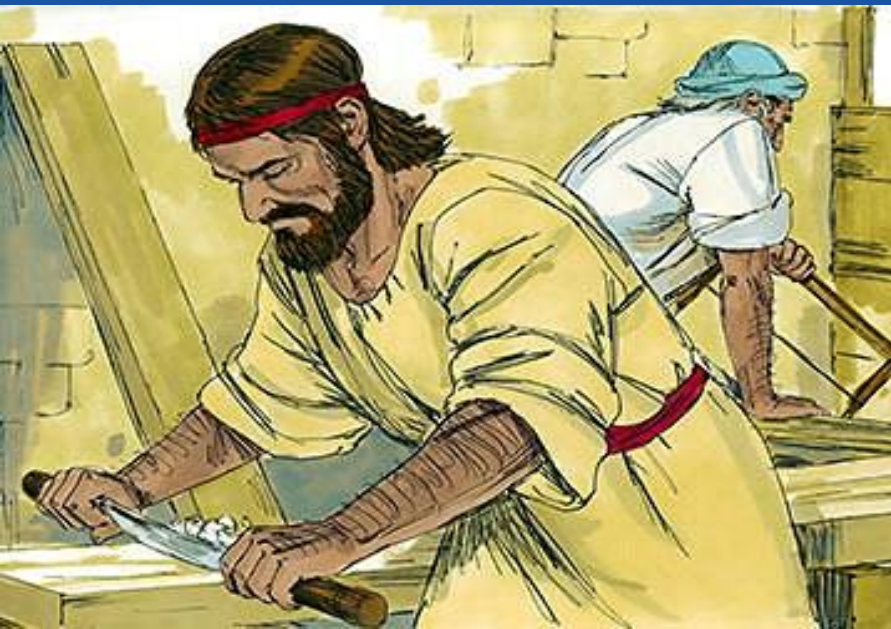


PAUL THE *SKENOPOIOS*

- *Skenopoios* = leather maker (tentmaker)
- Aquila and Priscilla expelled from Rome because they were Jews
- Claudius 49/50 A.D.
- Chrestus was probably referring to Christ
- Manual labor seen as demeaning for Roman citizens
- Minority ethnic groups provided the needed labor



PAUL BORN AS AN ARISTOCRAT



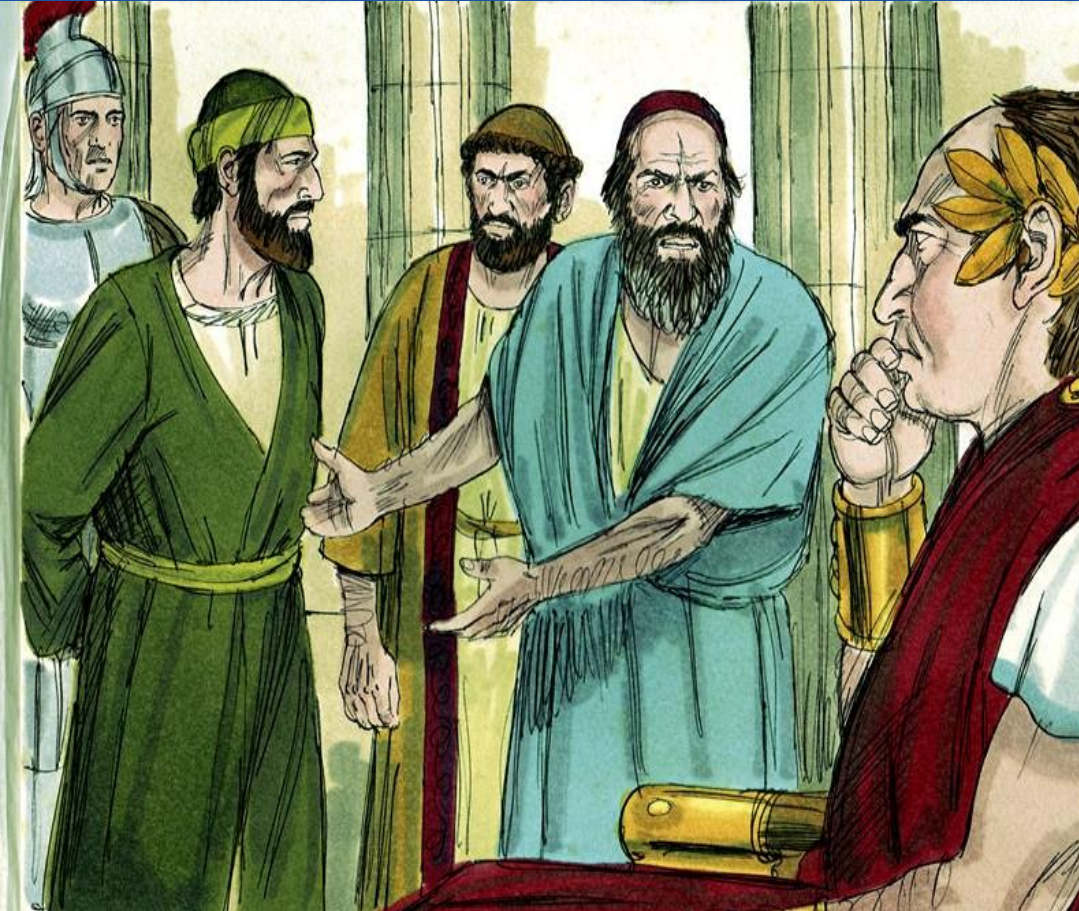
- Paul was eventually used as an example of the virtues of work and toil for a Believer
- Paul attended the finest school and employed by the Sanhedrin
- Being a tentmaker was not indicative of his social status
- Paul was going to evangelize more common folk than aristocrats
- Paul chose to recast his identity from intellectual elite to common laborer
- Followed the way of his Master, Yeshua, by connecting with the people instead of the leadership

