

Accepting Responsibility Under the Gospel Of Christ

Acts 18:5-11

Introduction:

A. Paul had accepted his responsibility under the gospel at Corinth.

1. Preached if supported or not. (vv. 3-4; cf. 2 Cor. 11:8-9).
2. Preached in synagogue and in private homes. (vv. 4,7).

B. Paul's actions and words at Corinth shows that people must accept their responsibility under the gospel.

I. Those Who Reject the Gospel must Accept Responsibility. (v. 6; cf. Ezek. 33:1-9).

A. One may protest and resist – blood still on his head.

1. May say it is contrary to his religion. (Acts 18:5-6,13).
2. May say it is foolishness. (1 Cor. 1:21-27).
3. May say it is unnecessary. (2 Thess. 1:7-9; Heb. 2:3).
4. May say it is too hard. (1 John 5:3).

B. One may rationalize – blood still on his head.

1. May tell self that he is better than some Christians. (2 Cor. 10:12).
2. May tell self that others are really to blame for his condition. (cf. Ezek. 33:8)

II. Those Who Accept the Gospel must Accept Responsibility.

A. The Responsibility of being baptized. (v. 8; cf. 1 Cor. 1:12-17; 12:12-13).

B. The Responsibility of living a clean life. (1 Cor. 6:9-11).

C. The Responsibility of trying to save others. (1 Cor. 7:16; 10:33-11:1)

D. The Responsibility of being a good influence. (As above 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1)

E. The Responsibility of worshiping God acceptably. (1 Cor. 11:20-22)

F. The Responsibility of abounding in Lords work. (1 Cor. 15:58)

Conclusion:

A. We, each, must realize that we are responsible for our souls.

B. We, each, must realize that we are responsible for obeying the gospel and living according to it.