

The Book of Acts Study Notes

CHAPTER 19

Have You Received Since You Believed? (Vs. 1-7)

- ❖ Vs. 1 – Paul found certain disciples – Acts 18: 24-26
 - They followed as far as they were taught and were disciples of John the Baptist (vs. 3)
- ❖ Vs. 2 – Received the Holy Ghost when you believed?
 - Jesus instructions – Mat. 28:19-20
- ❖ Vs. 2 – We haven't heard whether there be any Holy Ghost
 - John's unto repentance – vs. 4; Mat. 3:11, Acts 18:24-26
 - Baptism or Empowering of the Holy Ghost – Acts 8:14-17; Acts 10:44-48

Moving Forward and Seizing the Moment (vs. 8-10)

- ❖ Taught for 3 months before leaving synagogue and teaching at school of Tyrannus when available
- ❖ At Tyrannus school
 - Stayed there for 2 years during mid-day break from work (11am -4pm)
- ➔ We must learn to stop making excuses and seize the moment.

Special Miracles (vs. 11-12)

- ❖ Miracles – dunamis: inherent power; power for performing miracles – Acts 1:8
- ❖ Handkerchiefs and aprons were examples of special miracles and not extent of them – Acts 5:15
 - Handkerchiefs (soudarion – sweat cloths); aprons
 - Used while making tents to support the work of the ministry...
 - ➔ There's power in touching that which is touching Jesus – Mat. 14:36

Uncovering the Phonies (vs. 13-17)

- ❖ There is power in the Name of Jesus because of Jesus – Rom. 10:13; John 16:23-24;
- ❖ There is a realization of power knowing the Name of Jesus – 1 John 5:13-14; Mark 16:17-18
- ❖ Vagabond Jews
 - Traveled around “casting out demons” for hire
 - Custom was to do so in the name of Solomon
 - Amazed when they saw people being delivered at the Name of Jesus
- ❖ 7 sons of one Sceva (Vs. 14)
 - Dad was a chief priest
- ❖ Jesus I know (ginōskō: to know firsthand...)
 - Son of God – 1 Cor. 2:8
- ❖ Paul I know (epistamai: to be acquainted with...)
 - One who made knowing Jesus his priority – Phil. 3:10
- ❖ They tried to use power in pretense – Phil. 1:18; Mark 13:22
- ❖ Vs. 16: The demon possessed overcame the phonies and they left naked and wounded...

Revival Breaks Out (vs. 17-20)

- ❖ When the power of God is manifested through true believers, it provokes faith and repentance
 - Fear fell on them all –
 - The Name of the Lord Jesus was magnified
 - Confession – Mat. 3:6
 - Showed their deeds – Rom. 10:10; Prov. 28:13
 - Used curious arts
 - Brought their books and burned them...
- ❖ Vs. 20: The Word of God grew and prevailed – Acts 6:7; 12:24

An Ephesus Riot – Demetrius (vs. 21-41)

- ❖ Vs. 23: no small stir about that way – Acts 9:2
- ❖ The Way of God will often clash with the ways of the world – Mat. 6:24
 - Vs. 24: Demetrius – silversmith whose business was tied to the false goddess Diana (Artemis)
 - Calls the business group together to oppose Paul – vs. 25-27
 - Vs. 26: there are no gods made with hands – Jer. 10:1-6; 1 Cor. 8:4; Rev. 9:20
- ❖ Vs. 30: Paul prevented from going into the theater
 - ➔ We all need to use wisdom when we take on battles

- ❖ Vs. 33: Alexander the spokesperson