

Acts 19: 1-2

SUBJECT: Have You  
Received The Holy Spirit?

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Acts 19:1-7

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The error wrought by the KJV James translation  
"since" added, as though "second blessing" subsequent  
to believe

The actual text:

πνεῦμα ἅγιον ἐλάβετε πιστεύοντες  
PNEUMATA HAGION ELABETE PISTEUSANTES  
ἐλάβετε - 3rd aorist ind. act. ἴδμε βάνω - to receive  
LAMBANO

- a point in time = "did you receive"  
which point in time?

πιστεύοντες - 1st aorist participle when you believe  
"having believed at  
that point in time"

Tr. "Coincidental with believing, did you receive  
the Holy Spirit?"

- of <sup>VERBAL</sup> mental translation I John 3:9
- of Textus Receptor editors, m<sup>h</sup> 16, 9ff. - much harder
- of GND, etc, the 3rd aorist "second blessing"  
MOST DAMAGING

They were not born again, for to be born again is to be born of the Spirit. John 3:3, 5  
Romans 8:9, 16

No mistaking it. No man can mistake fire.  
Fire is the way out of hell, but not feel warmth, not burn  
may faint it, (a little remedy in cold... people faint for  
not warm flesh by a fainted canvas.

The secret of the resurrection - fire, light, or sun. A flame  
- fire - the lambent flames of heaven  
- become my subject  
- fire, the sun, the  
- the Spirit has come, all, here.  
we have but to open our hearts to Jesus,  
let them have us all, or



(4) The presence of W.S. makes for life, light, victory, joy, force  
The absence of W.S. makes for death, decay, barrenness, failure

- i. The savior, meetings
- One experience: as spirit was present } what a difference!  
of entering the Kingdom of God
  - Others under the same distribution in meetings  
of disciples before Pentecost, on later days, Thomas doubtfully  
after "I believe", "I believe", "I believe", "I believe", "I believe"
  - This place: rather see it as a work than see it as a work for a  
dead, higher, spiritual, perfecting congregation.  
dearly dull. splendidly unspiritual

ii. One individual view  
"You believe in Jesus?" } Call me Jesus, fine, high, life

It is without methodism  
genuine - passion  
down - dynamic  
a name to die but dead  
transmission with power, but not feel the response, thus  
cold intellectualism, dry theology or doctrinal  
difference between a cadaver & a living, big body

○ We may be reasoners  
debaters  
methodists  
evangelists,  
evangelists,  
intellectually

} but the fine, living, the H.S.  
& the soul.

"I never feel like shouting."  
Don't you mind you well?  
(at Thomas, "I never see answers here")  
"But don't you mind you well?"

○ One vs. God, religion, not an argument, but a passion, fine, flesh  
& system, but a ~~spiritual~~ savior  
... evangelist, but a Savior, a man of God  
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The Disciples of John  
The Baptized

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Acts 19:2 "Have ye received the Holy Spirit since ye believed?"

## THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Paul in Ephesus discovers a dozen men. Something about this assembly made him ask this question - "Have ye received the gift...?" This answer like a true observation of our modern people, if we answered truthfully, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Spirit." You would think that answer true? so many churches, members, people.

Is there any pertinency in that question? Let us begin with our own

### EXPERIENCE.

"The Spirit was present" } what a vast, vast difference.  
"The Spirit was gone" }

- Sonic, meeting, tracks, preacher.
- like life and death. He lives! spirit is here. He is gone. "departed."
- like auburn and blossom of reason. Titusville. Commence of good. threatened by air flows: frozen fact.

### SCRIPTURE make the same distinction, too.

#### Without the Spirit.

- pre-pentecost disciples. Faithing with Thomas. Tired to carry.
- <sup>Sampson</sup> Saul, when spirit left him. (not lost. Presence & power of God withdrawn)
- seven sons of Sceva. Ananias & Sapphira when spirit withdrawn his suggestion, they died.

#### With the Spirit

- disciples at Pentecost.
- Peter in Acts 2:4, 14; 4:8; he & all 4:31
- Stephen Acts 6:10

of the Holy Spirit  
Exp. map

THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE DEARTH OF THE SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES

We do not want it that way.

To be dead - dead to God, His Kingdom, His work

To be powerless - unable to pray, work, win souls.

God does not want it that way.

John 4:6 'not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.  
Rev. 11:4 he that is with me: the Spirit and the bride say.

John 2:28-29

Mark 3:11

Acts 1:5

1 Th. 11:9-13

HOW MAY WE HAVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Acts 2:38; 5:32; 1 Th. 11:13

1. Repentance 2:38
2. Open, public discipleship of Christ. Baptism. 2:38
3. Prayer. 1 Th. 11:13; Acts 1:14; 4:31; 8:15
4. Obedience, yielding of will. Surrendered. 5:32

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Acts 19:1-7

## The Disciples of John the Baptist

A most <sup>unusual</sup> difficult passage.

- (1) Disciples of John the Baptist - a generation after the death of the Baptist (30 years). So far from the Jordan River: Apollon in Alexandria, then 12 in Ephesus.
- (2) The baptizing of John. The only baptizing Jesus has, against qualification (along with the resurrection testimony). Yet here....

A startling fact: A John the Baptist movement continued alongside the Christian movement.

