

“Paul’s First Organized Opposition Takes Him To Trial!”

Acts 18:12-18a

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Q

“Why Did The Unbelieving Jews Of The Synagogue Rise Up Against Paul?”

A

They Rose Up Against Paul Because He Had Taken Away The Leader Of Their Synagogue, The Head Rabbi, **Crispus**, & Baptized Him As A Believer With His Whole Household Into The Christian Faith!

And He (Paul) departed from there and entered the **House** of a certain man named **Justus**, **one who worshiped God**, whose **House** was next door to the **Synagogue**. Then **Crispus**, the **Ruler of the Synagogue**, Believed on the Lord with **All His Household** (Expansion of **Aquilla’s** & **Priscilla’s** Existing **Home Church**). Acts 18:7-8

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Acts 18:12-13

Q

“What Was Paul About To Do In His Own Defense?”

A

He Was About To Speak & Debate With The Unbelieving Jews Concerning Their Accusations!

“And when Paul was about to open his mouth”... Acts 18:14a

Q

“Who Intervened Instead On Paul’s Behalf Against The Unbelieving Jews?”

A

“Gallio” the Roman Elected Proconsul of Achaia!

Q

“Who Was This ‘Gallio’?”

A

Gallio Was Born To The **Great Orator “Seneca the Elder”** & His Younger Brother Was The **Great Stoic Philosopher “Seneca the Younger”**. Gallio Was Born **“Marcus Annaeus Novatus”** of Cordova, but Was Adopted & Patronized By The Great Rhetorical Speaker, **“Lucius Julius Gallio”**, A Roman Senator.

The Ruling

(But Instead) said to the **Jews**, “**If It were a Matter of Wrongdoing or Wicked Crimes (According to Roman Law), O Jews, there would be reason why I should bear with You. But if It is a Question of Words and Names and Your Own Law, then Look to It Yourself; for I do not want to be a ‘Judge’ of Such Matters.” Acts 18:14b-15**

Q

“Why Was This Ruling So Important To Paul & The Future of Christianity?”

A

Because **Gallio** Was a Regional Governor – Part of the Proconsul of Rome,
Not Just A Local City Official, Therefore, His Ruling Would Become A Precedent,
& Have A Profound Effect On The Roman Empire For Many Years (12),
Until The Purge of Emperor Nero, Who Had **Gallio** & **Whole Family** Killed For Treason!

Q

*“What Did **Gallio** The Roman Official Do Next To The Unbelieving Jews,
Who Came Against Paul And His Fellow Christians?”*

A

He Drove Those Jews From The City Court!
And **He** (**Gallio**) drove **Them** (**Unbelieving Jews**) from the **Judgment Seat** ... **Acts 18:16**

Q

“What Happened Next To The Jews Who Had Brought Charges Against Paul?”

A

The Local Citizens Drove Them Out As Well,
Whipping And Beating The New Leader Of The Synagogue, Sosthenes!
*“Then all the **Greeks** took **Sosthenes**, the **Ruler of the Synagogue**,
and beat **Him** before the **Judgment Seat**”... **Acts 18:17ab***

Q

*“What Did Galileo The Roman Official Do
As The Local Citizens Whipped & Beat The Rabbi Sosthenes?”*

A

He Turned A Blind Eye!
*“But **Gallio** took no notice of These Things” ... **Acts 18:17c***

Q

“What Did Paul Do In Response To These Things?”

A

He Remained Obedient To The Lord Jesus Christ,
Staying In Corinth Preaching & Teaching The Gospel For A Year And A Half!
*“So, **Paul** remained a good while (1.5 Years!)” ... **Acts 18:18a***

CQ1

*“What Can We As The People Of God,
Learn From This Morning's Scripture Reading & Teaching?”*

CA1

That God Is **Always Faithful** To Us & He **Always Keeps His Promises** To Us!
Now the **Lord Spoke** to **Paul** in the **Night by a Vision**, *“Do Not Be Afraid, But Speak, and Do Not
Keep Silent; For I AM with You, and no one will attack You to hurt You; for I have Many People
in this City.”* **Acts 18:9-10**

NOTICE!

*When The **Lord Says**, “**He Has Many People In The City**”,
**He Means Those Who Believe In Him & Those Who Don't Believe In Him.
But In Both Cases, They Will Do His Will In Order
To **Protect Those He Loves** & **Has Chosen To Do His Will!*****

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CQ2

***“What Are The Only Requirements For Us As The People Of God
To Receive His Promise And His Protection?”***

CA2

They Must Have An **Unfailing Trust In Him & An **Unfailing Obedience** To Him!**

***“Let Us Then As The Trusting And Obeying Children Of God,
Continue To Follow After Our Lord And Savior Jesus Christ,
To Fulfill His Good And Perfect Will For Us,
And For Those Who Do Not Yet Know Him All Around Us,
That We Might Bring All Those He Gives To Us Into His Glorious Kingdom!”***