

GALLIO AND PAUL

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ACTS 18:12-17

12 " AND WHEN GALLIO WAS THE DEPUTY OF ACHAIA, THE JEWS MADE INSURRECTION WITH ONE ACCORD AGAINST PAUL, AND BROUGHT HIM TO THE JUDGMENT SEAT,

13 SAYING, THIS FELLOW PERSUADETH MEN TO WORSHIP GOD CONTRARY TO THE LAW.

14 AND WHEN PAUL WAS NOW ABOUT TO OPEN HIS MOUTH, GALLIO SAID UNTO THE JEWS, IF IT WERE A MATTER OF WRONG OR WICKED LEWDNESS, O YE JEWS, REASON WOULD THAT I SHOULD BEAR WITH YOU:

15 BUT IF IT BE A QUESTION OF WORDS AND NAMES, AND OF YOUR LAW, LOOK YE TO IT; FOR I WILL BE NO JUDGE OF SUCH MATTERS.

16 AND HE DRAVE THEM FROM THE JUDGMENT SEAT.

17 THEN ALL THE GREEKS TOOK SOSTHENES, THE CHIEF RULER OF THE SYNAGOGUE, AND BEAT HIM BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT. AND GALLIO CARED FOR NONE OF THOSE THINGS".

THE PROCONSUL OF ACHAIA HAD ENDED HIS TERM OF OFFICE, AND THE PROCONSUL APPOINTED BY THE EMPEROR WAS MARCUS ANNAEUS NOVATUS, WHO, HAVING BEEN ADOPTED BY THE FRIENDLY RHETORICIAN LUCIUS JUNIUS GALLIO, HAD TAKEN THE NAME OF LUCIUS JUNIUS ANTAEUS GALLIO. VERY DIFFERENT WAS THE ESTIMATE OF HIS CONTEMPORARIES FROM THAT WHICH HAS MADE HIS NAME SINCE PROVERBIAL FOR INDIFFERENTISM. THE BROTHER OF SENECA AND THE UNCLE OF LUEAN, HE WAS THE MOST, UNIVERSALLY POPULAR MEMBER OF THAT DISTINGUISHED FAMILY.

"NO MORTAL MAN IS SO SWEET TO ANY SINGLE PERSON AS HE IS TO ALL MANKIND"; "EVEN THOSE WHO LOVE MY BROTHER GALLIO TO THE UTMOST YET DO NOT LOVE HIM ENOUGH," WROTE SENECA OF HIM. HE WAS THE VERY FLOWER OF PAGAN COURTESY AND CULTURE. A ROMAN WITH ALL A ROMAN'S DIGNITY AND SERIOUSNESS, AND YET WITH ALL THE GRACE AND VERSATILITY OF A POLISHED GREEK. WHATEVER THE FORMER PROCONSUL HAD BEEN, HE HAD NOT BEEN ONE WITH WHOM THE JEWS COULD VENTURE TO TRIFLE, NOR HAD THEY VENTURED TO HAND PAUL OVER TO THE SECULAR ARM. BUT NOW THAT A NEW PROCONSUL, WELL KNOWN FOR HIS MILDNESS, HAD ARRIVED, WHO WAS PERHAPS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE, AND WHOSE DESIRE FOR POPULARITY MIGHT HAVE MADE HIM COMPLAISANT TO PROSPEROUS JEWS, THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD WITH IMPUNITY EXCITE A TUMULT. THOUGH CLAUDIUS HAD EXPELLED THE JEWS FROM ROME, THEIR RELIGION WAS A RELIGIO LICITA; BUT THE RELIGION OF "THIS FELLOW," THEY URGED, WAS A SPURIOUS COUNTERFEIT OF JUDAISM WHICH HAD BECOME A RELIGIO LICITA BY RUNNING COUNTER TO ITS MOSAIC LAW. SUCH WAS THE CHARGE URGED BY A HUBBUB OF VOICES, AND AS SOON AS IT HAD BECOME INTELLIGIBLE, PAUL WAS ON THE POINT OF MAKING HIS DEFENCE. BUT GALLIO WAS NOT GOING TO TROUBLE HIMSELF BY LISTENING TO ANY DEFENCE. HE TOOK NO NOTICE WHATEVER OF PAUL. WITH A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF, AND RESPECT FOR, THE ESTABLISHED LAWS, BUT WITH A GENUINELY ROMAN INDIFFERENCE FOR CONCILIATORY LANGUAGE, HE QUASHED THE INDICTMENT AND ORDERED HIS LICTORS TO CLEAR THE COURT. BUT WHILE WE REGRET THIS UNPHILOSOPHIC DISREGARD, LET US AT LEAST DO JUSTICE TO ROMAN IMPARTIALITY. IN GALLIO, IN LYCRIAS, IN FELIX, IN FESTUS, IN THE CENTURION JULIUS, AND EVEN IN PILATE, DIFFERENT AS WERE THEIR DEGREES OF RECTITUDE, WE CANNOT BUT ADMIRE THE

