

Title: “Apollos the Expositor Apologist”

Introduction: A Jewish man named Apollos, who had become a believer in Jesus Christ went to Ephesus to minister to the disciples there. Apollos was from Alexander which was known as an education center. He had apparently received good biblical instruction, and was enthusiastic for the things of God. When Apollos then met Achaia and Priscilla who offered to help expand his Bible knowledge. Apollos then proceeded to preach an apologetically on the Deity of Christ.

Propositional Question: If God’s Word has been preserved, shouldn’t we learn every word?

Text: Acts 18:24-28 “And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publickly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.”

CONTEXT:

Who: Acts was written by Dr. Luke.

What: Apollos the Expositor made the case for Christ’s Deity.

Where: The message was delivered in Galatia and Phrygia.

When: The epistle of Acts was written in 63 AD.

How: Apollos was a serious student of theology and apologetics.

INTERPRETATION:

Key theme: Apollos preached an Expositor ally and apologetically on the Deity of Christ.

Key words: Apollos, Ephesus, diligently, exhorting, publickly, scriptures, Jesus Christ.

Summary of the text: Apollos was a Jew from Alexandria where he received theological training. He was a follower of Jesus Christ, and when teaching was an excellent speaker. He had a great heart for the Lord. Apollos went to Ephesus to teach the Word of God which he did diligently and enthusiastically. Two members in the synagogue, Aquila and Priscilla brought the traveling preacher home and disciplined Apollos to sharpen his theological positions. After Apollos had taught in Ephesus he traveled onto Achaia to teach the disciples there. The believers at Ephesus had sent letters on ahead of time to Achaia to tell of the good teaching reputation of Apollos, and this help him to be received by the believers there. Apollos preached and taught the Jews, sometimes referred to as completed Jews as they had trust Christ as their Saviour, forcefully persuading them of the doctrine of Christology. He used the Scriptures as an apologist to convince his hears that Jesus Christ was the fulfillment of the prophesied Messiah.

Summary of the passage: Apollos a teaching apologist came from Alexandria to Ephesus. He had been trained at a theological seminary in Alexandria. He was well spoken and was a very enthusiastic Bible teacher. Apollos received some extra training along his travels from Aquila and Priscilla which helped him align his doctrinal beliefs with the Scriptures. Apollos proved to be an excellent apologist and expositor of the Scriptures. His ministry was effective in winning hearts and minds of the Jews to biblical salvation and the doctrine of Christology.

Summary of the main verse: Acts 18:28 “For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publickly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.” Apollos an apologist, expositor, and a theologian demonstrated his ability to persuade the crowd. His command of the Scriptures enabled him to communicate the doctrine of Christology. His expository acumen caused his Jewish hearers to accept Jesus as the promised Messiah.

APPLICATION:

Original audience: The Jews and brethren disciples at Ephesus, and at Achaia.

To myself: Develop my ability to exposit and communicate the Scriptures.

To family: When communicating your doctrinal positions to make it plain to understand.

To church: Preach expository messages from the pulpit and doctrine in the classroom.

My job: The Christian with sound doctrine will apply sound biblical ethics in the workplace.

To society: The most important thing this world needs in Bible doctrine. Ware it and share it.