

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

BACK TO THE BOOK OF ACTS (BBA)

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PART 38: APOLLOS & THE HOLY SPIRIT

PAUL GOES BACK TO JERUSALEM AND THE TEMPLE

Paul still was preaching the Gospel and working with the churches but his heart was bent on going back to Jerusalem and receiving relief in the temple.
Acts 18:19-23

APOLLOS, THE JEW FROM ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT

Luke does not give us a lot of information about Apollos except that he was born at Alexandria and that he was a Jew. Historical records tell us that he came to Ephesus around 56 A.D., some 23 years after the resurrection of Jesus. Alexandria had a large Jewish population in 16 A.D., with approximately 33% of the people being Jewish.

Since it was the custom of Jews living outside Palestine to travel often to Jerusalem to visit the temple, some of them must have heard John the Baptist and been converted and baptized by him, believing the Messiah was coming shortly.

Apollos must have been a disciple of the followers of John the Baptist and preached repentance and the coming of the Messiah. Here was another man that God had prepared who would become a strong preacher of the Gospel to the people of his time. **verse 24**

Apollos preached repentance and faith in the Messiah but didn't know that the Messiah had already come and that he was known as Jesus from Nazareth.
verse 25; Matthew 3:1-11; Joel 2:27-29

When Aquila and Pricilla heard him speak, they took him aside and instructed him in the full Gospel, that Jesus was the Messiah, and that he had come already. **verse 26**

Once Apollos was born again, he began to preach with great power to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. He then traveled to the Greek province of Achaia and ended up in Corinth where he became a leader in the young Christian church that Paul had founded. **verses 27-28**

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Once Paul had finished visiting the churches he had planted in Asia, he came back to Ephesus and found disciples who most likely had been converted under the preaching of Apollos but never been baptized in the Holy Spirit.



This leads us to a truth that is lost in most Christian churches: **The norm in the apostolic churches was that people were brought to repentance, faith in Jesus as the Messiah, baptized in water *and then baptized in the Holy Spirit!* Acts 19:1-3**

Paul did not hesitate in giving them full instruction, then they were baptized into Christ and with the laying on of hands and finally were baptized in the Holy Spirit. **verses 4-7**

UNDERSTANDING THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. There is a water baptism and a Holy Ghost baptism. **Mark 1:1-8; Luke 3:16**
2. Jesus spoke about it before the cross. **John 7:37-39**
3. Jesus spoke about it after His resurrection. **Acts 1:4-8**
4. It happened time and time again. **Acts 2:1-4; 4:31; 8:14-17**

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

There are nine gifts from the Holy Spirit which are manifested through the believer in Christ as the Holy Spirit sees fit:

1. Wisdom
2. Word of Knowledge
3. Faith
4. Gift of Healing
5. Working of Miracles
6. Prophecy
7. Discerning of Spirits
8. Speaking in Tongues
9. Interpretation of Tongues

All that is required by you is to be available, obedient and live a holy life! The Holy Spirit is in charge of the rest. **1 Corinthians 12:4-31**

It's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?