

Recap of 5/15/22 message by Joe Ricchuiti – Acts 18:23-19:7

1. This passage illustrates for us the transitional nature of the Book of Acts. For instance, there is no consistent experience of the Baptism of the Spirit, or of speaking in tongues, or of laying on of hands in connection with these in the Book of Acts.

2. The New Testament doctrine of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

-at the moment of salvation, a person is regenerated, indwelt, sealed, and baptized by the Holy Spirit
-the Baptism of the Spirit is simultaneous with, not after, salvation (1 Corinthians 12:13), thus the baptism is not related to any kind of dedication or recommitment or higher commitment on the part of the believer.

-speaking in tongues is **not** the evidence of the baptism of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:29,30)

-there is no evidence in the scripture of anyone seeking the baptism of the Spirit (it happens at the moment of salvation and thus cannot be sought).

3. Aspects of Apollos' ministry which are vital for Bible teachers today:

-he was learned – he had a thorough knowledge of the Scripture and taught accurately

-he was enthusiastic – he was passionate about God and His Word

-he was bold – he boldly presented God's truth

-he was humble – he taught but he was also teachable

4. "[Apollos] was a scholar, orator, and debater, and after his knowledge about Christ was made more complete, God greatly used these gifts to strengthen and encourage the church. Reason is a powerful tool in the right hands and situation. Apollos used it to convince many in Greece of the truth of the gospel. You don't have to turn off your mind when you turn to Christ. If you have an ability in logic or debate, use it to bring others to God." (Life Application Bible)