

Series: The Acts of the Apostles: To The End IV

Text: Acts 19:1-10

HI: God Spirit's advances his kingdom.

Title: *The Whole Story*

Hook: Nutshelling

Date: 5.26.24

Purpose: The exhort God's people to engage his mission empowered by His Spirit.

FCF: Like the Ephesian disciples, we may be confused about how to rightly serve God. The grace of Jesus meets us here, offering us the gift of His Spirit as we repent and believe.

COR: There are many teachers and philosophies in our day that can entice us into thinking there is a way to peace with ourselves outside of Jesus. In this text, the ethical teaching of John, the stubbornness of the Jews in the synagogue, and the long-dead philosophy of Tyrannus all try to win a hearing. Only the good news of Jesus wins the day.

Witness of Christ [WC*]: The message of Jesus confronts those trying to meet God without him. Our pursuit of God does not bring us salvation, only his pursuit of us in Christ. Christ alone did all that is necessary for our salvation.

Apologetic: Tyrannus vs. Paul (different message, different results)

Text Tone: Teaching

Preaching Voice: Priestly

Form: Inductive

Call to Worship: Psalm 31:7-8

Benediction: Colossians 1:13-14

Outline:

I. All who trust in Jesus receive the gift of God's Spirit. (1-7)

A. There is ignorance in Ephesus. (1-3)

B. Paul tells the whole story. (4-5)

C. Ephesus gets Pentecost. (6-7)

II. When God's Spirit is at work, his word is proclaimed. (8-10)

A. Paul proclaims the kingdom. (8)

B. The synagogue resists. (9)

C. The mission continues. (10)

Main Idea:

Subject: What did Spirit empowerment produce in Ephesus?

Complement: The extension of God's mission through the proclamation of his word.

Exegetical Idea: Spirit empowerment in Ephesus produced the extension of God's mission through the proclamation of his word.

Theological Idea: When the Lord empowers his people he extends his mission through the proclamation of his word.

Homiletical Idea: God Spirit's advances his kingdom.

Introduction:

READ Acts 19:1-10

19 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." ³And 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." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.

⁷There were about twelve men in all.

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I. All who trust in Jesus receive the gift of God's Spirit. (1-7)

Baptized "into the reality of Jesus as Messiah and Savior" – Eckhard Schnabel

RE-READ vv. 6-7

Standard: Repentance, faith in Jesus, water baptism, the gift of the Spirit.

Special: laying on the hands of an apostle (Paul), tongues and prophesying

READ Acts 19:8-10

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And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 1 Peter 5:8-9

Paul's description of this time: But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries. 1 Corinthians 16:8-9

"Tyrannus" – tyrant, absolute ruler

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