



Journey 3, Part 1:

The Strengthening and Spiritual Transformation of the Church

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BIG IDEA: The gospel doesn't just save, it transforms **EVERY PART** of our lives
Acts 18:23

Overview of Acts 18:24-19:20

- The Training Process of Apollos (18:24-28)
 - Apollos is academically advanced but **UNINFORMED** on the gospel
1 Corinthians 15:2-6
 - Priscilla and Aquilla give **CORRECTION** that is ...
Hebrews 3:12-13; Proverbs 9:9
 - **PRIVATE**
 - **GOSPEL-CENTRIC**
 - Critical for the **LONG-TERM**
 - Apollos receives development through ...
Proverbs 19:20
 - **EXPLANATION** from mature mentors
 - **ENCOURAGEMENT** from other disciples
 - RESULT: Apollos "greatly helped those who through grace had believed... showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus" (v. 27-28)
1 Corinthians 3:6-7
- Paul's Strategic Advancement of the Gospel in Ephesus (19:1-10)
 - RESULT: "All the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord" (v. 10)
- True versus False Spirituality (19:11-20)
 - The Sons of Sceva wanted Jesus's **POWER** without His lordship
 - The Ephesian believers **SURRENDERED** to Jesus's lordship
Ephesians 6:12
 - RESULT: "So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily" (v. 20)



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KEEP READING →

WHY does it matter/WHAT does it mean for me?

1. God uses **TEACHABILITY** as part of His training process *Psalm 141:5*
 - Ask:
 - *Am I willing to receive correction (like Apollos)?*
2. Any form of spirituality that treats Jesus as an **ADD-ON** is NOT the gospel *Acts 19:18*
 - Ask:
 - *Am I holding to a form of spirituality that denies Christ or syncretizes faith (like the Sons of Sceva)?*
3. **REPENTANCE** of past sins gives strength and spiritual health *Hebrews 12:1-3*
 - Ask:
 - *Am I willing to get rid of snares in your life (like the Ephesian believers)?*
4. **TRANSFORMATION** is the evidence of salvation *Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 12:1-2; 1 John 2:3-6*

Memory Verse:

Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices.
Acts 19:18 ESV

Recommended Resources:

[Acts Series](#)

[Heart Attitudes: Friendship 101 Series](#)



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My next step today is to...

- Memorize Acts 19:18
- Pray and ask God if there are any sins I need to confess and repent
- Be teachable to Scriptural correction I receive from God and others
- Repent and accept Jesus as my Savior and submit to His Lordship for the first time!
- Go public as a follower of Jesus and get baptized
- Read Acts chapter 18:24-19:20 this week
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Additional Notes:
