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## UNTO WHAT THEN WERE YE BAPTIZED?

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SCRIPTURE READING: **ACTS 19:3-10**

**Acts 19:3**, And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized?  
And they said, Unto John's baptism.

### 1. BACKGROUND

- a. The **Book of Acts** is sometimes called the fifth gospel. **Acts** was written by Dr. Luke and is a continuation of the Gospel of Luke.
- b. The **Book of Acts** is a remarkable book, bridging the gap between the gospels and the epistles.
- c. The last recorded fact about Jesus in the **Book of Matthew** is the resurrection, which is reflected in **Acts Chapter One**.
- d. In the **Gospel of Mark**, the last recorded act of Jesus is the ascension, which is also reflected in **Acts Chapter One**.
- e. In the **Gospel of Luke**, the last recorded fact is the promise of the Holy Spirit, which is reflected in **Acts Chapter One**.
- f. The last recorded fact in the Gospel of John is the Second Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, which is found in **Acts Chapter One**.
- g. The **Book of Acts** is like a busy airport where planes are coming in from four different cities and finally ending up at the Atlanta airport.
- h. The Great Commission is also recorded in the **Book of Acts** where God tells us to go into "all the world" and preach the

Gospel. It appears in all four gospels and is confirmed in the **Book of Acts**.

- i. The **Book of Acts** could be referred to as a ladder on which all the epistles are placed.
- j. It records the birth and official beginning of the church.
- k. The central theme of the **Book of Acts** is found in **Acts 1:8**, which says, *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*
- l. Notice the Holy Spirit comes upon us to give us power to witness for Christ. **Romans 8:9**, *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.* **Acts 1:8**, *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*
- m. The **Book of Acts** can naturally be divided by key verses and chapters.
- n. The first seven chapters of **Acts** record the Lord Jesus Christ at work by the Holy Spirit through the apostles in Jerusalem.
- o. Chapters eight through twelve records the Lord Jesus Christ at work by the Holy Spirit through the apostles in Judea and Samaria.
- p. The remainder of the book is devoted to the Lord Jesus Christ at work by the Holy Spirit through the apostles unto the uttermost parts of the earth.
- q. Dr. Luke focuses on several key things in the **Book of Acts**, which I will briefly summarize.
  - 1. The Lord Jesus now leaves His disciples and changes His headquarters from Capernaum to the right hand of the Father.
  - 2. The Holy Spirit is now given and will indwell every single believer.

3. Jesus emphasizes His power in the church **only as we allow the Holy Spirit to work through us as believers.**
4. Jesus talks about the Church, both visible and invisible, as a new institution comprised as the Bride of Christ and are composed of both Jew and Gentile.
5. The book begins at Jerusalem and ends at Rome, which indicates that the Gospel is to go out to "all the world."
6. Dr. Luke mentions by name one hundred ten people with respect to the **Book of Acts**, which indicates the church had tremendous growth.
7. Dr. Luke focuses on the resurrection, which is the center of all Gospel preaching.
8. Peter's theme on the Day of Pentecost was the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Acts 2:22-24**, *Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: 23: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: 24: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. Acts 2:30-33, Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; 31: He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. 32: This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. 33: Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. With respect to the statement that "his soul was not left in hell, neither did his flesh see corruption" refers*

to his descending in to the paradise side of hell and not the torment side where the unbelieving souls were residing. **Luke 16:26** is very clear that no one could pass from the paradise side to the torment side because of the great gulf that was fixed. **Luke 16:26**, *And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Ephesians 4:8*, *Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. 9: (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 10: He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)*

9. Dr. Luke focuses on two apostles in the **Book of Acts**. They are the Apostle Peter in the first section and the Apostle Paul in the second section.
10. These two apostles were God's spokesmen. Peter to the Jews and Paul to the Gentiles.
- r. There are some key themes in the **Book of Acts**.
  1. God will not ask us to do anything without giving us the provisions to do it to excellence.
  2. Church growth will be continuous and significant, with the Holy Spirit's leadership.
  3. It is impossible to live a successful Christian life apart from the Holy Spirit.
  4. Christians who are obedient to God's leading will have a tremendous opportunity to share Christ.
- s. Let's study the **Book of Acts** as God speaks to us through the Apostle Paul.

## 2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Please refer to the August 5, 2018 Morning Message for the Introduction.

### 3. SEVEN POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

#### h. Unto what then were ye baptized?

1. **Acts 19:3**, *And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.*
2. We must be careful to note that John's Baptism is one of seven baptisms listed in the Bible. I will not attempt to elaborate on the seven, but I will list them for your information and we will study them in the future.
  1. Moses' Baptism
  2. John's Baptism
  3. Jesus' Baptism
  4. The Baptism of Fire
  5. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit
  6. The Baptism of the Cross
  7. Baptism of Believers (Water Baptism)

Of these seven there are only two that is for the Church today. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit which saves us and Water Baptism which does not save but which typifies the death, the burial and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. It is very clear, when we allow the Word of God to speak for itself, we see that these people were not saved.
4. **John's baptism provided no saving grace for salvation.**
5. John's baptism was limited to repentance. **Luke 13:3**, *I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.*
6. I cannot over emphasis that the moment we trust Christ as Saviour, we get justified from all things; past, present, and future sins are all under the blood of Christ. At this very moment we have Salvation of the soul which cannot and does not sin. **1 John 3:9**, *Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*
7. Justification is instantaneous; we do not add to that process or take away from that process. It is all of God.

8. We are regenerated by the Spirit of God; we are baptized into the body of Christ by the Spirit of God, we are indwelled by the Spirit of God and we are sealed by the Spirit of God unto the day of redemption.
9. Truly this is the work of the Holy Ghost and none of these twelve had received the Gospel Message. **1 Corinthians 15:1-4**, *Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2: By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3: For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4: And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:*
10. They respond to the message of Paul and then they became Christians.

