

Lesson VI.

THE CHURCH AT CORINTH FOUNDED

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Acts 18 : 1-11. Study Acts 18 : 1-17—Memory Verses, 9-11.

Golden Text—Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.—I. Cor. 3 : 11.



joined hard to the synagogue.

8 And Cris'pus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house ; and many of the Cor'inth'ians hearing believed, and were baptized.

9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace :

10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee : for I have much people in this city.

11 And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After a short stay in Athens, Paul went again on board ship and came to a great seaport town in Greece which was called Corinth. Here most of the people, unlike the Athenians, who were chiefly noted for their learning, were either traders or sailors, and had come from almost every country in the world.

Amongst others living in this heathen city, which was well-known for its wickedness, was a Roman Jew named Aquila and his wife Priscilla, who, because of their religion, had been driven out of their own country by the heathen emperor Claudius, who had ordered all Jews to leave Italy.

This couple, who afterwards became believers in Jesus, earned their living by making tents and sail-cloth, and when Paul came to Corinth he went to live and work

1 After these things Paul departed from Athens and came to Cor'inth.

2 And found a certain Jew named A'quila, born in Pon'tus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla ; (because that Claud'ius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome :) and came unto them.

3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought : for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

5 And when Si'las and Timo'theus were come from Mac'edo'nia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Je'sus was Christ.

6 And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads ; I am clean : from henceforth I will go unto the Gen'tiles.

7 And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Jus'tus, one that worshipped God, whose house

with them, for by trade he also was a tentmaker.

And every Sabbath, as had been his custom in other cities, he went into the synagogue, preaching the gospel to as many of the Jews and Greeks as were gathered there for worship. After a time Paul was joined at Corinth by two other missionaries, Silas and Timothy, who brought him such help from the Christians of Philippi, that he was no longer obliged to spend his time in tent-making, but could give all his strength to the preaching of the gospel.

Now at first the Corinthian Jews listened gladly enough to the new teaching, but when they saw that Paul would have them believe in Jesus as the promised Saviour, they set themselves stedfastly against him, speaking evil both of the missionaries and