

## **True Baptism**

**Series:** True Spirituality (message 1) **Date:** March 21/22, 2020

Intro

**Acts 18:24-19:7**

Acts 18:24-25

Matthew 3:11

**What gaps do you need to fill?**

Hebrews 5:12-6:1a

Acts 18:26-28

**Build and be built.**

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Acts 19:1-3

**Into what were you baptized?**

Galatians 3:27

Acts 19:5-7

# sermon discussion

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Women's Retreat – May 15-17**

Signups for this year's women's retreat begin this weekend. Text the keyword **WOMEN** to **951-382-5111** to register or get more details or go to [OBWomen.eventbrite.com](http://OBWomen.eventbrite.com)

## RECAP THE SERMON

Discuss the sermon from the weekend. Was there anything new that you learned, anything that confused you or anything that stood out to you?

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. When you were young, who had the most power over your behavior? Why were they so influential, either positively or negatively?
2. **Read Acts 18:24-26.** Aquila and Priscilla played a significant role in the early church Christians mentioned in the book of Acts. What approach did Priscilla and Aquila take to instruct Apollos and help him grow? When have you take the time to help correct or instruct another Christian, or when did someone do that for you? How did their approach (or yours) impact their receptivity? (See also *Ephesians 4:15 & 4:29.*)
3. **Read Acts 19:1-6.** Whose disciples were these people? What is the difference between John's baptism and Christian baptism (see vs 4)?
4. **Read Acts 19:6.** How did the believers in Acts 19 know that they had received the Holy Spirit? What are some of the ways believers can know today? (See also *Acts 2:38, Ephesians 1:13-14, Romans 8:5-14, Galatians 5:13-26, and 1 John 3:24.*)
5. **Read Romans 8:5-14.** What characterizes a person who lives according to the flesh versus according to the Spirit? Why is knowing the constant presence of God's Spirit a powerful deterrent to giving in to the temptations that come with our struggle with sin? How does the Spirit help us fight our battles? Give an example.
6. **Read Acts 19:4-7 & 1 John 3:24.** How does their eagerness to be baptized reveal their faith and the work of the Spirit in them? Do you have a similar eagerness to embrace and obey God's Word in your life when you encounter it? Why or why not?
7. If someone asked you why someone should be baptized, what would you say? Should someone wait a certain length of time before they are baptized?

## MEMORIZE

*"The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them.*

*And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us." 1 John 3:24 NIV*

## PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

**Read Acts 19:11-41.** What stood out to you from this passage? What questions did you have about what you read?