

Part 17 – August 2, 2009

"The Third Missionary Journey"

Acts 18:23-21:17

On the Road Again (18:23)

2 Corinthians 11:28

The ministry of Apollos (18:24-28)

The ministry in Ephesus (19:1-41)

v. 1-7 – Whose baptism?

- The genuineness of our salvation is the presence of God's Spirit

Romans 8:9

v. 8-10 – Rejection & reception

- Those whom God calls received

v. 11-12 – Signs & Wonders

Romans 15:18-19

v. 13-16 – When the Name of Jesus does not "work"

- The Name of Jesus is not a talisman—something to be used for our personal blessing and benefit, to be used at our will or whim

v. 17-20 – The fear and fame of the Lord

v. 21-22 – "I must go to Rome"

Despite his burning desire to preach in Rome (**John 2:17**), Paul was led by the Spirit to remain in Ephesus (**Romans 8:14**), sending Timothy and Erastus to Macedonia to collect the offerings for the needs of the church in Jerusalem. Erastus probably went to Colosse during Paul's stay in Ephesus and birthed the church in that city (**Colossians 1:7**).

v. 23-41 – Religious riots

Writing of 1 Corinthians: **1 Cor. 1:11**

The continuing mission (20:1-12)

v. 1 – Departing for Macedonia

As determined "in the Spirit" (18:21), Paul departed Ephesus for Macedonia [Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea] and Achaia [Corinth] on his way to Jerusalem for the purpose of collecting and distributing the offerings of the churches for the needy in Jerusalem (Rom. 15:25-33; 1 Cor. 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 8-9). While in Macedonia, Paul penned another letter (2nd Corinthians) to Corinth, defending his Apostolic anointment and authority as the result of attacks against him from within the church.

v. 2-6 – More travel, more writing

v. 7-12 – A long sermon