

Ephesus (Part II): Paul in Ephesus — Lessons on Salvation and Revival

Acts 19: 01–20

1 *Paul arrived in Ephesus, but missed Apollos*

2 *The lessons on salvation*

a. Salvation necessitates full belief and receiving the Holy Spirit

1) The incomplete belief of twelve disciples

2) The complete instruction given them

3) Their obedience in baptism

4) Their reception of the Holy Spirit

5) Their number

b. Salvation necessitates a decision: Many rejected Christ and refused to believe

c. Salvation necessitates the protection and growth of new converts

3 *The lessons on revival*

a. The Word was preached for two years

1 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples

2 And asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

3 So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied.

4 Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.”

5 On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

7 There were about twelve men in all.

8 Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God.

9 But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus.

10 This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.

<p>b. The extraordinary miracles of God were seen</p> <p>c. The false prophets were exposed</p> <p>d. The fear of God struck men's hearts</p> <p>e. The name of the Lord Jesus was honoured</p> <p>f. The conversion of many took place</p> <p>g. The burning of superstitious scrolls and charms took place</p> <p>h. The Word of God spread widely and grew in power</p>	<p>11 God did extraordinary miracles through Paul,</p> <p>12 So that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.</p> <p>13 Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, "In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out."</p> <p>14 Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this.</p> <p>15 One day the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?"</p> <p>16 Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.</p> <p>17 When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honour.</p> <p>18 Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds.</p> <p>19 A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas.</p> <p>20 In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.</p>
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