

Acts 19:1-10 Sermon Notes

Back to Ephesus

Acts 19:1–2 (ESV) And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. ²And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

John 7:39 (ESV) Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

John's Baptism

Acts 19:3–4 (ESV) And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John's baptism.” ⁴And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.”

John's teaching about the Holy Spirit. Matthew 3:11 (ESV) I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Holy Spirit at creation. Genesis 1:2 (ESV) The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Holy Spirit in OT. Psalm 51:11 (ESV) Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Baptism in Jesus' Name- Not the formula for baptism but entrance into the new community of Jesus

Acts 19:5 (ESV) On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 2:38–39 (ESV) And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

Acts 10:48 (ESV) And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

The Holy Spirit and the Ministry of Jesus- These men did not have the Spirit because they didn't have Jesus.

Acts 19:6 (ESV) And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.

The Promise Given- The fullness of Christ's saving work will launch the Holy Spirit's new work. All groups of people on earth will be one in Jesus and receive the fullness of his ministry (culminating in the Spirit-filled obedience). Acts 1:8 (ESV) **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."**

In Jerusalem. Acts 2:2–4 (ESV) And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

In Samaria- Believed, Baptized, Holy Spirit given (the Apostles in Jerusalem confirmed the genuineness of their faith) Acts 8:14–15 (ESV) Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, ¹⁵ who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit,

Ends of the Earth Extensively, in Cornelius a Gentile's house- Believed, Holy Spirit given, Baptized. Acts 10:44–47 (ESV) While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"

Personal fulfillment. Acts 19- The kingdom reaches into the depths of the heart. Believe, Baptized in Jesus, name, Holy Spirit given.

The Ongoing Mission of Word and Spirit

Acts 19:8,10 (ESV) And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God... This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

The Unity of the Holy Spirit and Jesus (along with the Father)- eternally one and always present together.

The Spirit lives to glorify Jesus and fulfill his kingdom work.

John 16:13–14 (ESV) When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Humbly seek the ministry of the Holy Spirit

New City Catechism Q 43. What is baptism? Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.