

“Ended 2nd and Begun 3rd Missions” Acts 18:1-28 9/03/23

Today, we'd like to see the title of “Ended 2nd and Begun 3rd Missions” in Acts 18:1-28.

To Online Word's souls, *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. (*Maranatha Worship Songs*. Videos are watchable upon the click on the website). **YouTube Channel is not Available in China, Iran, Germany, etc. where only MP3 is available**

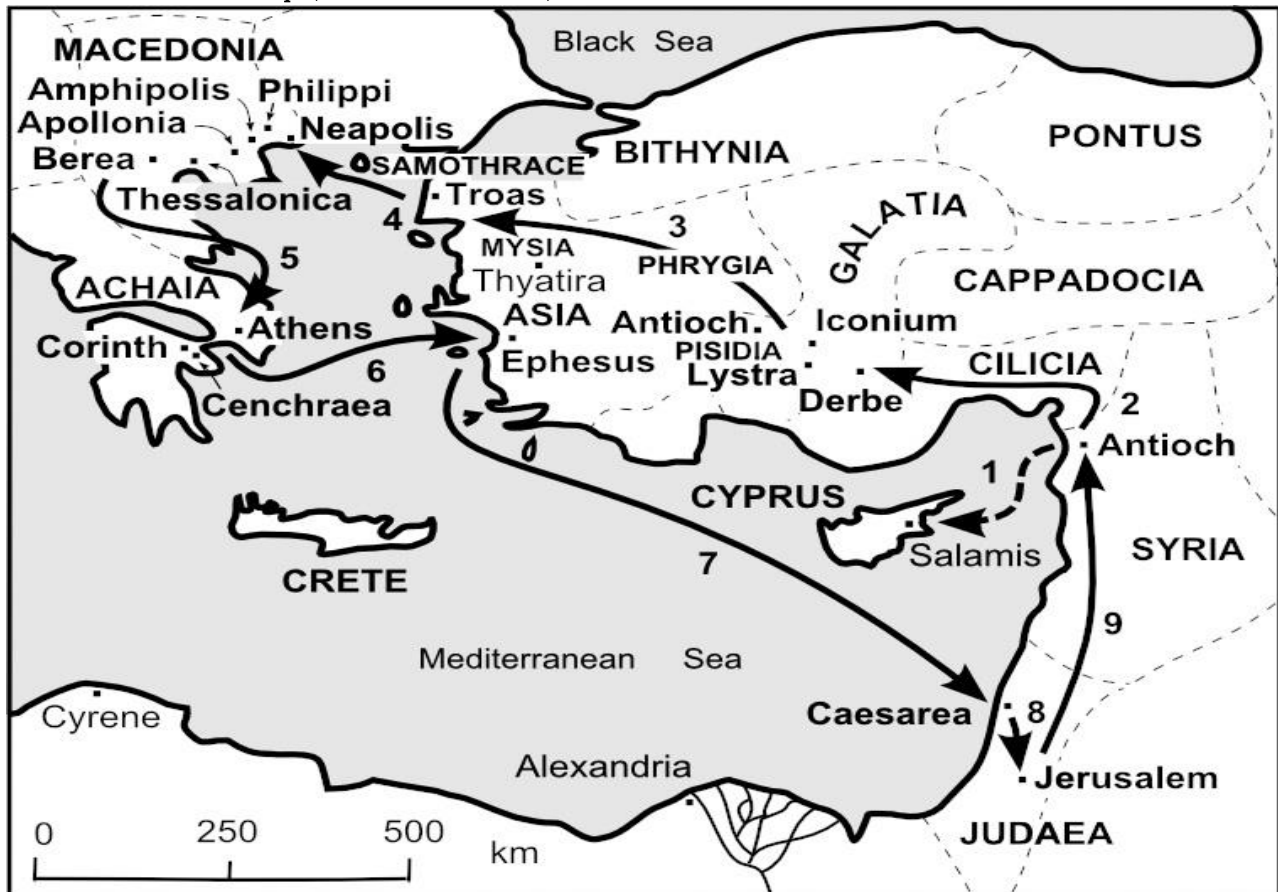
Q1. In verse 3, “So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers,” what does it mean? And what can we learn from here?