**i. Said Paul, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.**

1. **Acts 19:4-5**, *Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5: When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.*
2. The baptism of John was in preparation for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. When John the Baptist walked out on the pages of Scripture, he said that he must decrease, and Christ must increase. **John 3:30**, *He must increase, but I must decrease.*
4. He told them there was a Saviour of the whole world coming and He will sit on the Throne of David and rule and reign for a thousand years.

j. **When Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them.**

1. **Acts 19:6-7**, And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. **7:** And all the men were about twelve.
2. This was a very small company of men; worthy to note, **there were no women present for this occasion.**
3. This was the beginning of the Apostle Paul's ministry in Ephesus.
4. Paul had a great ministry in Corinth and even a greater one here.
5. These are the first twelve to be added to the body of Christ in this locale.
6. I want you notice the Holy Ghost did not come because Paul laid his hand on them, it came because they received the Gospel message. **Ephesians 1:13**, *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Ephesians 4:30, And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*
7. They believed Jesus was the Christ.
8. The Bible is abundantly clear as to how one is to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. **John 1:12**, *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*
9. **Nowhere in Scripture** is there a procedure as to how one learns to speak in an unknown tongue and nowhere does it say an unknown tongue is connected in any way with one's salvation.
10. There is no difference in salvation on that day than salvation in our day.
11. There is no illusion to any unknown tongue. The Word of God says in **Acts 19:10**, *And this continued by the space of*

two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. The Apostle Paul never alluded to an unknown tongue as he dealt with the Philippian Jailer. He related to the Philippian Jailer the only condition of salvation. **Acts 16:30**, *And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?* **31:** *And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.* **32:** *And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.*

12. *The current tongue movement we have, is not concerned about getting the Word of God out to a lost and dying world.*
13. *Their concern is whether you can express yourself in an unknown language. **1 Corinthians 14:4**, He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.*
14. *Nowhere in the aforementioned verse can we find where it says we are dealing with an unknown tongue. A careful analysis of verse 6 states that they "spake with tongues, and prophesied." I believe this to be the same context as on the Day of Pentecost where everyone spoke in their own language "the wonderful works of God." Nowhere in Scripture does it deal with a secret language that is being espoused by the modern-day believer.*
15. *As a matter of fact, as on the day of Pentecost these people were of different dialects. **Acts 2:5**, *And there were dwelling at Jerusalem **Jews**, devout men, **out of every nation under heaven.****
16. *East and West met along that coast.*
17. *It was a great city and these men were able to give the news of Christ to the entire city.*
18. *The purpose of the different languages that were spoken was to get the Gospel Message out to those that needed to hear the Gospel. Notice they **heard** in their **own language** the **wonderful works of God.** **Acts 2:11**, *Cretes**

and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

k. **And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months.**

1. **Acts 19:8, And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months,** *disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.*
2. These people were all about getting the plan of salvation out to a lost and dying world.
3. God has given us the responsibility of getting the Word of God out in our locale.
4. Everyone is not going to believe the Gospel message. **Acts 28:24, *And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.***

l. **But when divers were hardened and believe not he departed from them.**

1. **Acts 19:9, But when divers were hardened, and believed not,** *but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.*
2. Paul spent no time with people who did not want to hear the Gospel Message.
3. **They were not shaken by the fact there were unbelievers in their midst.**
4. We must be very stern in our approach in getting the Gospel out.
5. Regardless of how much people want to drag us through the mud and sand, we do not need to fight back; we must stay steady getting Jesus' message out. Remember God's Word is not on trial: it is forever settled in Heaven! **Psalms 119:89, *For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.***
6. These disciples were disputing daily in the school.

**m. All they which dwelt in Asia heard the Word of the Lord Jesus both Jew and Greeks.**

1. **Acts 19:10**, *And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.*
2. Paul started in the synagogues and would leave when there was great opposition to his message.
3. He spent not a lot of time trying to defend the Word of God.
4. Christians need to never argue over God's Word; we need to accept it as it is.
5. We must believe God's Word and let it soak into our very being. **Psalms 1:2**, *But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.* **Joshua 1:8**, *This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.* **2 Corinthians 4:16**, *For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.*
6. Paul moved his operation to the school where there could be some debate over the Scriptures, but he was a mighty man who preached the Word.
7. He was instant in season and out of season. **2 Timothy 4:2**, *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*
8. These twelve men who came to know Jesus as their personal Saviour were very instrumental in helping to get the Word of God to the whole providence of Asia.
9. They all heard the Word of God; both Jew and Greeks.
10. This tells us right here that **there were people who were there of different languages.**
11. This is the reason why God allowed them to speak in the native tongue.

12. From this school, the Gospel was sounded forth.
13. It went everywhere; Paul had already written to the Colossians and Romans.
14. As a result, the Word of God was permeating every single person.
15. **1 Corinthians 16:7-9**, *For I will not see you now by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit. 8: But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost. 9: For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.*
16. Paul indicates that although the Gospel was sounded out there was still opposition.
17. The seven churches of Asia Minor came into existence through the preaching of Paul the Apostle in this great city of Ephesus.
18. We have attempted to stay with the Word of God today and it has spoken the truth with respect to the question; **"Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?"** and **"they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus"**

#### 4. CONCLUSION

- a. My friend, do you know Christ as your Saviour?
- b. If breath were to leave your body are you sure you would have a home in Heaven?
- c. The Bible says in **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- d. **Romans 3:10**, *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
- e. **1 John 1:9**, *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
- f. **Romans 10:9-10**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

- g. **Matthew 11:28-29**, *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29: Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*
- h. Please stand.

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