UGLY SITUATION IN CORINTH

- Paul says he's done his part in presenting the Gospel; blood is on the heads of those who reject salvation in Christ
- Paul moved his speaking to the house of Titius Justice
- Leader of the synagogue, Crispus, came to faith
- Contentious situation, and Paul became seriously concerned



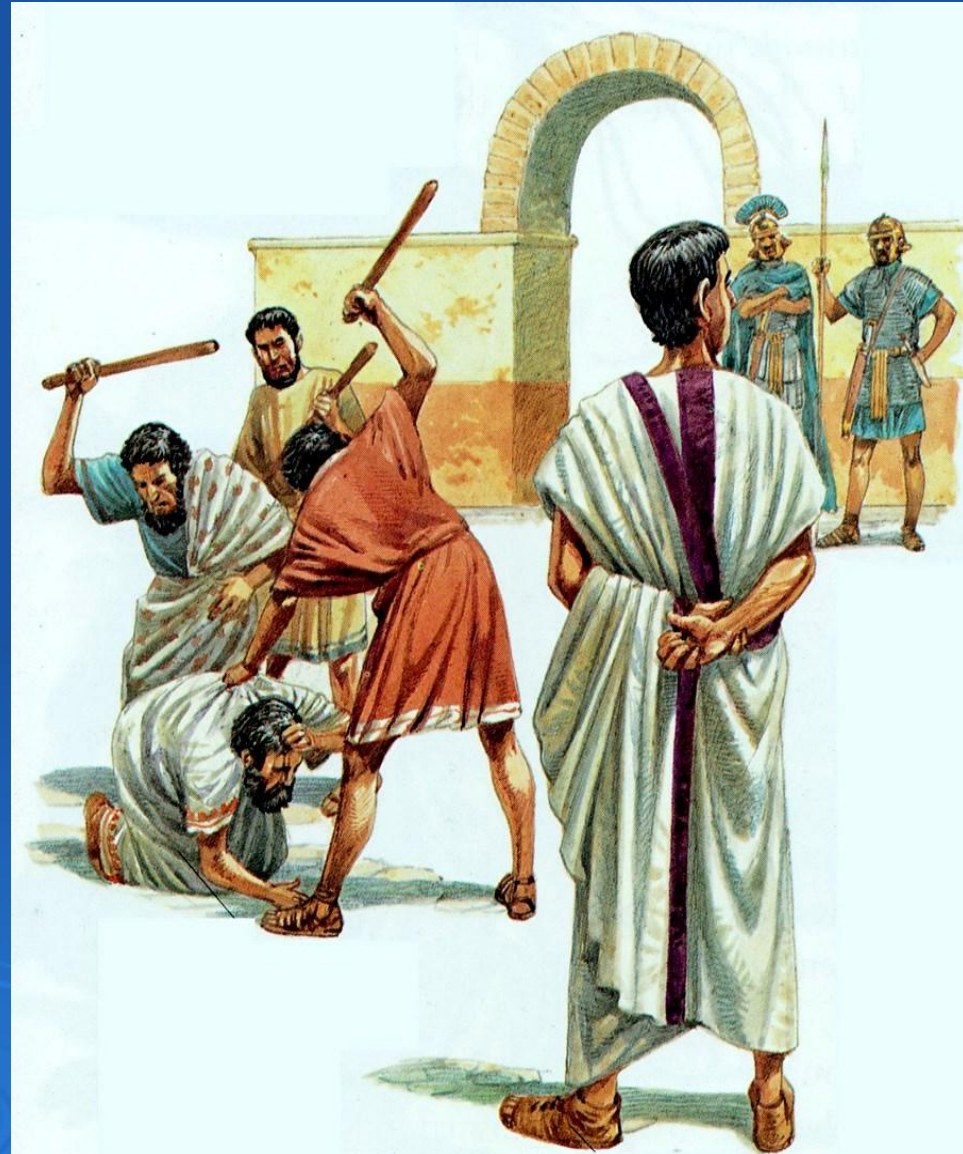
PROCONSUL GALLIO



- Gallio, proconsul of Achaia from 50/51 A.D. to 53/54 A.D.