Q2. In verse 6, “But when they opposed him and blasphemed, he shook *his* garments and said to them, ‘Your blood *be* upon your *own* heads; I *am* clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles,’” what does it mean? And what can we learn from here?

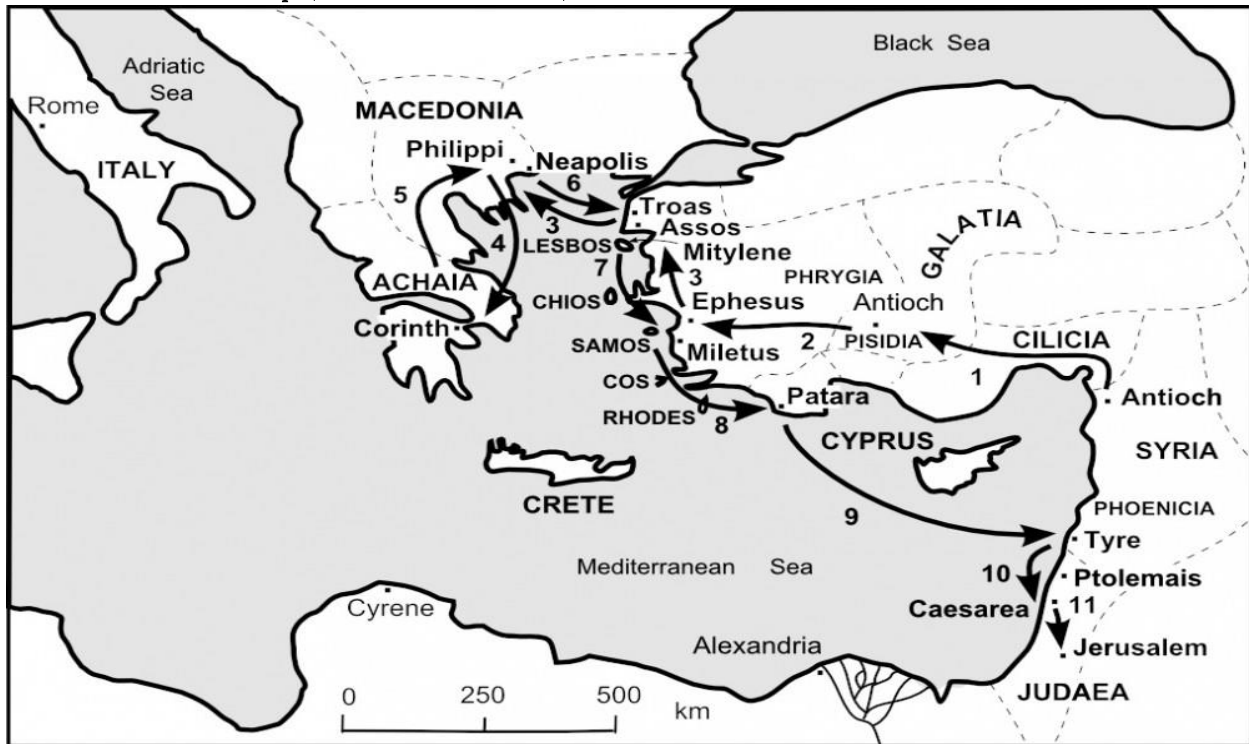
Q3. In verse 26, “So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately,” what does it mean in the Scripture? And what can we learn from here?

(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)

Paul's 2nd Mission Trip (Acts 15:36–18:22) 50–52AD



Paul's 3rd Mission Trip (Acts 18:23 – 21:16) 53–57AD



Source: thebiblejourney.org; <https://calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/PaulFoot.pdf> -- to be studying on the end of October – 5,6, and 9 pages related to this chapter.

TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive Explanation in context & syntax

<p>¹After these things Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth.</p> <p>² And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them.</p> <p>³ So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers.</p>	<p>1= (Now Paul departed from Athens to Corinth in the West bound, see the above Paul's 2nd Mission trip map; Corinth city was a wicked and immoral city. There was a temple of Aphrodite the goddess of fertility, called as Venus or Ashtoreth, exercised group sex between male worshippers and female temple prostitutes)</p> <p>2= (Paul met Aquila and Priscila his wife. Aquila born in Pontus the northern part of today Turkey was commanded to depart from Rome by Claudius the 4th Roman Emperor during 41-54 AD, see page 9 at https://calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/PaulFoot.pdf)</p> <p>3=Q1 (Paul, Aquila, and Priscila had the same occupation as tentmakers. Paul earned his living with the tentmaker occupation, without using the right to receive the reward for his ministerial labor, not to hinder the gospel of Christ; Whatever called by God, a minister can use it or not or hybrid way for His kingdom, righteousness, and glory. Whatever your rewards on the earth may be deducted from your rewards in heaven 1 Cor 9:7,12¹)</p>
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¹ 1 Cor 9:7Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or

<p>⁴ And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks.</p> <p>⁵ When Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ.</p> <p>⁶ But when they opposed him and blasphemed, he shook <i>his</i> garments and said to them, “Your blood <i>be</i> upon your own heads; I <i>am</i> clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”</p> <p>⁷ And he departed from there and entered the house of a certain man named Justus, one who worshiped God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸ Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized. ⁹ Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, “Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; ¹⁰ for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city.”</p>	<p>4=(Paul went to Jews 1st, like Jerusalem and Judea, in the synagogue every Saturday and Greeks, like Samaria, in Corinth city; A minister for His word has typically 6 elements – preach, convince, rebuke, exhort, longsuffering, and teach. Here, Paul convinced or persuaded both Jews and Greeks that Jesus is the Messiah or Christ stated in the Old Testament 2 <i>Tim 4:2</i>²)</p> <p>5= (Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia into Corinth, see above 2nd mission trip map; Then the Spirit compelled Paul to testify that Jesus is the Christ to the Jews)</p> <p>6=Q2 (The Jews rejected Paul’s testimony and defamed Jesus. Then Paul said your blood or responsibility to God upon you, not upon Paul. Paul is not responsible for their rejection. And then, flexibly Paul went to the Gentiles. Here, the scope of responsibility to God is clearly shown that God’s minister’s responsibility to God is just to deliver His word to another, whose responsibility to God is to accept or reject the delivered word of God, as God told Ezekiel. God gives word ministers a lot of freedom to deliver His word faithfully whether or not a recipient accepts <i>Ezekiel 3:18-20</i>³)</p> <p>7-10= (Paul met Jestus the Gentile, Crispus the ruler of Synagogue and his household – the Jews, and many Corinthians the Gentiles heard of Paul’s preaching, believed, and were baptized – Paul planted the seed of Gospel in many souls in Corinth city; Jesus through night vision exhorted Paul to keep on speaking many people of the gospel to salvation, by being with Paul <i>Mat 28:20</i>⁴)</p>
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who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? ¹² If others are partakers of *this* right [power] over you, *are* we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

² *2 Tim 4:2* Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

³ *Ezekiel 3:18-20* When I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. ¹⁹ Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.²⁰ “Again, when a righteous *man* turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand.

⁴ *Mat 28:20* teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.

