

Paul's Third Missionary Journey: Ephesus.

I. The Holy Spirit: 18:23-19:10.

In Ephesus, Paul finds some disciples who had no knowledge and power of the Holy Spirit. All they knew was repentance from sins as John the Baptist pointed people to the coming Messiah. They didn't know the Baptism of identifying with the death and resurrection of Jesus.

God is three Persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Father sent the Son effect salvation by death on the Cross, the Son died, rose again and ascended and the Holy Spirit came to live in us until we go home.

The twelve Ephesian disciples are baptized, and receive the Holy Spirit with His gifts (fired up for His purposes, empowered for His service). This is an experience sometimes at salvation or after salvation when the Holy Spirit comes empowers us for everything God wants to accomplish through us.

Acts 1:8 - "But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you..."

John 14:26 - "*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will **teach** you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

John 16:13 - "*However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will **guide** you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

1 Corinthians 12, 14 – ***teaches*** about Spiritual gifts.

Luke 11:13 - "*If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father **give the Holy Spirit** to those who ask Him!"*

"May not a single moment of my life be spent outside the light, love and joy of God's presence and not a moment without the entire surrender of myself as a vessel for Him to fill full of His Spirit and His love." Andrew Murray.

Then he resumed his teaching in the hall of a Gentile teacher named Tyrannus.

II. Miracles: 11-12.

Paul's **handkerchiefs** or "sweat-bands" were a vessel through which God healed people and freed many from demons.

In the same way that the shadow of Peter (**Acts 5:15**) or the hem of Jesus' garment (**Matthew 14:36**) might heal: the item became a point of contact for healing.

We are not told that *Paul* did these unusual miracles, but that **God worked** them **by the hands of Paul**.

Mathew 10:8 - "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

Psalm 30:2 - O LORD my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me.

Psalm 103:1-3 - Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases,

Jeremiah 17:14 - Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise.