

INPOWERED DISCIPLESHIP

An Inductive Study of the Book of Acts

Pure Discipleship
Acts 18:24 - 19:7

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Focal Passages


➤ **Volunteers needed:**

- ✓ Acts 18:24-28
- ✓ Acts 19:1-7

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**Have you seen
this symbol?**

What does it represent?

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Acts 1:8

“But you will receive **POWER**
when the Holy Spirit has come on you,
and you will be My witnesses in
Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.”

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THE 2ND & 3RD MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

50-52, 53-57 AD

EPHESUS



- ❖ Leading commercial center in Asia Minor – population ~300,000
- ❖ Beautiful city, very sophisticated, wealthy, and pagan.
- ❖ Major religious center – focusing on the worship of Diana (Artemis)
- ❖ Home of the Temple of Artemis, one of the seven wonder of the ancient world – four times the size of the Parthenon in Athens.

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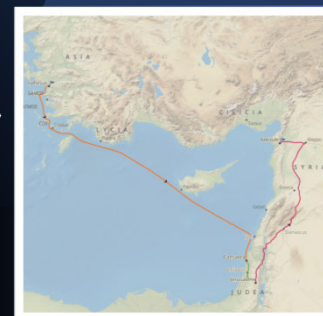
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2nd Missionary Journey Concludes

- Paul sailed from Corinth to Ephesus, with Priscilla and Aquila, where he stayed briefly and debated Jews in the synagogue.
- He left Priscilla and Aquila there in Ephesus and traveled back to Antioch in Syria, after visiting the church in Jerusalem first.
- While Paul was away, a well-educated, eloquent Jew from Alexandria named Apollos arrived in Ephesus.
- Apollos started speaking and teaching passionately about Jesus – but **there was a problem.**

THE INTERLUDE



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Acts 18:24-28

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**Apollos sounds
like the perfect
Christian leader.**

**What's the
problem?**

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Apollos' doctrine regarding Jesus was accurate but deficient.

What was John's baptism?

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Luke 3:16

John answered them all, "**I baptize you with water**, but one who is more powerful than I am is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

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John's baptism symbolized cleansing because of repentance.

Luke 3:2-3

²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, God's word came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the vicinity of the Jordan, **proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,**

See [Week 9: The Ministry of John the Baptist](#) from our study in Luke's Gospel for deeper insight on this topic.

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Additional References

- 1 Cor. 12:13
- Gal. 3:27
- Col. 2:12

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Christian baptism symbolizes union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection by means of Spirit baptism.

Romans 6:3-5

³Or are you unaware that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be in the likeness of his resurrection.

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Acts 19:1-7

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"Into John's baptism," they replied.

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⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began to speak in tongues and to prophesy. ⁷ Now there were about twelve men in all.

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Paul told them that they needed to believe in Jesus to be saved.

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Salvation came only after they believed in Jesus.

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PURE DISCIPLESHIP

- ➔ Head knowledge is insufficient for salvation as shown by Apollos.
- ➔ Baptism alone is insufficient for salvation as shown by the Ephesians.
- ➔ Salvation comes by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone, as Paul wrote to the Ephesians in his letter (Eph. 2:8-9).
- ➔ The power of the indwelling Holy Spirit comes upon all who believe.

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Tenacious Discipleship
Acts 19:8-41

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