

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: 16

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP: 57 SUNDAY PM WORSHIP: 15

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 13

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Welcome to the
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Sermon

**Preaching Through Acts – The Template of the Lord’s Church
Part 32**

Gathering Times

Sunday Bible class 9:30 AM Sunday morning worship 10:30 AM

Sunday evening worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible study 7:00 PM

SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Preaching Through Acts – The Template of the Lord’s Church – Part 32

-In 55 A.D., Paul is beginning his third missionary journey after returning to Antioch for likely a year or so. He has passed through the Galatian and Phrygian regions on his way north and is about to run into some "disciples," or "followers of" Jesus from Ephesus. Ephesus was regarded as the second greatest city of the world at this time, behind only Rome, according to the Greek historian Strabo.

Chapter 19 Verse 1

Acts 16:6-7, 18:21 & Matt. 26:39 (Earlier, Paul wanted to go to Ephesus, the major city in Asia Minor, and start spreading the gospel to the east, but that was not God's plan and they instead were directed to go west to Macedonia and Greece. Paul later got the chance to go to Ephesus, but declined, understanding that he would return if and when it was God's will to do so. The time is now right about a year after that, and some 5 years after he originally wanted to go. This is the example of how we should all seek God's will to play out in our lives and do what He desires when He desires.)

Verses 2-3

Acts 16:31-34 & Acts 2:38 & Matt. 28:19 (Paul asks these "followers of Jesus," whom the Bible does not refer to as "Christians" or "brethren" even though they believe and were baptized via submersion, if they received the Holy Spirit when they "believed." A person "believes" at the moment of their baptism, which is why he immediately asks about that. When they say they've never heard of the Holy Spirit, he asks what they were baptized into because this already meant they were not baptized in the right way for the right reason based on what they should have been told for their baptism.)

Verses 4-7

2 Chron. 26:16-21 & Matt. 6:2-3 & Rom. 8:11 & Acts 8:14-17 & Jms. 4:13-14 (These men had done the correct action - full submersion baptism - but for the wrong reason - repentance, instead of forgiveness of sins - and Paul immediately rebaptized them correctly. God has never accepted worship or salvation from someone if it was done in the wrong way, or for the wrong reason. Because these men were not baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit **for the forgiveness of their sins**, they neither had their sins forgiven, nor had the Holy Spirit dwelling within them. Since no one can "feel" either of these things happening, Paul (one of the twelve apostles) laid his hands on them when they were baptized correctly so they could get the audible and visible gifts **from** the Holy Spirit, and could know that they also got the gift **of the Holy Spirit** as well. This is the demonstration forever that if people were baptized in the wrong way, or for the wrong reason, they are not saved, they are not Christians, and they need to be baptized correctly as soon as possible, not knowing when they will perish.)

Verses 8-10

Acts 20:31 (Paul ends up being there for three years total, not only two, and God got the Word to all the people of Asia Minor at the right time when the most people there would accept it.)

Verses 11-17

Philp. 2:10-11 & Luke 10:17 & Mark 5:1-5 (The Name of Jesus does indeed have all power and all authority, but we do not get to wield either of those things through it.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICES ARE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE

- ▶ **Classes and sermons are available on YouTube.**
- ▶ **There is a children’s Bible study during the sermon.**
- ▶ **Make plans to join us for our next potluck following morning worship on Feb 1st!!**

Sermon Scripture References - cont’d:

Casting out demons was a miraculous gift that God had to give people to do, regardless of wielding the Name of Jesus or not. And all miraculous gifts for people have ceased in this time, as have supernatural problems that would require such supernatural solutions. Anyone who claims that demons still inhabit people and/or can still be cast out by people using the Name of Jesus are incorrect and/or lying. Humans do not have access to this power today. When people were possessed in the first century by supernatural demons they could do supernatural things like have super strength to single-handedly subdue seven men at a time, rip apart iron chains, and see the future. No supernatural things accompany people who claim there is a possession today.)

Verses 18-20

2 Chron. 25:5-9 (No cost or spent resources should stop us from changing our ways immediately when we see that we are wrong according to Scripture. God has so much more to offer us than the value of the sinful things that we leave behind, so do not let the "sunk cost fallacy" of already spent resources keep you from doing the right thing immediately.)

Verses 21-22

Acts 1:21-26 (Paul is now going to travel again having completed his work in Ephesus. The fact that he proposed to go such places "in the Spirit" makes it quite possible that he is not making decisions for his own life anymore, but wholly listening to the direction of God's Holy Spirit and going to do the things that He has told him are coming. Christians today can seek God's guidance in their decisions as well, by praying and leaving decisions up to God by drawing lots for His guidance. However, Christians must be sure to not put constraints on God's options (only asking between A & B if C could be "neither/other") and being prepared to do whatever comes from the drawn lot.)

PRAY FOR



Greg & Wanda Mattson’s daughter, Jaime
(recovering from a brain aneurysm)
Gary Bates (recovering from back surgery)
Adrion Osborne (macular degeneration treatments)

Shut-ins: Kathie & Eddie Rose, Wally Dickinson