

Accepting Responsibility Under The Gospel Of Christ

Acts 18:5-11

Introduction:

- A. Paul 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 expected the Corinthians to accept their responsibility under the gospel.
- I. He Expected Those Who *Rejected* the Gospel to Accept Responsibility. (v. 6; cf. Ezek. 33:1-9).**
 - A. Could 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. Could 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. He Expected Those Who *Accepted* the Gospel to Accept Responsibility.**
 - A. By being baptized. (v. 8; cf. 1 Cor. 1:12-17; 12:12,13).
 - B. By living a clean life. (1 Cor. 6:9-11).
 - C. By trying to save others. (1 Cor. 7:16; 10:33-11:1)
 - D. By being a good influence. (1 Cor. 10:31-11:1).
 - E. By worshiping God acceptably. (1 Cor. 11:20-22)
 - F. By abounding in Lord's 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.