

Where's Your Chair?

Acts 18 19-28



I will sing of faithfulness and justice; to you, O Lord, will I sing.
Psalm 101:10

Praising:

Thou art the Truth: thy word
alone
true wisdom can impart;
thou only canst inform the mind
and purify the heart.

Reading:

Acts 18:19-28
The Church in Ephesus

After his apparently cordial discussions in the synagogue, the Jews want Paul to stay longer, and it is an invitation Paul leaves open, saying he will return if God wills. His journeying then resumes with Paul embarking on what amounts to his third distinct missionary journey. Meanwhile a newcomer has arrived in Ephesus. The eloquent Alexandrian Jew Apollos has been instructed in 'The Way of the Lord'. Apollos seems clear

that the essential Christian task is to proclaim Jesus as the Messiah. Up to that point he knew only the baptism of John, but thanks to the Christians in Ephesus, chiefly Priscilla and Aquila, Apollos moves from belief into practice. If before Christ was a figure of history, now he is a living presence. Apollos becomes an important Christian figure in his own right, arguing effectively and encouraging the faithful.

Listening:

Praying:

Take us Lord on a journey from belief into practice

- that it would never be a matter of head knowledge but of heart knowledge
- that having been hearers of the word we would become doers of the word also
- that we would proclaim who it is we follow by the way we go about our daily living

Father: it's never enough for me to call myself a Christian, if I'm not prepared to demonstrate my faith in everything I do and everything I say. By your Spirit Lord, move me to action. Amen

Doing:

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