

Sermon Handout

Preaching Sound Doctrine

Acts 18:24-28

I. Luke's Skill as an Historian

- a. Acts 11:27ff – Antioch, Jerusalem, return to Antioch
- b. Acts 18:22ff – Jerusalem/Antioch, Ephesus, Paul's arrival

II. Apollos – A New Preacher on the Scene

- a. Had a long ministry; affirmed and supported by Paul
Acts 19:1; I Cor 1:12; 3:4, 5, 6, 22; 4:6; 16:12
- b. Facts asserted at his introduction
 - i. A Jew from Alexandria
 - ii. A learned man
 - iii. Strong in the Scriptures
 - iv. Some instruction in the “Way of the Lord” (Jesus)
 - v. Possessed a fervent spirit (*see* Rom 12:11)
 - vi. Spoke with accuracy about Jesus (but incompletely)
 - vii. Spoke boldly in the synagogue (also Paul's starting point)

III. Actions of Priscilla & Aquilla

- a. Took Apollos aside (apparently to their home)
- b. Taught him “more accurately” about Jesus
 - i. The ascension & Pentecost; their meaning *cf.* 19:1-7
 - ii. The work of the Holy Spirit among the Gentiles
 - iii. Pauline theology
- c. Result: Apollo presents himself as teachable
 - i. Commended by Priscilla & Aquilla to Corinth
 - ii. Later affirmed by Paul (*see* refs above – II.a.)
 - iii. Remained in Paul's orbit – Tit 3:13

IV. Lessons for the Church

- a. Do not call out honest, but mistaken, brothers publicly
- b. Put a high value on private exhortation, using the Scriptures
- c. Like Apollos, we should be humbly teachable
- d. Like Apollos, we should be *fervent in spirit*, teaching the Word