

The Acts of the Apostles II
The Ministry of Paul in Ephesus
Acts 19:1-41

- I. THE SO-CALLED DISCIPLES OF JOHN THE BAPTIST (Acts 19:1-7)
 - A. Paul's Question Concerning the Holy Ghost (Acts 19:1-3)
 - i. Their location in Ephesus (Acts 19:1; Acts 18:24-25)
 - ii. Their ignorance of the Holy Ghost (Acts 19:2; cp. Matthew 3:11-12; John 1:29-34)
 - iii. Their baptism unto John's baptism (Acts 19:3; Mark 1:4)

NOTE: These men had obviously not sat under the ministry of John the Baptist. They were ignorant of the Holy Ghost and of Jesus Christ, two of the major themes in John's preaching. They had accepted some of the teaching of John second hand *most likely*. God preserved them until the message of Christ could be revealed unto them, but they could not be saved without knowing of Jesus Christ. (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Acts 19:4) These men probably received their teaching from Apollos (Acts 18:24-26). Though the original disciples of John were never rebaptized, these men were (Acts 19:5).

- B. Paul's Preaching Concerning Jesus Christ (Acts 19:4-7)
 - i. The message of John's baptism (Acts 19:4)
 - 1. Repentance from sin (Matthew 3:7-8)
 - 2. Belief in the coming Christ (Luke 3:15-18; John 1:6-8)
 - ii. The baptism of the disciples (Acts 19:5; Matthew 28:19)
 - iii. The reception of the Holy Ghost (Acts 19:6-7)
 - 1. Laying on of hands
 - 2. Coming of the Holy Ghost (Acts 8:14-17)
 - 3. Speaking with tongues (Acts 2:4; Acts 10:44-48)
 - 4. Prophesying

NOTE: Receiving the Holy Ghost Through the Bible

- i. Old Testament
 - 1. Came upon men (Judges 3:9-10; Judges 6:34; 1 Samuel 10:9-10; 1 Samuel 16:3-14), and could leave men (1 Samuel 16:14; Psalm 51:11)
 - 2. Indwelt men (Genesis 41:38; Numbers 27:18)

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To the Greek Also Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey

3. Filled men for special service (Exodus 31:1-3)

- ii. John the Baptist (Luke 1:13-15)
- iii. Jesus Christ (Luke 4:18; John 3:34)
- iv. During Jesus' earthly ministry (John 7:38-39)
- v. The Jews at Pentecost (Acts 2:38)
- vi. The Samaritans (Acts 8:14-17)
- vii. Cornelius and company (Acts 10:44-48)
- viii. Grace age teaching (Romans 8:9-11; Galatians 4:5-6; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 1:12-14; Ephesians 4:30)

II. THE SPECIAL MINISTRY OF PAUL THE APOSTLE (Acts 19:8-12)

- A. In the Synagogue (Acts 19:8)
- B. In the School of Tyrannus (Acts 19:9-10)
 - i. Separating the disciples (Acts 19:9; 2 Corinthians 6:14-17)
 - ii. Disputing daily (Acts 19:9)
 - iii. Continuing for three years (Acts 19:10; Acts 20:31)
- C. In Special Miracles (Acts 19:11-12)

III. THE GLORIOUS DEFEAT OF THE FORCES OF SATAN

- A. The Failure of the Jewish Exorcists (Acts 19:13-16)
 - i. The seven sons of Sceva (Acts 19:13-14)
 - 1. Vagabond Jews (Acts 19:13; cp. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15) – Wandering (Genesis 4:14)
 - 2. Exorcists (Acts 19:13; Matthew 12:27)
 - 3. Seven brothers (Acts 19:14)
 - ii. The evil spirit (Acts 19:15-16)
 - 1. The words of the spirit (Acts 19:15; see Mark 5:1-2, 6-13)
 - 2. The power of the spirit (Acts 19:16; see Mark 5:3-5)
- B. The Victory of God's Word (Acts 19:17-20)
 - i. The fear of the Lord (Acts 19:17; Acts 2:43; Acts 5:11; 2 Corinthians 7:1)
 - ii. The name of Jesus Christ (Acts 19:17; Acts 4:12; Philippians 2:9-11)
 - iii. The salvation of many (Acts 19:18)

1. Believing
2. Confessing
3. Showing
- iv. The burning of evil books (Acts 19:19)
 1. Concerning curious arts (Deuteronomy 18:9-12; Isaiah 47:11-14)
 2. Costing a great price
- v. The power of the word (Acts 19:19)
 1. It grew (Acts 6:7; Acts 12:24)
 2. It prevailed (Isaiah 55:11)

IV. THE VIOLENT OPPOSITION OF THE CRAFTSMEN IN EPHESUS (Acts 19:21-41)

- A. Paul's Plan of Ministry (Acts 19:21-22)
 - i. His purpose (Acts 19:21; Acts 20:22)
 - ii. His plan (Acts 19:21)
 1. To Jerusalem
 2. To Rome (Acts 23:11)
 - iii. His partners (Acts 19:22)
- B. The Protest of Demetrius (Acts 19:23-27)
 - i. Made gain from idolatry (Acts 19:23-25; Isaiah 56:10-12; Philippians 3:19)
 - ii. Concerned by Paul's success (Acts 19:26-27)
- C. The Uproar of the Ephesians (Acts 19:28-34)
 - i. Filled with wrath (Acts 19:28)
 - ii. Filled with confusion (Acts 19:29-32)
 - iii. Filled with idolatry (Acts 19:33-34; Acts 17:16)
- D. The Common Sense of the Town Clerk (Acts 19:35-41)
 - i. In calming the people (Acts 19:35-36)
 - ii. In convincing the people (Acts 19:37-39)
 - iii. In dismissing the people (Acts 19:40-41)