- Jews took judicial action against Paul
- One thing to battle individuals; battling government policy is much harder
- **Nomos** = law
- **Halakhah** is a fusion of Torah law, Tradition & customs
- “the law” in the N.T. usually means **Halakhah** (Jewish law), but sometimes is Law of Moses
- “Torah” came to be synonymous with **Halakhah** in N.T. times

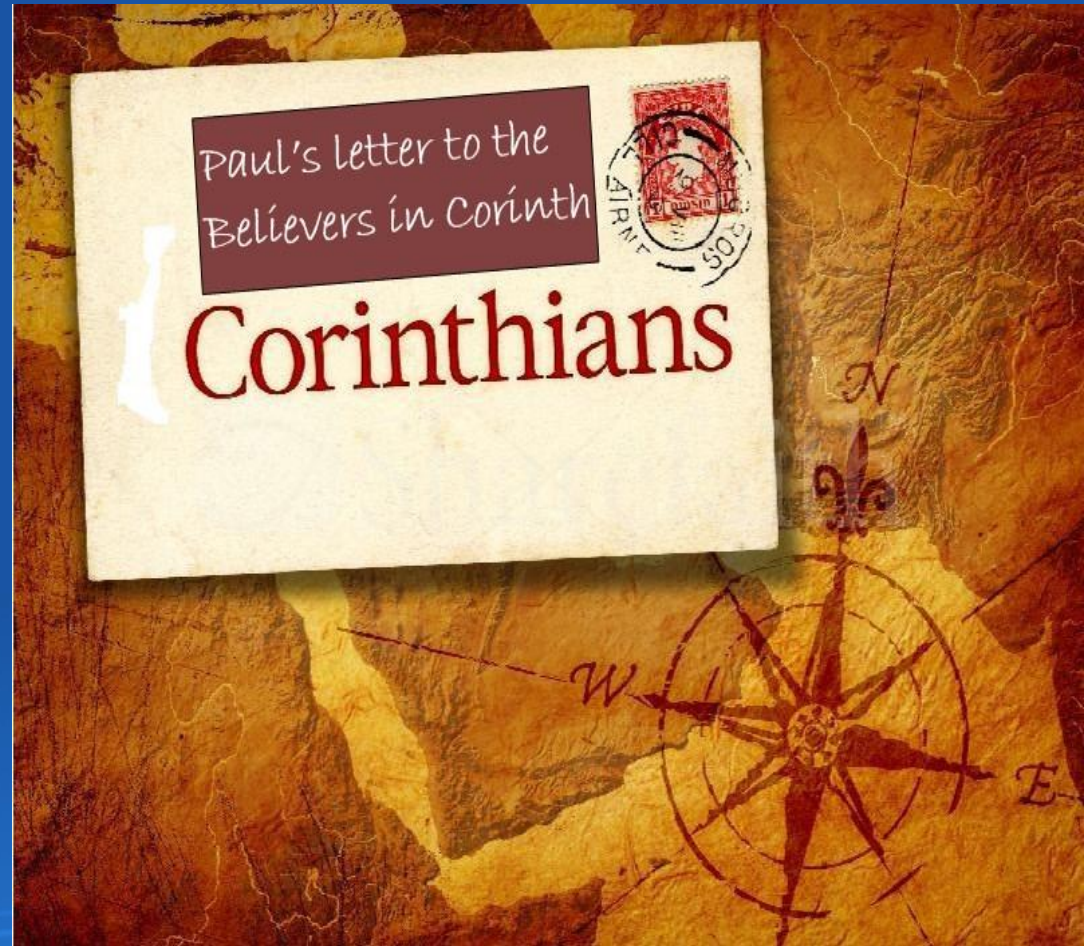
CHRISTIANITY VERSUS JUDAISM??

