

Sermon Worksheet, 8/2/09

Passage: Acts 18:1 - 19:7

Theme: I am God's Temple No.10

*Don't you know that
you yourselves are
God's temple and that
God's Spirit lives in
you? (1 Cor 3:16)*



In this drill, we will learn how your faith in Jesus leads you ultimately to **“receiving the Holy Spirit.”**

Observations:

- 1) Pick up the names of major cities that appear in this passage, and find them on your map. Try to find anything about Priscilla and Aquila from this passage—where they came from, what their ethnic origin was, what their occupation was, how they came to meet Paul, etc.
- 2) What do you find about Apollos from this passage? It says, **“He began to speak boldly in the synagogue”** at Ephesus. Can you guess about the style of his preaching, and the content of his teaching? Then, it says that hearing him, Priscilla and Aquila **“explained to him the way of God more adequately.”** Can you guess also what was it that they explained to him?
- 3) When Paul came back to Ephesus, he met some disciples—twelve of them—who had only received **“John’s Baptism,”** so, at Paul’s recommendation, they were **“baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.”** How, do you think, the baptism in/into the name of the Lord Jesus is different from John’s baptism? And how is it connected to **“the receiving of the Holy Spirit (the baptism with the Holy Spirit)”**?

Personal Applications:

- 1) Is believing in Jesus the same as receiving the Holy Spirit? In other words, is it right to say that if you believe in Jesus, you have automatically received the Holy Spirit? Explain this from what you have learned today in this passage.
- 2) What (manifestation) happens when someone **“receives the Holy Spirit”** according to what you find in this passage? What do you need to hear and believe in order **“to receive the Holy Spirit”**? Explain this in connection with the difference between John’s baptism and the baptism in/into the name of the Lord Jesus.
- 3) Do you think it is enough for you to believe in Jesus? If so, why do you think Paul asked these disciples, **“Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”** What made him ask this question? If it is not enough, what is good about receiving the Holy Spirit? You can explain this from your own experiences.

Prayers, and etc.

- 1) Pray that you will come to understand more about the Holy Spirit as your **“another Counselor”** so that you seek and trust him more.
- 2) Pray for your group, and your family that you will gather and pray together more with the unity of faith in the same Holy Spirit.
- 3) Continue to pray for **“everyone”** and **“all the saints”**: especially, for those who have not received the Holy Spirit yet. Pray also for the recent and the future newcomers, and for the coming Summer Bible Camp.