



Decade of Availability Receiving And Giving The Spirit

After a year since he was last in Ephesus, Paul now returns. He would spend over three years ministering to Ephesus and the surrounding area... with amazing results.

A. The Disciples Following the Messiah

1. **Are they believers?** *V.1* Luke always uses the word 'disciples' to refer to those who believe in Jesus the Messiah for salvation.

2. **Have they received?** *V. 2* This is a question that rings true today! Many have trusted in Christ as their savior but have not heard about the Baptism of the Spirit or have been taught that you receive Him when saved. If that were the case—Paul would not be asking the question.

Have you received the Baptism of the Spirit?

B. John the Baptist v. 4 Pointing the Way

1. **What was his baptism?** It was an outward sign (water baptism) of repentance from sin and belief in the coming Messiah (Jesus Christ). (See John's declaration that Jesus would be the one, "...which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost." *John 2:33* The disciples are water baptized again—this time into the present Kingdom of the Messiah.)

C. The Apostle Paul Imparting the Spirit

1. **Laying of hands:** *v. 6* The message of the Gospel is the message of the Kingdom of God and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the power of the Kingdom of God in this age.

D. The Holy Spirit — Giving Power

1. **The Holy Spirit and the believer:** *v. 6*

-All believers are sealed (Sonship) with the Spirit at salvation: *Rom 8:9; 14-16*

-The Baptism of the Spirit is for those who ask: *Luke 11:13*. This baptism is for Kingdom POWER to go into all the world and preach to the lost, pray for the sick and minister the power of the Kingdom. *See Acts 1-2*

E. The Kingdom of God vv. 8-10 Giving the Kingdom!

1. **Paul in Ephesus:** *vv. 8-10* Paul preaches the Kingdom of God to the Jews and then moves to a hall owned by Tyrannus, a Gentile.

2. **The Kingdom come:** The scripture uses two primary terms to describe the Kingdom. 1) *The Kingdom of God* and 2) *The Kingdom of Heaven*. There is significant overlap in their use. However, what Paul is preaching is the Messianic Kingdom—the Kingdom of David and referred to by Jesus in Matthew as the Kingdom of Heaven. This was the 'Kingdom' that was "breaking in" to the history of the world.

3. **The power of the Spirit in the Word and the world:** *v. 10* It was not just Paul who preached—all of the 'baptized-in-the-Spirit' believers shared and lived the message so that ALL in Asia heard the Word.

Acts 19:1-10(KJV)

1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

2 He said unto them, Have ye received the **Holy Ghost** since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any **Holy Ghost**.

3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the **Holy Ghost** came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

7 And all the men were about twelve.

8 And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the **kingdom of God**.

9 But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.