

“Three Necessities
for Growth”

ACTS 18:1-11



THE SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL

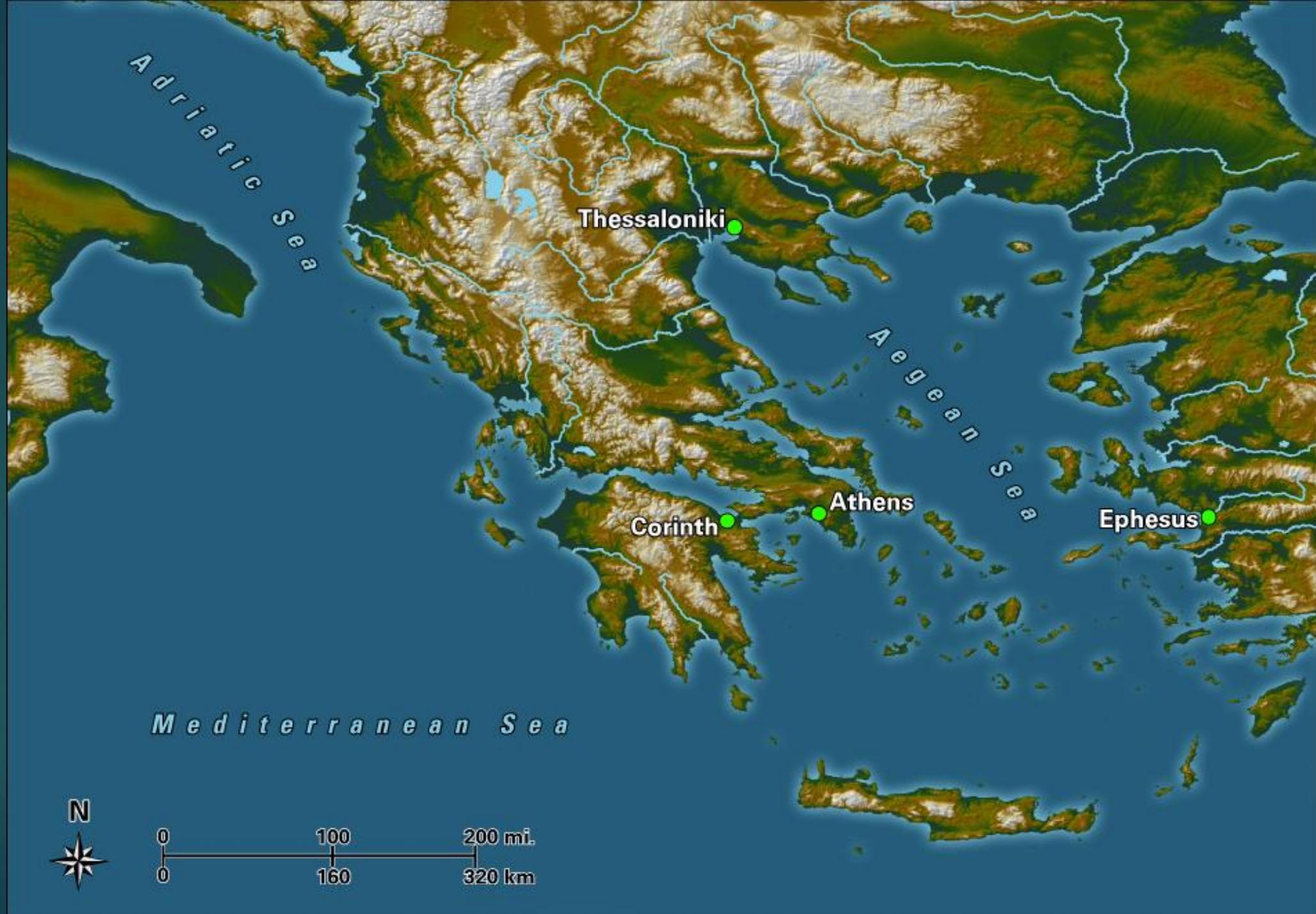
ACTS 15:36-18:32

- City
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Via Egnatia
- ⌋ Pass
- ← Route of Paul and Silas

Jerusalem Conference, A.D. 49, (Acts 15:1-30; Gal 2:1-21)







Adriatic Sea

Thessaloniki

Aegean Sea

Corinth

Athens

Ephesus

Mediterranean Sea



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Acts 18:1-11, Sunday AM, September 11, 2022

