

“Hurdles To Healthy Churches”
Acts 18-19
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“After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus...Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” Acts 18:1-2, 6

Churches have unique _____ depending on the _____.

1. Overcoming _____ to become a _____

a. Social _____ debatable _____

“Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that “We all possess knowledge.” 1 Cor 8:1

“We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves.” Romans 15:1

b. Clarifying _____ issues (Disrespecting Jesus, the holiness of God)

“So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.” 1 Cor. 11:27

c. Elevating _____ and _____

“But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head—it is the same as having her head shaved.” 1 Cor. 11:5

2. Confronting _____ cultural _____.

“This fellow Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus...He says that gods made by human hands are no gods at all. There is danger not only that our trade...but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited.” Acts 19:26-27