<p>11 And he continued <i>there</i> a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.</p> <p>12 When Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him to the judgment seat, ¹³ saying, “This <i>fellow</i> persuades men to worship God contrary to the law.”</p> <p>14 And when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “If it were a matter of wrongdoing or wicked crimes, O Jews, there would be reason why I should bear with you. ¹⁵ But if it is a question of words and names and your own law, look to <i>it</i> yourselves; for I do not want to be a judge of such <i>matters</i>.” ¹⁶ And he drove them from the judgment seat.</p> <p>17 Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat <i>him</i> before the judgment seat. But Gallio took no notice of these things.</p> <p>18 So Paul still remained a good while. Then he took leave of the brethren and sailed for Syria, and Priscilla and Aquila <i>were</i> with him. He had <i>his</i> hair cut off at Cenchrea, for he had taken a vow.</p>	<p>11=(Paul stayed for one year and half a year to teach the word of God, in the gospel of Christ, to those many people mentioned by Jesus, toward salvation <i>Rom 1:16</i>⁵)</p> <p>12-13= (Achaia was today Greece, see the above map. Gallio became the governor of Achaia. The Jews brought Paul to his judgment seat in order to accuse Paul who convinced people to worship God contrary to Jews law, i.e., “Jesus is the Christ” stated in the Old Testament in verse 5)</p> <p>14-16= (After hearing Paul’s message, Gallio told Jews about the religious issue according to Jews law, not criminal issues against Roman empire state such as wrongdoing or wicked crimes according to Roman law, having no interest or no authority to judge such religious matters. And so the Jews were driven out from the judgment seat)</p> <p>17= (Now, all the Greek favorable to the Jews took Sosthenes the successor of Crispus in verse 8, likely a Christian, and all the Greek beat him before the judgment seat of Gallio who did disregard it)</p> <p>18=(So, Paul was free and fine for a while. Then Paul farewelled brothers. Paul went to Cenchrea the port of Corinth to sail for Syria, see the above the 2nd mission trip map. In Cenchrea, Paul cut his hair off to separate himself to the Lord according to Nazirite vow in which you either(1) let your hair grow until a designated time, like Samson, or (2) cut your hair and burn it for burning offering, like here; That’s why because Paul became as a Jew to the Jews who might accept Jesus Christ, in order to win the Jews in his persuasion <i>Numbers 6:5,18; Judges 13:5; 1 Cor 9:20-21</i>⁶)</p>
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⁵ *Rom 1:16* For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

⁶ *Numbers 6:5,18*⁵ ‘All the days of the vow of his separation no razor shall come upon his head; until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to the LORD, he shall be holy. *Then* he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow. ¹⁸ Then the Nazirite shall shave his consecrated head at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and shall take the hair from his consecrated head and put *it* on the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace offering; *Judges 13:5* For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.”; *1 Cor 9:20-21* and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those *who are* under the law, as under the law, that I might win those *who are* under the law; ²¹ to those *who are* without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those *who are* without law;

<p>¹⁹ And he came to Ephesus, and left them there; but he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.</p> <p>²⁰ When they asked <i>him</i> to stay a longer time with them, he did not consent, ²¹ but took leave of them, saying, "I must by all means keep this coming feast in Jerusalem; but I will return again to you, God willing." And he sailed from Ephesus.</p> <p>²² And when he had landed at Caesarea, and gone up and greeted the church, he went down to Antioch.</p> <p>²³ After he had spent some time <i>there</i>, he departed and went over the region of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.</p> <p>²⁴ Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man <i>and</i> mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus.</p> <p>²⁵ This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John.</p>	<p>19= (Still in the 2nd Mission trip. Paul came to Ephesus and entered the synagogue and persuaded Jews that Jesus is the Christ)</p> <p>20-21= (They asked Paul to stay longer but Paul immediately left Ephesus under time pressure of coming feast in Jerusalem, saying "I will return again to you, God willing." Paul was living by the will of God as we should be living by the will of God and seeking God's will in all of our activities. So, he promised to come back, God willing, or if the Lord wills, or if the Lord permits <i>James 4:14-15; 1 Cor 16:7</i>)</p> <p>22= (Paul went to Caesarea, and gone up to mount Moriah and greeted the church in Jerusalem, went down to Antioch in Syria. The 2nd Mission trip ended)</p> <p>23= (3rd Mission Trip began; See the above the 3rd mission map. Paul went over Galatia and Phrygia regions in the North West bound and encouraged all the disciples or all the Christians)</p> <p>24 = (Apollos the Jews born at Alexandria the 2nd largest city in today Egypt well known of the Scriptures came to Ephesus. Now Paul was on the way of the 3rd mission trip)</p> <p>25= (Apollos had been taught in the way of the Lord for long time; Apollos taught in eager spirit and in accurate the things of the Lord in Ephesus. But Apollos knew only the water baptism of John the Baptist. He knew one baptism, not two baptisms. Plural. He did not know the baptism with the Holy Spirit, followed by the fullness of the Spirit. He taught only the principles of the doctrine of Christ, like Apostle's Creed, not go on to perfection the whole counsel of God as later Paul watered. Apollos planted in Ephesus, missing the fullness of the Spirit such as His fruit or His gifts – Agape love, joy, tongue, prophecy, etc. E.g. even today, many ministries not fully controlled by the Spirit but strongly compromised with either many wisdom after the flesh or fervent spirit, even if the Spirit is never against the Scripture <i>Heb 6:1-2; Acts 20:26-27; 1 Cor 1:26, 30; John 14:26⁸</i>)</p>
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⁷ *James 4:14-15* whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. ¹⁵ Instead you *ought* to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."; *1 Cor 16:7* For I do not wish to see you now on the way; but I hope to stay a while with you, if the Lord permits.