Prelude – Scripture: Acts 18:1–11 After these things he left Athens and went to Corinth. ² And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, having recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. He came to them, ³ and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and they were working, for by trade they were tent-makers. ⁴ And he was reasoning in the synagogue every Sabbath and trying to persuade Jews and Greeks. ⁵ But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul began devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. ⁶ But when they resisted and blasphemed, he shook out his garments and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” ⁷ Then he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God, whose house was next to the synagogue. ⁸ Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his household, and many of the Corinthians when they heard were believing and being baptized. ⁹ And the Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, “Do not be afraid *any longer*, but go on speaking and do not be silent; ¹⁰ for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city.” ¹¹ And he settled *there* a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

So where are we again? We’ve been through Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea, always interacting with people, often beginning in the synagogues, but almost always ending with a similar dramatic response. Some believe and follow, but others violently oppose, and the move to the next city comes to quell the riots and stay alive. Most recently, we’ve been to Athens with Paul separated from his partners, but safe for now. Although a historic city with great architectural and cultural beauty, Paul looked past this and saw the meaninglessness in the work to craft and worship gods originating no higher than the fears and desires of their creators. All this stood in the face of worshipping and serving the living God who commissioned Him to tell the Gentiles of His greatness, goodness, and merciful offer of reconciliation. Thus provoked, Paul reasons with them in the synagogue, leading to the powerful Mars Hill sermon. Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ “The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; ²⁵ nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all *people* life and breath and all things; ²⁶ and He made from one *man* every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, ²⁷ that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and exist, Because He is living, the only God, and the One who determines life and purpose for all His creation, ALL must answer to Him, specifically to Jesus, whom God raised from the dead! Acknowledge Him and repent. Some sneered, but others believed, wanting to hear more, and joined Paul and the believers. Along with repentance and obedience, true faith always includes praise. Come, All you Faithful and Worship the King.

*Hymn #10: O Worship the King

And once again, we move on—today to Corinth. Immediately, we are introduced to Aquila and Priscilla and the tension caused by strife and unbelief momentarily fades to the background. Though they were misplaced from their home by Claudius, they found common cause in their common trade—they were tentmakers! For now, this is all we hear of them before we return to the common refrain of proclaiming the gospel in the synagogues seeking to persuade both Jews and Greeks. But we will hear more of these two in a couple of weeks as they will continue with Paul to Ephesus, not merely as tentmakers, but as fellow workers in the gospel, eventually starting a church at Ephesus in their home. Fellow believers are not merely acquaintances, they are co-laborers in the gospel. To be in our right place under God and to be given work of eternal significance and reward and then to have ones given by God to share the joys, sorrows, and labor—priceless. Praise God for blood-bought unity!

*Hymn (Powerpoint): Oh How Good It Is

***Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Jahn Choir: Walk Worthy Scripture: 2 Peter 1:1–15** Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: ² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; ³ seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. ⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. ⁵ Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge, ⁶ and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness, ⁷ and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love. ⁸ For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For he who lacks these *qualities* is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten *his* purification from his former sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; ¹¹ for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you. ¹² Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you *already* know *them*, and have been established in the truth which is present with *you*. ¹³ I consider it right, as long as I am in this *earthly* dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴ knowing that the laying aside of my *earthly* dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind.

Offering: *Doxology:

Walk worthy of the Lord—sobering words sung by the choir. What you fill your life with shows who you think God is and what He values. Paul continues to obey the mandate given Him by God to proclaim the gospel of Jesus, and once again, some rejected the message with violence, but others joined the believers. God reassures Paul that remaining in Corinth will be fruitful and that he would be protected, so he stays there giving out the Word of God for 18 months. What does it mean for you to live and give the word of God at this season of your life? Are you intentional? Faithful? or do you walk away from suffering. Walk worthy. It takes the godly character you heard from our memorization book of II Peter. But you don’t have to produce this character alone. God is with you. You look to Him. He is great enough to deserve ALL your trust and obedience. You be faithful.

*Hymn (Powerpoint): Find Us Faithful Message: Three Necessities for Growth Acts 18:1-11

*Hymn #176: Lead Me to Calvary

The Lord’s Table

If you trust the work of Christ on your behalf, there is communion with God. Be content and busy among the Lord’s people doing what God’s Word calls you to do. But do it with dependence shown through prayer. Sing this as we head out.

*Hymn (Powerpoint): A Christian’s Daily Prayer

*Prayer