

Paul's Third Missionary Journey - Part 2

(covers Acts 18:23 - 21:16)

1. **STRENGTHENING** the disciples - Acts 18:23

- a. *And after he had spent some time there, he departed, and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.*

2. **STRAIGHTENING OUT** of Apollos - v.24-28

- a. The **MAN** - "Apollos"
- b. The **CITY** - "Alexandria"
- c. The **DOCTRINE** - "knowing only the baptism of John"
- d. The **CORRECTION** - v.26
- e. The **CONCLUSION** - v.27-28

3. **STRAIGHTENING OUT** of _____ disciples - Acts 19:1-8

a. _____ - v.1-2

- i. Here is proof positive that the book of Acts is one of the most important and confusing books of the New Testament. It is the **TRANSITIONAL** book of the New Testament.
- ii. It's clear based on their response to Paul's question - there are some things "they have NOT HEARD" ...
 1. **Romans 10:14**

b. _____ - v.3

- i. **KEY QUESTION: "Unto _____ were ye baptized?"**
 1. That's still a key question today...are you baptized UNTO salvation? Or are you baptized UNTO obedience AFTER salvation?
- ii. **KEY MINISTRY PRINCIPLE: _____ open the door for _____ and _____**
 1. **Acts 8:30**
- iii. Paul challenged them on the issue of baptism - We saw this last week - Apollos only knew John's baptism.
 1. **Acts 18:25**
 2. **Acts 13:24**
 3. **Matt. 3:11**

c. _____ - v.4-5

- i. John's ministry pointed to _____
- ii. John's ministry propagated _____ on JESUS
 1. **John 3:18**

2. **Romans 10:11**

iii. John's ministry promised the baptism of the _____

1. **Rom. 8:9, Eph. 1:13, 1 Cor. 12:13**

d. _____ - v.6-7

i. _____ of the Holy Spirit in Acts

1. In Acts 2, water baptism was **required**
2. In Acts 8, the laying on of the Apostle's hands **was required** for the Samaritans (they had ALREADY been baptized, but had NOT received the Holy Ghost - Acts 8:16)
3. In Acts 8, the laying on of the Apostles hands was **NOT** required for the Ethiopian Eunuch.
4. In Acts 10, the Gentiles believed the gospel, and received the Holy Ghost **BEFORE** they were baptized - Acts 10:47
5. In Acts 19, the disciples at Ephesus had been baptized with the "baptism of repentance", but had never even heard of the Holy Ghost. Paul preached Christ, baptized them, and laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost - Acts 19:1-7
6. **KEY POINT:** if your DOCTRINE of receiving the Holy Ghost is found outside the Pauline Epistles, you are asking for _____!

ii. Every time _____ appear in the book of Acts, _____ are present

1. **Acts 2:4, Acts 10:46, Acts 19:6**

iii. This was a fulfilment of _____ in Isa. 19:11-12

1. **Isa. 19:11-12**

iv. It is a _____ for the JEWS

1. **1 Corinthians 1:22, 1 Corinthians 14:22**

v. The _____ will give you a sign if you WANT/DEMAND one!

1. **2 Thess. 2:8-9** And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with **all power and signs and lying wonders,**

vi. _____ always is associated with Israel in the Word of God.

1. Jacob (or Israel) had twelve sons, the twelve patriarchs of Israel.
2. Jesus appointed the twelve apostles and prophesied that they would one day sit on the twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

a. **Matt. 19:28**

4. _____ - v.8

- a. _____ - the “negative” ministry of confronting and refuting false teaching
 - i. **Acts 9:29** And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and **disputed against** the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.
 - ii. **Acts 17:17** Therefore **disputed** he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.
- b. _____ - involved the “positive” presentation of the truth.
 - i. **Acts 13:43** Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, **persuaded** them to continue in the grace of God.
 - ii. **Acts 18:4** And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and **persuaded** the Jews and the Greeks.

5. _____ - v.9

- a. The slippery slope of rejecting God’s Word:
 - i. “_____”
 - 1. **Exodus 7:13-14**
 - 2. When you reject God’s Word - your hard becomes HARD
 - 3. **Mark 8:17**
 - ii. “BELIEVED _____”
 - 1. **Acts 28:24**
 - 2. **2 Thessalonians 2:12**
 - iii. “_____ EVIL of THAT WAY”
 - 1. **John 14:6**
 - iv. The Tyrannus (Our Tyrant)
 - 1. The school of Tyrannus was used by Paul as the outreach HQ throughout Asia. Paul’s process was similar to Corinth - go into the Synagogue, SPLIT IT, and then take those believers to continue progressing the ministry in that area.

6. _____ - v.10

- a. **Acts 16:6**