



From Athens Paul travelled to Corinth, a major city in the Roman Empire at a crossroads of important trade routes.



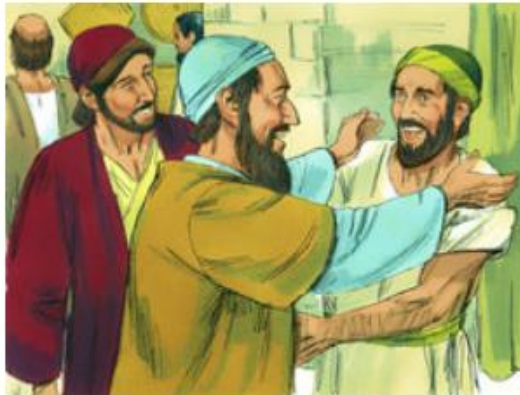
Paul made friends with a Jewish couple, Priscilla and Aquila who had been forced to leave from Rome when Claudius Caesar banned Jews from the city. Priscilla and Aquila were tent-makers, which was also Paul's trade.



Paul lived and worked with Priscilla and Aquila. Each Sabbath, Paul went to the synagogue, trying to convince both Jews and Greeks that Jesus is God's chosen Saviour, the Messiah.



After a while, Paul was joined by Silas and Timothy who arrived from Berea. They continued to boldly tell others about Jesus.



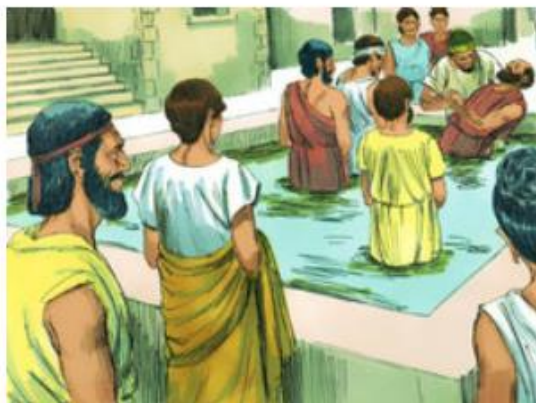
After a while, some of the Jews in the synagogue opposed and insulted Paul. Paul shook the dust from his clothes and said, 'Your blood is upon your own heads. I am innocent. From now on I will go preach to the Gentiles.'



Paul left and went to the home of Titius Justus, a Gentile who worshipped God and lived next door to the synagogue. Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, and his household believed in the Lord.



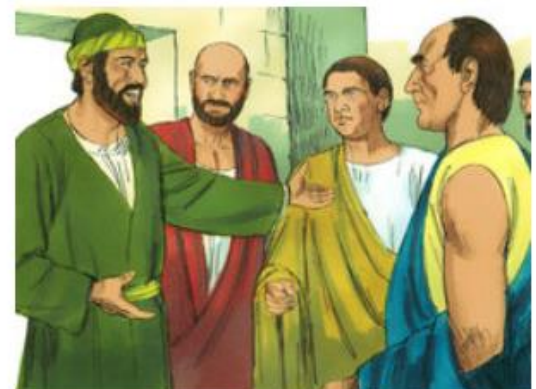
Many others in Corinth also heard Paul, became believers, and were baptised.



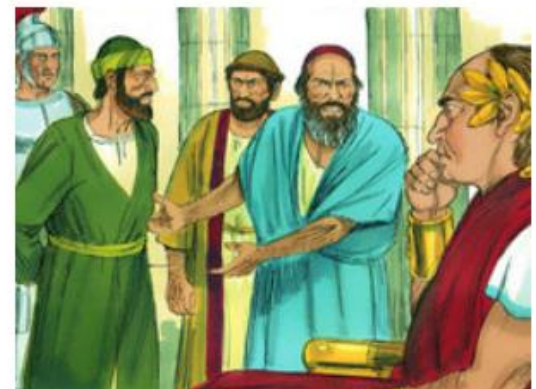
One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision, 'Don't be afraid! Speak out! Don't be silent! For I am with you, and no one will attack and harm you, for many people in this city belong to me.'



So Paul stayed there for the next year and a half, teaching the word of God.



When Gallio became governor of Achaia, some Jews plotted against Paul and brought him before the governor. They accused Paul of 'persuading people to worship God in ways that are contrary to Jewish law.'



As Paul started to make his defense, Gallio turned to Paul's accusers and said, 'Listen, you Jews, if this were a case involving some wrongdoing or a serious crime, I would listen to your case.'



'But since it is merely a question of words and names and your Jewish law, take care of it yourselves. I refuse to judge such matters.' The case was dismissed. Paul stayed in Corinth for some time after that.



Paul then said good-bye to the Christians in Corinth and went to the nearby port of Cenchrea. There he took a vow, (probably that of a Nazarite - Leviticus 6). After the time of the vow was over, he shaved his head according to Jewish custom.



Then he set sail for Ephesus, taking Priscilla and Aquila with him.





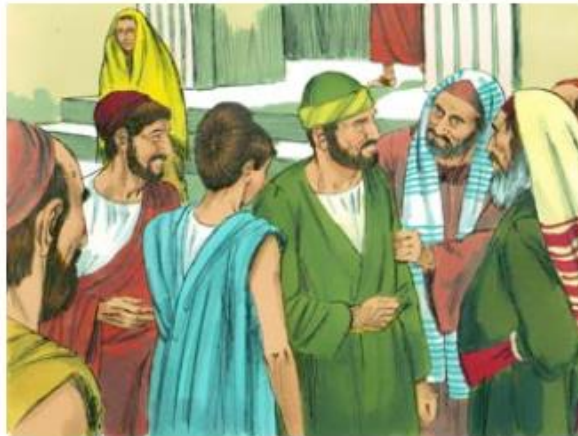
Paul sailed from the port of Cenchreae near Corinth with Aquila and Priscilla.



