christ
  - 1. Christ is the center and hope for Jewish life and service
  - 2. Christ is also the center and hope for divine matters, mankind, and all creation
  - 3. Today we should prove how the Lord Jesus is the key to “the existence of God” and “fellowship with God”
- C. The beginning of the church — moving forward amidst resistance and blasphemy
- D. Vision is the direction for work and the strength for stability
  - 1. At night — in the darkness
  - 2. The assurance of the presence of the Lord (the greatest power behind the scenes)
  - 3. The Lord had many people in the city
  - 4. Paul was focussed and kept working
- E. Persecution arose — warfare

**III. Returning to Antioch and the Third Missionary Journey (vv. 18–28)**

- A. The weakness in Cenchrea — religious relics from Judaism
- B. A short stay at Ephesus — sent off by Priscilla and Aquila
- C. The Holy Spirit gathered the workers again — leading in circumstances
  - 1. Brought in Apollos — influenced the church at Corinth
    - a) was eloquent, had a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures
    - b) spoke with great fervor — but he knew only the baptism of John, not the way of life
    - c) Priscilla and Aquila helped him — he humbly learned and his gift was sharpened
  - 2. Apollos’ service in Achaia
    - a) a great help to those who by grace had believed
    - b) proved from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ — the center for one faith and service