

Paul in Ephesus

Acts 19

Roughly 52-53 AD

3rd Missionary Journey

Paul came to Ephesus in Acts 18:19-21 and had to leave but would return "if God wills."

For further study: see *Ephesians*; key phrase: "in Christ"

1. Rebaptism – Acts 19:1-12

- 1 – Apollos stays in Corinth; Paul to Ephesus
- 2 – "Have you received the Holy Ghost?"
- 3 – "What were you baptized into?"
- 4 – difference of John's v. Jesus' baptisms
- 5 – effective preaching: heard > baptized
- 6 – miraculous abilities needed
- 7 – about 12 men
- 8 – Paul back in synagogue
- 9 – synagogue wouldn't hear him, goes to school of Tyrannus (higher learning)
- 10 – 2 years time: all in Asia had heard
- 11 – God using Paul
- 12 – casting out spirits; *handkerchiefs?*

2. "Who Are You?" – Acts 19:13-20

- 13 – vagabond Jews tried to be like Paul
- 14 – 7 sons of Sceva, a "priest"
- 15 – spirits: Jesus I know, Paul I know, who are you?
- 16 – spirit leaped in the man
- 17 – point: name of the Lord magnified
- 18 – showed their deeds: baptism
- 19 – true repentance: they burned their books
- 20 – key: God's Word grew & prevailed

3. Rioting – Acts 19:21-41

- 21 – Paul’s goal: go to Jerusalem > Rome
- 22 – in Macedonia Timothy & Erastus minister to him; stays for a season
- 23 – “that way” – the Gospel
- 24 – Demetrius made a living making small statues to Diana [temple in Ephesus]
- 25 – called other craftsmen together
- 26 – all over Asia this man is teaching
- 27 – our craft & the temple in danger
- 28 – full of wrath cried to Diana [*didn’t hear*]
- 29 – whole city in uproar; take Paul’s comp.
- 30 – Paul not allowed into the city
- 31 – don’t go into the theatre
- 32 – all confused; didn’t know why there
- 33 – Alexander was about to speak
- 34 – realize he is a Jew > cried for 2 hours! [*still didn’t hear*]
- 35 – townclerk: everyone knows about Diana
- 36 – ought to be quiet; nothing rash
- 37 – brought these men: not robbers or blasphemers
- 38 – if there is an issue, take it through the law
- 39 – anything else determined in an ordinary fashion
- 40 – we are in danger of being questioned about why we are here
- 41 – they dismissed

Lessons:

1. If you have not been baptized into Jesus Christ your baptism is not the right baptism.
2. We need to repent and remove the things that cause us to sin (burning the books, not going to certain places, etc.).
3. Shouting to an idol does you no good.
4. Everywhere we are, every situation we are in, and everyday we must serve God regardless of circumstances.

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