- Jews say Paul is teaching things against Jewish Law (*Halakhah*)
- Gallio says Roman law is not being violated, this is strictly an intra-Jewish religious matter
- NO such thing as Christianity as a separate religion at this time; not until 100 A.D.
- Synagogue leader Sosthenes beat up by non-believing Jews, Gallio didn't intercede



THE PROBLEM WITH CORINTH

- The unbelieving Jews of Corinth in a severe rift with Believing Jews
- A determined attempt to stop Paul's teaching
- 1st Corinthians written shortly after Paul left Corinth
- 1st Corinthians is an "us versus them" tone
- Paul makes it clear that it is the Believers who have it right



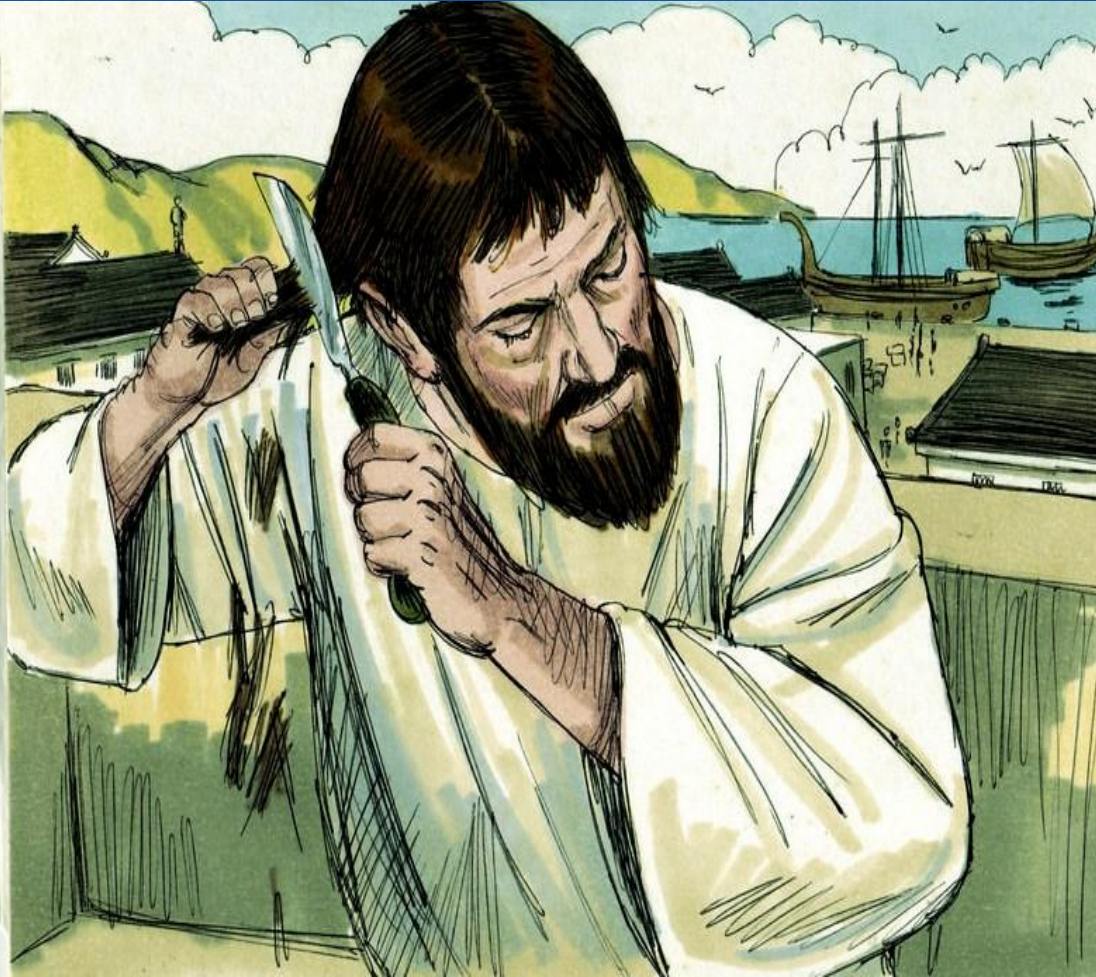
CONSENSUS IS NOT THE MEASUREMENT OF RIGHTNESS

RELIGIOUS DOCTRINE



- Why does the mainstream Church not “get it”?
- Why do our friends and family not “get it”?
- Presence of the Spirit and His teaching is how rightness is determined
- We need a balanced approach:
 - 1) God’s Grace
 - 2) Obedience to the Father
- We must stand strong against disagreement, criticism, and being shunned by a few

PAUL'S VOW CEREMONY



- Paul decided to leave Corinth for Syria
- Cenchrea a port city
- Sounds like Nazarite vow, but doesn't follow Torah law
- Mishna has many rules concerning making vows
- No doubt Paul was following *Halakhah* when he cut his hair
- Paul NOT moving away from Judaism



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