

Studies in the Acts of the Apostles

NT Survey Lesson 69--Acts 19

Introduction: Paul spent over 2 years in Ephesus. The word grew and prevailed with marvelous results. The impact of truth on idolatry brought the protests of those who made their living selling idols.

Paul preaches in Ephesus--Ac. 19:1-22

1. What was intent of Paul in asking the disciples he found if they had received the Holy Spirit? What later verse confirms this?
2. When the disciples had not heard of the Holy Spirit what did this indicate?
3. Describe the purpose of the baptism of John.
4. What does it mean to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus?
5. How long did Paul work in Ephesus? What were the results?
6. Since Paul preached in a "school" does this authorize the churches to unite together to build and maintain "Christian schools"? Why or why not?
7. Describe how the Holy Spirit's power was working in Paul. How did some seek to use this power and suffer for it?
8. What might we learn from the "book burning" of v. 19?
9. What were Paul's future plans after leaving Ephesus?

Paul plans to go to Jerusalem; Opposition in Ephesus--Ac. 19:23-41

1. What feature of the Way led many of the craftsmen of Ephesus and its environs to be concerned? Why did they not start making images of Jesus and Mary for the Christians to worship instead?

2. Who was the goddess worshipped by the Ephesians? What myth was circulated about her image?

3. What kind of gathering developed from the concern of the merchants? Describe what happened there.

4. What recommendation did the town clerk make to the mob? Why?