

Acts of the Holy Spirit
“*Expansion of Faith*” – Series

NOTE TAKERS...

- I’ve titled today’s message: **“The Work of The Spirit”**
 - (Acts 19:1-10) NLT

~ INTRO ~

THE BOOK OF (Acts) IS FILLED WITH SCENES...

- From the early Church... AND... the people God used along the way.

TODAY...

- The Church studies the book of (Acts)...
 - To understand HOW the *expansion of faith* happened...
 - AND... to realize the continued work of the Spirit today.

OK...

- Last week we concluded Paul’s 2nd Missionary Journey...
 - By discovering... the effectiveness of his mission...
 - How the gospel was spread.
 - And how ministry was done.

AGAIN... WE’VE LEARNED...

- Four basic applications for ministry:

- 1) *How Ministry Happens*
- 2) *An Effective Ministry*
- 3) *The Up’s And Down’s of Ministry*
- 4) *Basic Ministry Truths*

NOW... THIS MORNING...

- We enter Paul’s 3rd Missionary Journey...
 - With **“The Work of The Spirit.”**

READ (vv.1-7)

HERE’S A FEW THINGS WE CAN GROW IN:

IDEA #1 – A RIGHT UNDERSTANDING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: (vv.1-7)

LET’S UNDERSTAND THE SCENE...

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- And how amazing God is... at accomplishing His plan.

PAUL HAD BEEN IN CORINTH ([Acts 18:18](#))...

- While Apollos was in Ephesus ([Acts 18:24](#)).

THEN A SWAP HAPPENED ([Acts 19:1](#))...

- Apollos was in Corinth & Paul in Ephesus.
 - And the focus of ministry changed to the work of the Spirit.

UNDER APOLLOS...

- The believers knew only about John’s baptism (i.e. repentance from sin).
 - They did NOT receive the Spirit for new life.
- This is what Apollos was missing last week...
 - Before Aquila & Priscilla pulled his aside ([Acts 18:26](#)).

THREE THINGS TO UNDERSTAND IN THIS SCENE:

- 1) Repentance from sin (John’s Baptism)
 - It was a baptism looking forward to the coming Savior.
 - ([Matt. 3:11](#)) NKJV
 - *A baptism unto repentance*
 - *Jesus will baptize you with Holy Spirit & fire*
- 2) *Baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus*
 - In the church age all believes are baptized into Christ...
 - As we look back to the finished work of the Cross.
 - ([Col. 2:12](#)) NLT
 - ([Eph. 1:12-14](#)) NLT
 - We see the purpose & presence of the Spirit...
 - But not the empowering of *fire* ([Matt. 3:11](#)).
- 3) Baptism of the Spirit
 - ([Acts 1:8](#)) NLT
 - “*you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.*”
 - This is the *fire*.

DON’T MISS THIS ONE!

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- This is power for ministry – “*to be a witness*” (Acts 1:8).
- This is NOT... for the prostitution of a spiritual gift (a.k.a. tongues).
- The gift of *tongues* is AN EVIDENCE...of the baptism of the Spirit...
 - But NOT the evidence.
- The greatest evidence of the baptism of the Spirit is LOVE
 - (1 Cor. 13:1-2) NKJV

AGAIN... THE PROGRESSION MOVES FROM...

- Baptism of repentance (John’s baptism) = Turning from sin to God.
 - This was under the old covenant.
- Baptism of Holy Spirit = New life / forgiveness of sin.
- Baptism of fire = Reflective of power.
 - This is under the new covenant – for the church age.

UNDERSTAND...

- 1) Spirit comes into a person (*baptism of the Spirit*)
- 2) Spirit flows out of a person (a.k.a. *baptism of fire*)

OK...

- Here’s the skinny file take away.

THE THREE WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

- These are easily seen in the original language...
 - And... **important for the Church to recognize today!**
 - *Para / En / Epi*
- Don’t drift to the polar extremes...
 - Of sensationalizing and abusing spiritual gifts... OR...
 - Embracing cessation that discounts spiritual gifts for today.
 - (John 14:17) NKJV
 - (Acts 1:8) NLT

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IDEA #2 – REJECTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: (vv.8-10)

PAUL *reasoned* FOR 3-MONTHS IN THE JEWSIH SYNAGOGUE.

- The Greek word is (*dialogo*)...
 - Meaning dialogue / discussion.

BUT... HE REACHED A POINT...

- Where the conversation became fruitless.

WE CAN LEARN WHEN TO STOP DISCUSSING JESUS TOO...

(Acts 19:9)...

- 1) *Were hardened* (NKJV) = Became stubborn and would not heed truth.
- 2) *Did not believe* (NKJV) = Lit. withheld themselves from believing.
- 3) *Spoke evil* (NKJV) = Abused & disrespected the message of Christianity.

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS...

- With family & friends about your faith in Jesus.
 - And some of those discussion will degenerate...
 - Into this same situation (an eruption of anger).
- Some will get really mad at you & put all kinds of labels on you.
 - BUT... it's not that they can't believe...
 - It's that... they won't believe.
- And that's your que to stop the conversation!

LET ME ADD...

- If you attend this church or other Calvary Chapel style churches...
 - You'll learn a massive amount about the Bible in 1-year.
 - Topics like:
 - Understanding End Times
 - Spiritual gifts & their use today
 - The purpose of the church
 - God's plan for Israel
 - The rapture of the church
 - What Jesus has done for you

SOME OF YOUR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS...

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- Who are less taught...
 - Could get angry as you demonstrate knowledge in the word...
 - And point to Jesus and the specific scriptures...
 - For your belief.

SO... USE THE TOOLS... FROM THIS PORTION OF SCRIPTURE...

- To navigate a loving response!
 - And please for your own good don't fight with people.

~IN CLOSING~

IS THERE ANYONE WHO NEEDS TO BE BAPTISED IN WATER?

IS THERE ANYONE WHO NEEDS HOLY SPIRIT POWER?