TRAINED JUDICIAL INSIGHT WITH WHICH THEY SAW THROUGH THE SUBTERRANEAN INJUSTICE AND VIRULENT ANIMOSITY OF THE JEWS IN BRINGING FALSE CHARGES AGAINST INNOCENT MEN. BUT THE SUPERFICIALITY WHICH JUDGES ONLY BY EXTERNALS ALWAYS BRINGS ITS OWN RETRIBUTION. THE HAUGHTY, DISTINGUISHED AND CULTIVATED PROCONSUL WOULD HAVE BEEN TO THE LAST DEGREE AMAZED HAD ANYONE TOLD HIM THAT SO PALTRY AN OCCURRENCE WOULD BE FOR EVER RECORDED IN HISTORY; THAT IT WOULD BE THE ONLY SCENE IN HIS LIFE IN WHICH POSTERITY WOULD FEEL A MOMENT'S INTEREST; THAT HE WOULD OWE TO IT ANY IMMORTALITY HE POSSESSES; THAT HE HAD FLUNG AWAY THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY OF HIS LIFE WHEN HE CLOSED THE LIPS OF THE JEWISH PRISONER; THAT IT WOULD BE BELIEVED FOR CENTURIES THAT THAT PRISONER HAD CONVERTED HIS GREAT BROTHER SENECA TO HIS OWN "EXECRABLE SUPERSTITION"; THAT THE "PARCEL OF QUESTIONS" ABOUT A MERE OPINION, AND NAMES, AND A MATTER OF THE JEWISH LAW, WHICH HE HAD SO DISDAINFULLY REFUSED TO HEAR, SHOULD HEREAFTER BECOME THE MOST PROMINENT OF ALL QUESTIONS TO THE WHOLE CIVILIZED WORLD. AND PAUL MAY HAVE SUSPECTED MANY OF THESE FACTS AS LITTLE AS "THE SWEET GALLIO" DID.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:1

"BE YE FOLLOWERS OF ME, EVEN AS I ALSO AM OF CHRIST".

PROVE ALL THINGS

STUDY TO SHEW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO AHAYAH

ALL PRAISES TO THE MOST HIGH GOD

ANAYAH ASHAR ANAYAH BAHASHHEM YASHAYAH

FRANK CHAVEZ





TRIBE OF ISSACHAR

12 TRIBES 1 NATION FOR ALL

ACTS 17:26

"AND HATH MADE OF ONE BLOOD ALL NATIONS OF MEN FOR TO DWELL ON ALL THE FACE OF THE EARTH, AND HATH DETERMINED THE TIMES BEFORE APPOINTED, AND THE BOUNDS OF THEIR HABITATION"

FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND

REPENT **EVERYONE WANTS TO HEAR** **REPENT**
 **THAT CHRIST LOVES THEM** 
SINNER **AND HE DIED FOR THEIR SINS.** **SINNER**
ABSOLUTELY NO ONE WANTS TO HEAR
THAT THEY NEED TO TURN FROM THEIR
REPENT **SINS AND FOLLOW THE LAW!** **REPENT**
 **REPENT OR PERISH** 
SINNER **SINNER**