

PRIORITY OF THE SCRIPTURES

The Third Missionary Journey

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Acts 18:24:19:20

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Outline:

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| 1) The Witness to Jerusalem | Acts 1:1-8:3 |
| 2) The Witness to Judea and Samaria | Acts 8:4-12:24 |
| 3) The Witness to the Ends of the Earth | Acts 12:25-21:14 |
| 1 st Missionary Journey | 13:1-14:28 |
| Jerusalem Council | 15:1-35 |
| 2 nd Missionary Journey | 15:36-18:22 |
| 3 rd Missionary Journey | 18:23-21:14 |
| 4) From Jerusalem to Rome | Acts 21:15-28:31 |

Theme of Acts: Acts 1:8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Key Verse: Acts 19:20 So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing.

Theme: The Scriptures powerfully impact people’s lives when the gospel is proclaimed in its entirety, when the gospel is proclaimed comprehensively and when false teachers are exposed publically.

Ephesian Church Plant 18:24-19:41

I. Apollos in Transition 18:24-28

1. Apollos was trained in the Scriptures and taught accurately, but lacked full knowledge of the gospel.
 - a. Born in Alexandria – in Egypt 2nd greatest city in the world after Rome
 - b. Eloquent -- large Jewish population, though native Egypt, reared Jewish
 - c. Mighty in the Scriptures -- well trained in OT
 - d. Instructed in the way of the Lord – God’s spiritual and moral standards
 - e. Fervent in spirit – passionate in presentation
 - f. Teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus up to John the Baptist
2. Priscilla and Aquila discreetly taught Apollos the complete gospel of Jesus.
3. Apollos was called to preach in Achaia and was encouraged and assisted by his church leadership.
4. Apollos relied on the power of the Word of God to help believers and refute error

II. Disciples in Transition

19:1-7

- 1. Paul asks two questions to determine the disciples knowledge of the gospel.**
- 2. Based on their response, Paul explains Jesus' fulfillment of John's message.**
 - a. John's baptism acknowledged their sin and need for repentance**
 - b. Jesus came and accomplished His atonement for their sin.**
- 3. The evidence of their salvation was their desire to be baptized in name of Jesus.**
- 4. God gave evidence of the salvation of these OT saints into the same church having receiving the same Holy Spirit.**

III. Ministry in Ephesus

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- 1. Paul preached the kingdom in the synagogue for three months, until rejected.**
- 2. Paul continued to teach the Scriptures to disciples for two more years.**
- 3. Paul and the disciples evangelized and planted churches throughout Asia**
- 4. God authenticated His messenger by performing extraordinary miracles.**

IV. False Religion Exposed

13-20

- 1. Jewish false leaders tried to counterfeit God's miracles unsuccessfully.**
- 2. All seven of Sceva's sons were humiliated and injured by the possessed man.**
- 3. The exposure of the imposters resulted in the name of Jesus being exalted and led to repentance by those who believed the gospel.**

V. Application

- 1. Believers are to be prepared to present the complete gospel to anyone, even to those who profess to be Christians, as we have opportunity. 1 Peter 3:15**
- 2. The gospel is to be proclaimed comprehensively to all those we can reach.
Matthew 28:19-20**
- 3. Believers are to expose deception by responding with the truth in the Scriptures.
Ephesians 6:13 Ephesians 6:17 Titus 1:9-11**