- (1) The quarrel over baptizing. Jn. 7: 22. His disciples jealous...
- (2) The attack upon Jesus about baptizing Mt. 2: 18. Mk 5: 23
- (3) After John's imprisonment, his disciples cling together, were permitted by Herod to visit their master. His incarceration lessens none of his prophetic prestige. His death did not obscure his influence and power. Mt. 6: 18; Mt. 21: 25.
- (4) The movement spreads over the Roman world
  - many pilgrims & Jews return to homeland, baptizing of John, to continue the movement.
  - Apollon in Alexandria; then 12 in Ephesus.
  - mentioned in writings of Justin Martyr (d.c. 110 AD.) Hieronymus (c. 30 years later than Justin Martyr).
  - passages in Clementine Homilies and Recognitions (2<sup>d</sup> c.)

(5) The aged Apostle John in Ephesus, careful to write down John's testimony. John 1: 19, 20. [words would fill world - show the way?]

Luke's inclusion of this story: the question of the John the Baptist movement to the XC movement was - his vision in the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>d</sup> c. This story illustrated a method of Paul in dealing with the problem.

(6) Today, about 2,000 souls in Mesopotamia. Call themselves "Mandaeans" - a John Baptist - baptized disciples of John the Baptist

What the <sup>reformation</sup> movement was like. The religion of it...

1. Sever, ascetic.

John the Baptist most in genuine, as if Elijah had stepped out of the O.T. scriptures. His inflexible continence, untempted bread, long flowing hair, uncut for over 30 years hanging in shaggy locks, coarse raiment. His spirit the personification of an O.T. prophet. His message: the judgment of God upon the remnant, the A. of Israel.

Aware of the carnal attitude of Jesus. Marriage feast.

A tremendous appeal to the ascetic minded. Repentance for the worldward. in season of its sign. The law to separate, the fire to burn. Those saved who repent, acknowledge faith to submit to its significance complete separation.

2. It greatly differed.

(1) Apollo.. taught accurately. Ready like John, Peter.. the only baptizing Jesus knew, speaks Jesus. Not an innovator.

(2) These 12. Never heard of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the presence of John. These men disciples of disciples of John the Baptist. Lost its true meaning, message.

Paul looked at them. Signs that stirred his solitude?  
- Severity in face which excited Paul's anxiety. Nothing radiant in the little church. 12 head bowed, 12 faces with us all over with signs of discipline, submission, fear, penitence. Something absent. Not a X? anomaly - the spirit of Jerusalem not in their hearts. No light in the eyes, no feeling of rejoicing, no utterance of praise, no flame of joy. <sup>Some themselves in religious world</sup> <sup>Stale platitudes in their hearts</sup> <sup>lost of substance, want of a saving grace</sup> <sup>yielding</sup> <sup>of themselves</sup>  
- the question. "Did you receive the Holy Spirit...?"  
Departure, good work in mission. Yet to Apostle's true eye, something lacking. A gap yawned before the Apostle's penetrating vision.

As the day-spirit, wrong such replies.. "Never heard..."

But all saving quality - willing to listen, learn - as Apollo, in Corinth

1. The Holy Spirit in Baptism.

(1) They were immersed in water, but meaningless in itself. They still living under the law of works, not under the law of the spirit of life. Jan, whenever O.D. has been made on the bank on the mountain, the Golden Rule. Still shut up in the dark, not knowing it was high noon. Days of the heavenly promise had come, many promises fulfilled, wonderful ministry begun, but they...

(2) The X2 faith identified with the power, movement, presence, of the Holy Spirit. So John the Baptist - "he shall baptize..."  
So Jesus "baptize in the Holy Spirit..." "in name of... H.S."  
So the apostle "received of the H.S...."  
a picture of I Cor. 12:13

A baptism apart from the H.S. is meaningless. Nothing without this. [A person not in Christ. A somebody not a somebody. A spirit not a form. A "He" not an "it".]

(3) What astonishment Paul would have felt if he had heard of the baptism of an infant. Pentecost: "Received of the H.S.?" One has as well read up a letter before it is written as baptizing one who is spiritually a blank.

## 2. The true meaning of Christian baptism.

(1) Paul refused to suffer x, to fall, as Judas had already fallen, into an empty ceremony. No magical power in water. That they were already immersed, in itself, mean nothing at all.

(2) Yet Paul insisted on the strict observance of the ordinance. <sup>all converts baptised in it</sup> Insisted that baptism should be administered to the right person for the right purpose by the right administrator. No faith or good works as the part of them (a man would atone for this in perfect baptism).

(3) Apostolic precedent for the repetition of baptism. No baptism valid unless recipient a true convert of Jesus, regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Really obligatory the re-baptism of all whose baptism defective.  
*very secret - miles.*

(a) Coming to us - your church. baptised as at our church, for the remission (of sins) of sins. Come to us - how is enough to take a bath? No - they not enough to Jesus.

↳ A shadow? same experience? They to baptised.

Clementine Recognitions I, 60

"And, behold, one of the disciples of John asserted that John was the Christ, and not Jesus, <sup>replied</sup> as Jesus himself declared that John was greater than all men and all prophets. 'If, then,' said he, 'he be greater than all, he must be held to be greater than Moses, and than Jesus himself. But if he be the greatest of all, they must be the Christ.'"