

CP — 12/3/23

Acts 18:24–28 — Apollos in Ephesus and Corinth

Sermon Outline

I. **Apollos comes in on fire but flickering. (Acts 18:24–26)**

- Apollos was a learned man.
 - “eloquent man” – man of knowledge/ideas, articulate
 - “competent in the Scriptures” = mighty = “dynamis”
 - “instructed in the way of the Lord” = catechized
- Apollos was a passionate man.
 - He was “fervent” in spirit or the Spirit – “he was boiling”
- Apollos was an accurate man.
 - carefully, diligently, deliberately
- Apollos was a lacking man. (“he only knew the baptism of John”)
 - What does this mean? Is this a salvation deficiency? Is this a Christ deficiency? Is this a Christian baptism issue? Holy Spirit?
 - I tend to lean more of not understanding Christian baptism or the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
- His knowledge and passion caused him to move to action.
 - “He began to speak boldly”
 - It’s crazy what happens when our passion for Jesus lines up with our knowledge of Jesus. We gain boldness!

****Application— It is much better to be on fire but lacking some knowledge rather than having all knowledge but not even sparking.**

- Don’t be an unlit candlestick. Get in the Word, and let it get in you.
- Ask the Lord to give you a burning passion to share the good news of Jesus.

II. **Priscilla and Aquila fill in the gaps. (Acts 18:26)**

- The Manner of their Explaining
 - “aside” (not in front of everyone or on social media)
 - “accurately” (carefully, diligently, and deliberately)
- The Seriousness of their Explaining
 - We have to love and preserve truth.
- The Humility of Apollos
 - This bright, competent, and powerful man was corrected by two tentmakers.
 - **We can learn a lot from Apollos because we tend to think too highly of ourselves.**

III. **Apollos leaves more on fire and goes to Corinth. (Acts 18:27–28)**

- He received encouragement and recommendation from the brothers.
 - A church had been established in Ephesus.
 - Apollos was not a wild card or lone ranger.
- “greatly helped those who grace had believed”
- “refuted” = destroyed or overwhelmed

- He became greatly loved and effective in Corinth; we read about it in 1 Corinthians.
 - **1 Corinthians 1:11–13, 1 Corinthians 3:4–9**
 - It's not about the planter or waterer.
 - God gets the glory.
 - CP is not Justin's field or Luke's building.
 - The Church is God's field and God's building.
 - We are required to keep planting/watering and trust God will bring the growth.

Small Group Discussion

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you in the passage and sermon Sunday? What stood out most to you?
2. What can we learn from Apollos? What did it mean that he only knew the baptism of John? Do you think that he was already a Christian or not?
3. What can we learn from Priscilla and Aquila? How did they handle correcting Apollos? What gaps do you think they filled in for Apollos? What can we learn from Apollos in how he responded?
4. Think back through Acts 18. Share what the Holy Spirit taught you in this chapter and how it has impacted your life.