

# WILL THE REAL APOSTLE PAUL PLEASE STAND UP?

## Acts 18:1-17

Paul went from Athens to Corinth; Corinth was: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_

According to 1 Corinthians 2:3, Paul arrived in Corinth, "in \_\_\_\_\_, in fear and in much trembling"

### I. WHAT CAUSED PAUL TO BE IN WEAKNESS AND FEAR?

A. Paul Had Suffered Extreme \_\_\_\_\_

1) During Paul's missionary journeys, it was the norm for him to face \_\_\_\_\_ violence & legal action

2) Paul was afraid because of the pattern that had developed due to his standard operating \_\_\_\_\_

B. Paul Viewed His Ministry in Athens as a \_\_\_\_\_

Paul's presentation to the philosophers on Mars Hill ended before he could speak of Christ \_\_\_\_\_

C. Paul Ran Out of \_\_\_\_\_ for the First Time

Paul worked as a tentmaker for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in Corinth—why? He ran out money from his home \_\_\_\_\_

D. Paul Was \_\_\_\_\_

Paul was a \_\_\_\_\_ player, always with Barnabas or Silas, Mark or Timothy; Paul was not a loner

E. Paul Was Rejected in the \_\_\_\_\_

Vv.4-6 indicate that the only result of his weekly preaching in the synagogue was \_\_\_\_\_

F. Paul's Preaching Caused the Jews to \_\_\_\_\_

1) Paul's preaching in the synagogue progressed until he proclaimed that the Messiah was \_\_\_\_\_

2) The Jews blasphemed—they turned "Christ crucified" into a verbal \_\_\_\_\_ to defame Jesus

### II. HOW DID GOD RESPOND TO PAUL IN HIS WEAKNESS AND FEAR?

A. God Led Paul to Strong \_\_\_\_\_ with Whom to Ply His Trade

Certainly Paul looked for fellow tradesmen, but God also orchestrated Aquila/Priscilla being in \_\_\_\_\_

B. God Sent \_\_\_\_\_ and Timothy

Help arrived; the team was back together; Paul no longer had to shoulder the entire burden \_\_\_\_\_

C. God Provided for Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ Needs

When Silas & Timothy arrived from Macedonia, they brought financial support from the \_\_\_\_\_ there

D. God Finally Blessed Paul's Ministry with Numerous \_\_\_\_\_

Many were saved and baptized, including \_\_\_\_\_ who was the lay leader of the synagogue

E. God (the Lord Jesus Christ) Spoke \_\_\_\_\_ Directly to Paul

1) Jesus directly addressed Paul's fear: don't be afraid to speak for no one will \_\_\_\_\_ you in this city

2) Jesus reiterated a promise to Paul that God often made to His people: "I am \_\_\_\_\_ you"

3) Jesus said, "I have many people in this city" indicating foreknowledge that many would be \_\_\_\_\_

F. God Delivered Paul from a \_\_\_\_\_ by Means of a Callous Magistrate

1) The Jews brought serious charges against Paul, but Gallio refused decide \_\_\_\_\_ matters

2) The Gentiles responded by venting their anti-Semitism against Sosthenes, \_\_\_\_\_ of the synagogue