

EMBERS OF REVIVAL - Acts 18:24-19:10

(v.24-28) Many believers have a repentance relationship with God, *they know sin is bad, but they fail to see God is good, a loving benevolent Father!*

(Matthew 7:11) If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

Apollos was teachable. (Philippians 3:12) Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

The biggest room in the world is the room for improvement.

Lesson: *Humility is not weakness; it equips us with authority and power!*
(Jeremiah 12:5) "If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, Then how can you contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, In which you trusted, they wearied you, Then how will you do in the floodplain of the Jordan?"

Humility teaches us how to run!

CHAPTER 19

(v.1-7)

John the Baptist predicted the baptism of the Holy Spirit. **Matthew 3:11.**

Romans 8:9b - Spirit is evidence that we belong to Jesus!

(2 Corinthians 1:21-22) **Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.**

Baptism in Christ is a sign of **dependence**, complete **trust** in His righteousness, rather than our works, to save us!

Holy Spirit is God essential for six reasons:

(1) **Re-birth** – (John 3:7, 8)

(2) **Intimacy** - (Romans 8:15)

(3) **Power** – (Acts 1:8)

(4) **Truth** – (John 16:13)

(5) **Purification** – (Hebrews 2:11)

(6) **Promise** – (Jude 24)

(v.5) (Matthew 5:6) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

After laying hands on them the Holy Spirit came upon them.

(John 14:15-18) "If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever — the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

(v.8-10)

As the world hardens its heart, let us harden our resolve to *follow Jesus!*

Fulfilling the great commission! (Matthew 28:18-20).

(Matthew 7:6) "Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces."

CONCLUSION:

"In almost every case the beginning of new blessing is a new revelation of the character of God--more beautiful, more wonderful, more precious."

Dr. J. Elder Cumming

"Welsh Revival," 1904-1905 in Wales – hallmark prayer, "O Lord, bend us!"

May that be our cry today!

"Go home. Take a piece of chalk. Draw a circle around yourself. Then pray, 'O Lord, revive everything inside this circle.'" (Evangelist Rodney "Gipsy" Smith)

(Psalm 86:10-11) For You are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are God. Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.