

I. SCHOOL OF TYRANNUS

- A. Paul is very busy in Ephesus for the sake of the Gospel (vs. 8)
 - 1. He goes into the synagogue and teaches the Word of God
 - a. Remember that he is a very qualified teacher of the Bible
 - b. ACTS 22:3 – “I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.”
 - c. In the Jewish tradition, it would be like a superstar nobel-prize winner teaching at the community college in a small town
 - 2. He speaks boldly
 - a. WEBSTERS 1828 – “(adverb) In a bold matter; courageously; intrepidly; without timidity or fear; with confidence. Sometimes, perhaps, in a bad sense, for impudently.”
 - b. Why wouldn’t he, after Jesus told him to?
 - c. ACTS 18:9-10 – “Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: (10) For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.”
 - i. Why would we be timid? Or less than bold?
 - ii. After all, Jesus told US to speak the Gospel boldly too!
 - iii. 2 TIM. 4:2 – “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”
 - 3. Let’s be busy for the Lord
 - a. “Tired people run the world.”
 - b. That’s just an old saying meaning that slackness creates nothing
 - c. Tell someone that the Lord died so that they can go to heaven
- B. He disputed and persuaded the things concerning the Kingdom of God
 - 1. That means “made it attractive”
- C. But those who would not believe became hardened to the Word of God
 - 1. Not Calvinism – but rejecting!

II. SPACE OF TWO YEARS

- A. He simply changed venues
- B. All of Asia heard the Word from these DISCIPLES (vs. 10)
- C. He trained PREACHERS!

III. SONS OF SCEVA

- A. Paul was used to perform miracles (vs. 11-12)
- B. The Seven Sons of Sceva tried (vs. 13-16)
 - 1. But failed miserably
 - 2. Satan laughed at them
- C. But GOD was glorified – counterfeits were revealed!

IV. SILVERSMITHS OF DIANA

- A. The Gospel is TRIUMPHANT
 - 1. CONFESSION was made
- B. EVIL BOOKS were burned
 - 1. People changed by the Gospel
 - 2. Not “good works” before Salvation
- C. And there was a great spirit of Salvation and REVIVAL in Ephesus
 - 1. But there was opposition (the silversmiths of Diana)
 - 2. People were no longer buy their idols!
 - 3. 1 TIM. 6:10 – “For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

V. SALVATION OF GOD

- A. What about you? Is the Gospel triumphant in YOUR life?
- B. Have you seen yourself for who you are?
- C. Be saved today!