

Apollos *Stuart Briscoe*

I. Introduction.

A. Apollos can teach us how God deals with other people and how he makes them the best they can be.

II. Apollos was a Jew born in a city of Greek influence. He was educated.

III. He had a gift of speech.

IV. He was mighty in the Scriptures.

A. We must take time to know what is in the Bible.

B. No one knows the Bible completely.

C. We are to know the Scriptures in order to become mighty in them.

D. We do this when we obey the injunctions, claim the promises and act on what we believe.

V. Apollos did not have a complete understanding of the gospel.

A. It is possible to be educated but not have the right message.

B. We must not only listen to a man--we must evaluate the message.

VI. Aquila and Priscilla re-educated Apollos.

A. They expounded the way of God to him more accurately and he received it.

B. Many do not know the way of God accurately.

C. John taught that God still had a plan for Israel bringing national revival through repentance. This was Apollos's message. (Matthew 3:1)

D. This was only half the message. God sent someone to bring forgiveness and reconciliation. Jesus died on the cross for us, rose and sent his Holy Spirit.

E. Apollos was introduced to a whole new level of spiritual experience.

1. He was compelled to tell others.

2. He was helped in order that he might help.

3. We need to give others the other half of the story also.

Application questions:

1. What was Apollos's message? What was the part he was missing?

2. How were Priscilla and Aquila models in the way they exposed Apollos to the truth?

3. Who is in your circle that you can expose to a fuller understanding of the truth?
