

Ephesus, pt. 1
Acts 19:1-12
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1-7 Paul and “Some” Disciples

- Apollos to Corinth; Paul to Ephesus
- Paul meets some disciples... but something isn't quite right.
- Paul begins to probe –
 - Paul: Tell me about the Holy Spirit.
 - Response: Who?
 - See John 7:39.
 - Paul: Tell me about your baptism.
 - Response: John's Baptism.
 - Paul: That was a baptism for repentance.
 - John pointed to one coming after him – Jesus!
 - Response: Baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus!
 - The Holy Spirit came upon them. (3rd occasion!)
- Note: Be careful developing doctrine of the Spirit!
 - Acts – The timing of the gift of the Spirit
 - Given before Baptism – 10:47
 - Given at Baptism – 2:38
 - Given after Baptism – 8:15
 - Key: “It is safe to say that the New Testament does not recognize the possibility of being a Christian apart from possession of the Spirit.”
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8-12 Paul's continuing ministry in Ephesus

- Paul at the Synagogue
 - Reaction: Obstinate, refused to believe, maligned the Way.
 - Paul left them – new place: Tyrannus' lecture hall.
- Lengthy ministry – 2 years
 - Impact: Jews and Greeks all over the province heard
 - Impact: Life change (miracles!)
 - Key: Magic & Superstition

Application:

- Got Jesus?
 - 2 Peter 1:10-11 – Make your calling and election sure.
 - Romans 10:9-10