

Acts 18:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.

Analysis

Paul moved to 'the house of one named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.' The strategic location - adjacent to the synagogue - enabled continued outreach. Justus as a God-fearer provided Gentile base for ministry.

Historical Context

God-fearers like Justus were attracted to Judaism but uncommitted to full conversion. This house-church location facilitated both Gentile ministry and continued Jewish outreach.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What does the house-church's synagogue proximity suggest about Paul's continuing concern for Jews?
2. How can strategic locations enhance ministry effectiveness?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	μεταβὰς	ἐκεῖθεν	ἦλθεν	εἰς	οἰκία	τινὸς	ὀνόματι
And	he departed	thence	and entered	into	house	a certain	named
G2532	G3327	G1564	G2064	G1519	G3614	G5100	G3686
Ἰούστου	σεβομένου	τὸν	θεόν	οὗ	ἣ	οἰκία	ἣν
Justus	one that worshipped		God	whose		house	
G2459	G4576	G3588	G2316	G3739	G3588	G3614	G2258
συνομοροῦσα	τῇ	συναγωγῇ					
joined hard		to the synagogue					
G4927	G3588	G4864					

Additional Cross-References

Acts 16:14 (Worship): And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

Colossians 4:11 (Righteousness): And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.

Acts 13:42 (Parallel theme): And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.

Acts 17:4 (Parallel theme): And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

Acts 10:2 (References God): A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

Acts 10:22 (Righteousness): And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

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