⁸ *Heb 6:1-2* Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ [the principles of the doctrine of Christ], let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment; *Acts 20:26-27* Therefore I testify to you this day that I *am* innocent of the blood of all *men*. ²⁷ For I have not shunned to

<p>26 So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.</p> <p>27 And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace;</p> <p>28 for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.</p>	<p>26=Q3 (Aquila and Priscilla discerned the missing point of Apollus' bolding speech in the synagogue and so they explained to him accurately, as Peter, John, and Paul explained – the baptism with the Holy Spirit is followed by the fullness of the Holy Spirit and so many works of the Spirit may be observed such as agape love, joy, tongue, prophecy, etc. In the next chapter 19, Paul discerned the missing point at the church in Ephesus and taught it correctly and taught the whole counsel of God for 2 years. Thus, Apollos planted and Paul watered in Ephesus <i>Acts 1:8; Acts 8:14-17; Acts 19:1, 3-6⁹</i>)</p> <p>27= (Apollos went to the church at Corinth city, in Acts 19:1, in Achaia region, by Aquila and Priscilla's referral letter; Now Apollos watered the church at Corinth without missing of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. Paul had already planted them to be the church at Corinth during 1.5 years in verse 11)</p> <p>28= (At Corinth, Apollos won the Jews in the powerful persuasion that Jesus is the Christ mentioned by the Scripture. But he did not teach enough the one body of Christ and so later Paul corrected that all we are of Christ, neither of Paul nor of Apollos. So, Paul planted and Apollos watered in Corinth. They are of one body of Christ. God increases. And so all glory is to God. Each minister receives each reward according to each labor. Don't get tied up with a person and a personality, but get wrapped up in Jesus Christ, and you'll be alright! E.g. a denomination systematic theology should be used to understand the Scripture, not vice versa <i>1 Cor 1:12-13; 1 Cor 3:6-8¹⁰</i>)</p>
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declare to you the whole counsel of God; *1 Cor 1:26, 30*²⁶ For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh [after the flesh], not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*.³⁰ But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—; *John 14:26* But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

⁹ *Acts 1:8* But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”; *Acts 8:14-17* Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,¹⁵ who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.¹⁶ For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.¹⁷ Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit; *Acts 19:1, 3-6*¹ And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples³ And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?” So they said, “Into John’s baptism.”⁴ Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.”⁵ When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.⁶ And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

¹⁰ *1 Cor 1:12-13* Now I say this, that each of you says, “I am of Paul,” or “I am of Apollos,” or “I am of Cephas,” or “I am of Christ.”¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?; *1 Cor 3:6-8*¹ planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.⁷ So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters,

Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study (NKJV) -- *All Scripture Expository Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies* -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. We think that "Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5)." Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that actual experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jer 23:28; Ne 8:8).

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Thank you everybody. Come to Jesus!

The Lord's Continuing Work Through His Church Acts 29

Pray for continually "Let go, let God" because CCAH church (His sheep) is His church. "The Commentary of the Bible By Verse" is coming for this & future generations.

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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).

Who can be against God, practically against the Scripture (λόγος LOGOS or the written word, i.e., the Scripture)?

but God who gives the increase. ⁸ Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

Pray for joyful, thankful, and safe Paul Mission Footstep Tour for Education and Evangelism during the end of October

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Biblical References to Paul Foot-Steps

