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Sow Gospel Seeds

Lesson Three • Acts 19:1-7
Sow with Gospel Power

Sowing with Gospel Abandon and Accuracy Requires Gospel **POWER**.

Without the power of the indwelling Spirit, inward fears and outward pressures will cause us to abandon sowing altogether and our gospel accuracy will harden into dead orthodoxy.

The Secret to Sowing with Gospel Power
We need to **RECEIVE** the Spirit to sow with gospel power!

Why Receiving Is Necessary for Sowing

1. We Receive the Spirit to **BE SAVED**. *Acts 19:1-3*

Paul Asks the “Disciples” Two Diagnostic Questions About Their Spiritual Journey

- ❖ Did you receive the Spirit when you believed?

“No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit!”

- ❖ Into what then were you baptized?

“Into John’s baptism.”

Definite Differences Between Apollos and the Twelve “Disciples”

[See Chart]

**In Other Words, These Twelve Men Were
“ALMOST Christians”!**

Are You an “Almost Christian”? Have You Received the Holy Spirit?

“However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. but if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.” Romans 8:9

“So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.” Philippians 2:12-13

2. We Receive the Spirit by **BELIEVING** the Gospel of Jesus.

Acts 19:4-6

Receiving the Spirit by Believing the Gospel

- ❖ **HEAR** the good news about the person and work of Jesus Christ.
- ❖ **REPENT** of your sin and trusting in false gods.
Matthew 3:2; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 13:3, 5; 15:7; Acts 2:37-39; 26:19-20
- ❖ **BELIEVE** the good news about salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ❖ **RECEIVE** the indwelling Spirit the moment you believe in Jesus.
Ephesians 1:13-14; 1Corinthians 12:12-13
- ❖ **IDENTIFY** publicly with Jesus and His church by water baptism.

Transitional Nature of Spirit Baptism in the Book of Acts

[See Chart]

3. We Receive the Spirit to **RELY ON** the Spirit to Sow with Gospel Power. *Acts 1:8; 19:8-20*

Relying on the Spirit to Sow with Gospel Power

- ❖ To bridge the **GAP** to all peoples on mission.
- ❖ To sow with **BOLDNESS** in spite of opposition.
- ❖ To see lives radically **CHANGED** by gospel transformation.

Two Crucial Questions

*Have you received the Spirit or are you an “Almost Christian”?
If you are born again, are you relying on the Spirit to sow with gospel power?*

So Now What? GO SOW with GOSPEL POWER!

Rely on the Spirit as You...

LOOK for evidence of the Spirit working in the lives of others.

ASK questions about their spiritual journey.

SHARE the essentials of the Good News about Jesus and His Spirit.

DISCIPLE those who have become New Creations with the Word & the Spirit.

Definite Differences Between Apollos and the Twelve “Disciples”	
APOLLOS / Acts 18:24-28	TWELVE “DISCIPLES” / Acts 19:1-7
Evidence of the Spirit in His Life <i>Fervent in the Spirit and speaking boldly and accurately with the Scriptures about Jesus being the Christ</i>	Had Not Even Heard of the Spirit <i>Paul seems to notice something (Someone?!) missing and so asks if they had received the Spirit when they believed (no mention of Jesus)</i>
Taught Accurately as Much as He Knew About Jesus Being the Christ	Had the Gospel Preached to Them to Believe in Jesus as the Christ
Was Not Re-baptized <i>Like Jesus’ original disciples who were not re-baptized after John’s Baptism</i>	Were Re-baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus <i>This is the ONLY use of the plural “disciples” without the definite article in the Book of Acts – these men were like disciples but not.</i>
Needed a More Accurate Understanding of Spirit Baptism by Being Taught More Accurately	Needed to Experience Spirit Baptism by Believing in the Lord Jesus
Discipled with Scriptures to Fill Gaps in Gospel Content	Evangelized to Receive the Spirit by Gospel Conversion

Transitional Nature of Spirit Baptism in the Book of Acts			
LOCATION	PEOPLE GROUP	APOSTLES PRESENT & SEQUENCE OF EVENTS	SIGNS GIVEN
JERUSALEM Acts 2:1-13	Jewish Believers	All Apostles Present and God Gives the Spirit Directly <i>Years after John’s Baptism & No Re-baptism</i>	Fire, Wind, Languages & Prophecy
SAMARIA Acts 8:4-25	Samaritan Believers	Peter & John as Apostles to Jews Lay Their Hands <i>After Believer’s Baptism</i>	No Mention <i>But Simon Seems to See and Hear Something</i>
CAESAREA Acts 10:1-11:18 15:6-18	Gentile Believers <i>God-Fearer</i>	Peter Present but God Gives the Spirit Directly the Moment They Believe <i>Before Believer’s Baptism</i>	Languages & Prophecy
EPHESUS Acts 19:1-7	Twelve “Disciples” <i>Jewish or Gentile?</i>	Paul the Apostle to Gentiles Lays His Hands <i>After Believer’s Baptism</i>	Languages & Prophecy