

Acts 19:1-7

EMC Wednesday Night Bible Study - 9-13-17

Context

IV. The Apostle to the Gentiles (12:25-21:17)

- A. The first missionary journey (12:25-14:28)
- B. The Council of Jerusalem (15:1-16:5)
- C. Mission in Macedonia (16:6-17:15)
- D. Paul in Athens (17:16-34)
- E. Corinth and Ephesus (18:1-19:41)**
- F. More about Ephesus (20:1-21:17)

Paul in Ephesus - Introduction (19:1a)

- Fulfilling his promise from 18:21
- During his year of absence that Apollos had arrived and then left again for Corinth

Paul and John the Baptist's Followers

(vv. 1b-7)

- V. 1 - "found some disciples" - at least, what they claimed to be.
- Vv. 2-4 - Q&A
- Vv. 5-6 - 2-stage sequence?
 - Revisiting Acts 8 - Samaritans
 - A _____ event
 - Theologically, the Spirit is _____ for new birth
 - The men in Ephesus are disciples, but _____ of Jesus!
 - "We have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit"
 - Cannot mean at all: HS in OT and JtB's ministry
 - They were ignorant of _____
 - The logic of Paul's soteriology: To believe rightly in Christ results in baptism in water and by the HS.
 - Cannot separate faith from baptism
 - Cannot separate water and the Spirit (the sign and the thing signified)
- The norm for Christian experience includes: repentance, faith in Jesus Christ, water baptism, and the gift of the Spirit
 - Laying on of hands/tongue-speaking/prophesying were unique to Samaria and Ephesus
 - Visible and public demonstrations that a particular community was indeed incorporated into the body of Christ by the HS
 - The NT does not universalize this experience