Paul's Biography & Mission Trips				In Pursuit of Paul (who wrote 13/27 books in the New Testament)	
Years	Bible	Area	Event		
35 AD	Acts 9:4-6	Damascus	Persecution of Christians; Paul's conversion	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wi_A1vSyXsl	(From Persecutor Saul to Apostle Paul)
* for 3 years	Galatians 1:17; Acts 9:21-26 (3 years gap)	Desert of Arabia Damascus	Divine Revelation "Gospel of Grace"		
38 AD	Galatians 1:19; Acts 9:26-27	Jerusalem	1 st visit; met only James		
for 7 years	Galatians 1:21; Acts 9:30 "Tarsus"	Antioch (Syria) & Tarsus (Cilicia)	Stayed in Tarsus		
45 AD	Acts 11:25 "Barnabas went to Tarsus to seek Saul"	Antioch	Started ministry in his home church. 10 years preparation.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wktDPDsFk	(Where Paul prepared for the 1 st missionary journey)
49 AD (Probably 14 years after conversion)	Galatians 2:1-10 (Acts 11:29-30? -- 1 st Mission Trip Ended -- Acts 15:2?)	Jerusalem/ other areas	Other visits	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMuTrfc8cF8	(1 st)
52 AD	Acts 18:22 "Antioch" 2 nd Mission Trip Ended		1 Thess; 2 Thess; 1 Cor	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pcnriMDWYjY	(2 nd)
57 AD	Acts 21:3 "Tyre" Near 3 rd Mission Trip Ended		Gal; 2 Cor; Rom	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJSS8N8vQmY	(3 rd)
63 AD	Acts 28:16,30 "Rome" "2 years" 4 th Mission Trip Ended		Eph; Phil; Col; Phm	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkjb1yueuMA	(4 th)
64-65 AD	Released		1 Tim, Titus		
66-68 AD	2 Tim 4:6 "the time of my departure"		2 Tim	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NuUQ--dNUYU	(Last days of Paul)

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“The Spirit Led Daily Life in the Whole Counsel of God for its Beliefs and their Consequent Practices” by CCAH’s Vision

Good News

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How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, Your God reigns! (Isaiah 52:7)

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Affluent and Well-prepared Retiree And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said to him, Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided? 21 So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God (Luke 12:19-21).

Let go, Let God CCAH has been led daily by the Spirit in the Whole Counsel of God for its beliefs and their consequent practices since over 20 years. God has faithfully been touching the least souls like flames such as the addicted, the retirees, the indigent, the homeless, the veterans, and the rarely touched souls in the world—free from where Christ is named, commercial capitalism is set, and territorial boundaries are lined -- in the light of Matthew 25:40, And the King will answer and say to them, Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.

We have been voluntarily, joyfully, and thankfully praying and following His continual direction until our Lord comes again. That's our privilege and our blessing. Please pray through our love for each other as long as we the one body of Christ on the earth are not against the principles of the doctrine of Christ.



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Pray for the souls in Muslim countries, especially Iran, Afghanistan (Nonmarried women's high baby death rate in childbirth), Turkey, Syria, Palestine, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen.



SHE WILL NEVER MARRY

I have spent many hours praying about gearing down operations in Afghanistan and have even started the process, but in my heart, I could not find peace about it. Every day we continue getting desperate pleas for help from people who are terrified.

It has been two years since the Taliban initiated their reign of terror, and the world has largely forgotten the plight of the Afghan people.

If we want to understand what has been happening in Afghanistan, we have to go back to the late 1930s with Nazi Germany to understand the terror these people are going through. The citizens in Germany quickly learned that the laws of their country would not protect them. And the dreaded knock at the door meant that the Gestapo, who were stone cold killers, was on the other side. Torture, death, imprisonment, and all the horrors the mind can conceive were a very real possibility for normal German citizens and the Jewish people.

**MOST PEOPLE HAVE
ABANDONED
THE CAUSE**

Last week, I was asking the Lord to give me wisdom because with the stories coming in from the field, I could feel the fear of many women and families.

As I was driving to get my car washed, I felt the Lord tell me to turn on the radio. I turned on KWAVE (a Christian radio station in my area) and heard a man talking about holding a one-and-a-half-pound premature baby girl who was not expected to live. The doctor explained that human touch is so very important to a premature newborn, so this gentleman continued holding the little girl through the night as she fought to survive. The man telling this story said that this little girl was born in Afghanistan and was disfigured due to a cleft palate. I did not know which program was being aired or the name of the man giving his testimony, but I sensed God was trying to get my attention.

Afghanistan loses more babies in childbirth than any other country in the world—for every 1,000 children