

The Gospel is For All



Lesson 9

Teaching the Gospel All Over the World

Theme: Faith — Trusting in the one true God

Memory Verses

“And according to Paul’s custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, ‘This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ.’”
Acts 17:2-3

Daily Bible Readings

- 1 Acts 17:1-5, 10-15
- 2 Acts 17:16-23, 32-34
- 3 Acts 18:1-4, 8-11
- 4 Acts 18:12-22
- 5 Acts 18:23-28

Paul and his co-workers traveled to Thessalonica and went right to work preaching the gospel. In most cities, Paul preached first at the synagogue, the place Jews worshiped. He spoke first about the Old Testament to show people that Jesus was the One God sent into the world. Some believed and became Christians. Others did not believe and tried to hurt Christians.

Acts 17:1-5, 10-15

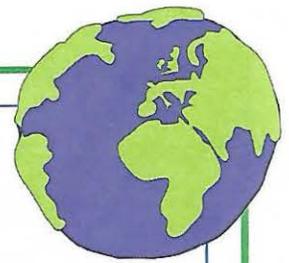
Paul’s practice was to begin preaching in each city at the:

- river bank
- synagogue
- church building

The Bereans were “noble-minded” because they:

- treated Paul and Silas better
- were more important
- examined the Scriptures every day





The Gospel in Berea

Paul and Silas moved on to Berea to preach about Jesus, again starting in the synagogue. The Bereans carefully examined the Scriptures to see if Paul was preaching God’s Word. When they knew Paul’s word was God’s Word, they received it. Though many people received the gospel, others rejected it and tried to stop it.

Acts 17:16-23, 32-34

Paul was upset when he came to Athens because people had so many _____.

True or False? Since God will judge everyone, He wants everyone to repent.

The Gospel in Athens

Athens was a city famous for its buildings and monuments, and well-known for its educated people. Paul traveled to Athens by himself, planning to wait there for Silas and Timothy to join him. Paul became upset when he saw so many idols in Athens and knew that people worshiped them.

Paul knew that people who believed in idols needed the gospel of Christ. He preached about Jesus’ resurrection, and some people listened. Paul passed by an altar dedicated “TO AN UNKNOWN

GOD.” Paul taught them about the one true God whom they did not know. Paul taught that God created the world, He keeps the world running, He rules the nations, He is the Father of human beings, and He is the Judge.

Acts 18:1-4, 8-11

Underline all the right answers:

These people made tents

Paul Silas Aquila

Timothy Priscilla

A few people in Athens turned from their idols to serve God. But most people just laughed at Paul and went on their way. Many people are not interested in the gospel because they don’t want to change their lives or beliefs.

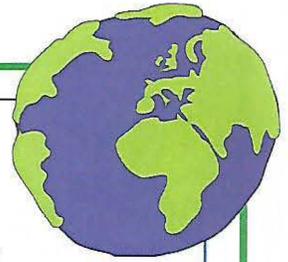
The Gospel in Corinth

Paul left Athens and went to Corinth where he met Aquila and his wife Priscilla. This husband and wife team did the same work as Paul – making tents. Paul stayed with Aquila and Priscilla and worked at tent-making to help support

himself. In Corinth, Paul preached the same gospel as he preached everywhere.

Crispus, the leader of the synagogue in Corinth, believed in

Jesus, and so did many other Jews. But many Jews in Corinth did not want to hear the gospel, so Paul turned to the Gentiles. God told Paul that many people in Corinth were interested in the gospel, so Paul stayed there for eighteen months to teach God's Word. Corinth was Paul's last stop on his second preaching journey, and he returned to Antioch. When Paul preached the gospel, many people believed and were baptized. Others would not believe and sometimes tried to hurt those who did.



Acts 18:12-22

True or False? All of the Jews in Corinth loved Paul and helped him teach about Jesus.



Acts 18:23-28

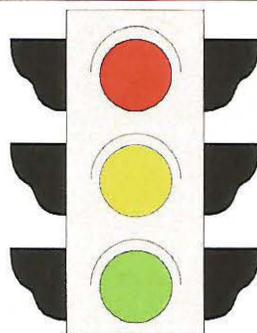
Aquila and Priscilla helped Apollos by:

- making a tent for him
- teaching him more about God's Way
- keeping the Jews away from him

Aquila and Priscilla went to Ephesus where they met Apollos. Apollos knew the Scriptures and was a good speaker, but he did not have full information about Jesus. Aquila and Priscilla taught Apollos all about Jesus so he was able to show others from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

The gospel is for all. Whether we take a journey to preach or teach someone in our living room, we should tell the good news to as many people as we can.

It's okay to believe there are other gods as long as we know God is better.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

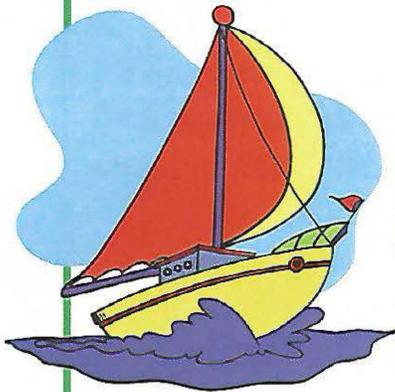
Red — sure

Yellow — some gods

Green — never

Think About It ...

An “idol” is anything that takes God’s place in our hearts and is more important to us than God. It may be playing a game or having fashionable clothes. What are some idols people have today?



Sailing Through the Bible Facts

Without using the table of contents or index tabs, turn to the book of Esther. Turn to Titus, and then to Hebrews.

Which book of the New Testament is about a runaway slave who becomes a Christian?

On a map inside the back cover, point to the city of Damascus.