

Accepting Responsibility Under The Gospel Of Christ

Acts 18:5-11

Introduction:

- A. Paul had accepted his responsibility under the gospel at Corinth.
 - 1. Preached if supported or not. (vv. 3-4; cf. 2 Cor. 11:8-9).
 - 2. Preached in synagogue and in private homes. (vv. 4,7).
- B. Paul's actions and words at Corinth show that people must accept their responsibility under the gospel.

I. **Those Who *Reject* the Gospel must Accept Responsibility.** (v. 6; cf. Ezek. 33:1-9).

- A. One may protest and resist – blood still on *his* head.
 - 1. May say it is contrary to his religion. (Acts 18:5-6,13).
 - 2. May say it is foolishness. (1 Cor. 1:21-27).
 - 3. May say it is unnecessary. (2 Thess. 1:7-9; Heb. 2:3).
 - 4. May say it is too hard. (1 John 5:3).
- B. One may rationalize – blood still on *his* head.
 - 1. May tell self that he is better than some Christians. (2 Cor. 10:12).
 - 2. May tell self that others are really to blame for his condition. (cf. Ezek. 33:8)

II. **Those Who *Accept* the Gospel must Accept Responsibility.**

- A. The Responsibility of being baptized. (v. 8; cf. 1 Cor. 1:12-17; 12:12-13).
- B. The Responsibility of living a clean life. (1 Cor. 6:9-11).
- C. The Responsibility of trying to save others. (1 Cor. 7:16; 10:33-11:1)
- D. The Responsibility of being a good influence. (1 Cor. 10:31-11:1).
- E. The Responsibility of worshiping God acceptably. (1 Cor. 11:20-22)
- F. The Responsibility of abounding in Lord's work. (1 Cor. 15:58)

Conclusion:

- A. We, each, must realize that we are responsible for our souls.
- B. We, each, must realize that we are responsible for obeying the gospel and living according to it.