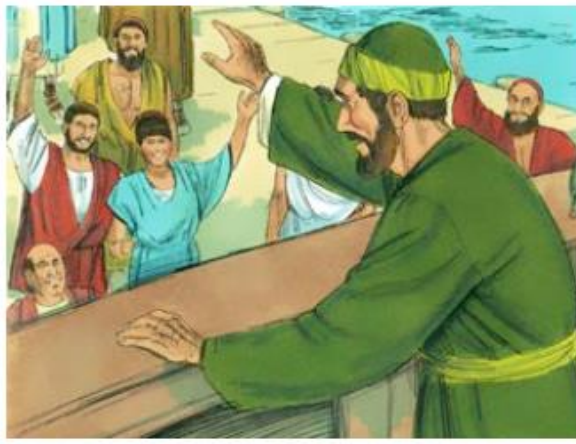
They headed for Ephesus, a major Roman city on the coast of Ionia.



At Ephesus Paul went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. They asked him to spend more time with them, but he declined. He promised, 'I will come back if it is God's will.'



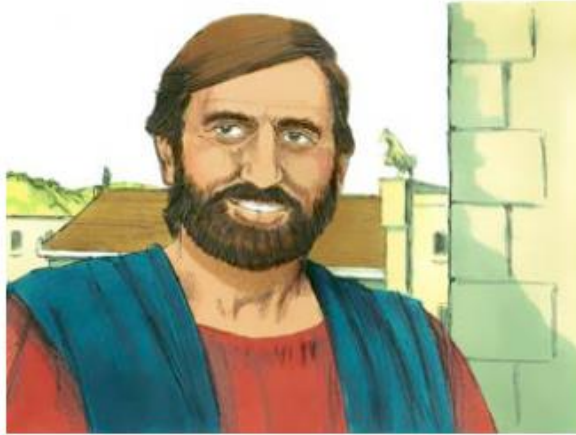
Paul then got on a ship leaving Aquila and Priscilla in Ephesus.



The ship set sail for the port of Caesarea.



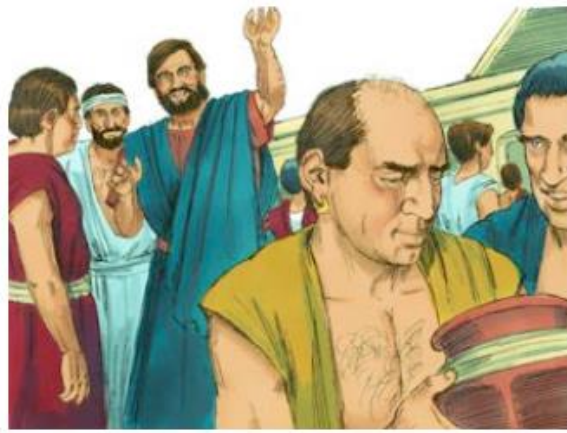
While Paul was returning, a Jew named Apollos, from Alexandria in Egypt, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. He taught about Jesus but only knew about the baptism of John the Baptist.



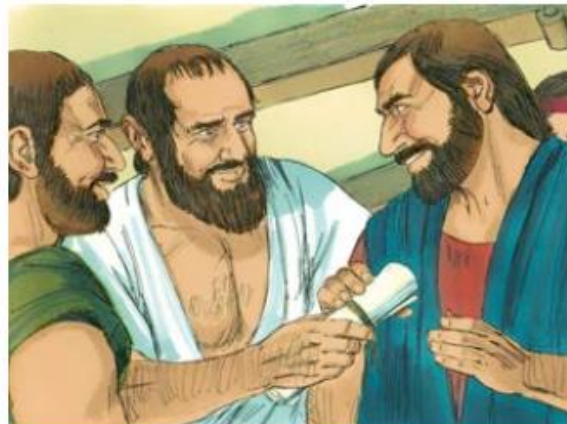
When Priscilla and Aquila heard him at the synagogue, they invited him to their home and explained to him more about Jesus and the way to God through Him.



Apollos was a gifted speaker, good at debating with people and sharing his faith.



When Apollos decided to go to the region around Corinth to help teach the Christians there, the Christians in Ephesus wrote a letter asking the disciples there to welcome him.



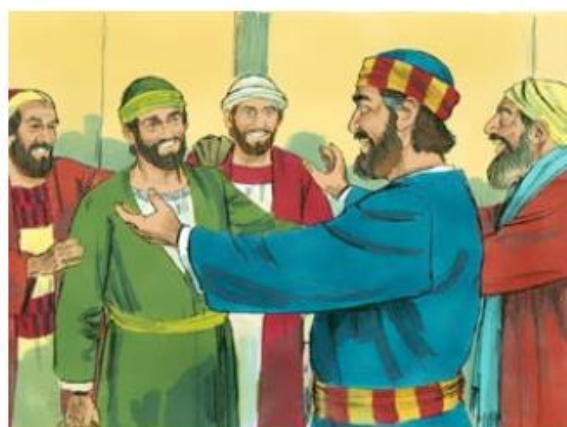
When he arrived, he was a great help to the Christians there. He vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Messiah.



Meanwhile, Paul's ship had docked in Caesarea and he travelled to Jerusalem.



He was welcomed by the church there and shared what had happened on his trip.



From Jerusalem Paul returned to Antioch in Syria.



Again he was welcomed by the Christians there and shared his adventures with them. After spending some time in Antioch, Paul travelled from place to place throughout the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

