

A VERY FRUITFUL MINISTRY BEGINS IN EPHESUS

(Acts 19:1-10)

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A. Paul Ministers in the City of Ephesus (19:1-10)

1. When he left Antioch, Paul began his Third Missionary Journey (18:23); he _____ his steps (from his first two journeys) and _____ the churches in Galatia; Luke picks up the story when Paul reached _____. (v. 1)

2. Upon his arrival, the apostle found a group of men who were disciples of John the Baptist and he asked them, "*Did you _____ the Holy Spirit when you _____?*" (v. 2a)

* Why is this such an important question? (Rom. 8:9)

3. While the Baptist clearly taught that the Holy Spirit _____ baptize believers _____ (Matt. 3:11; Luke 3:16; John 1:32-33), these men _____ even know that there was a Holy Spirit! (v. 2b)

4. This startling discovery led Paul to raise another question to clarify his second assumption: "*_____ then were you baptized?*" They replied that they had undergone _____ water baptism. (v. 3)

5. Paul clarified things for these men (as Aquila and Priscilla had undoubtedly explained to Apollos), that John's baptism was _____ but _____; they needed to "*_____ on Christ Jesus.*" (v. 4)

* What does Christian water baptism picture and why is this so different from John's baptism?
(Rom. 6)

6. When these disciples of John heard that the Messiah had _____, they _____
in Jesus and submitted to water baptism in His name; this is the only explicit reference to _____-
_____ in the New Testament. (v. 5)

7. The Apostle laid hands on them and all twelve men received the Holy Spirit and immediately
spoke in tongues. (vv. 6-7)

* Let's make some observations...

a. The reason that the spiritual baptism came through Paul, was God's way of _____
his apostolic _____ among the Ephesians.

b. The gift of tongues was speaking in a _____ (recognizable), _____
language _____ the learning process. (2:4-12)

c. This is the _____ instance of the gift of tongues in the Book of Acts, yet _____ of
people were still getting saved.

d. _____ in Scripture are Christians admonished to _____ a baptism of the
Holy Spirit, or to speak in tongues, but we are commanded to be _____ with the
Spirit. (Eph. 5:18)

8. Paul went on with his teaching ministry in Ephesus, he "*spoke boldly for three months,*
_____ *and* _____" in the synagogue. (v. 8)

9. As was typical, there were those who would _____ believe, and they were causing
_____, so Paul began teaching with a group of disciples "*reasoning daily in the*
school of Tyrannus" for the next _____ years. (vv. 9-10)

* What can you personally apply from this passage today?