

Apollos Was Welcomed and Used by God in Corinth

Acts 18:27, 28 (LEB)

And when he wanted to cross over to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to **welcome** him. When he arrived, he assisted greatly **those who had believed through grace**. For he was vigorously refuting the Jews in public, **demonstrating through the scriptures that the Christ was Jesus**.

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Paul Travels to Ephesus

Acts 19:1 (LEB)

And it happened that while Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the inland regions and came to Ephesus and found some disciples.

- Corinth and Ephesus are key places in Acts
- Paul wrote epistles to Corinth and Ephesus
- Revelation 2:1-7 concerns the church in Ephesus
- Acts 20:17-36 = Paul's message to the elders of the church in Ephesus

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Disciples of John The Baptist Who Had Not Heeded Him

Acts 19:2-3 (LEB)

And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said to him, "But we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit!" And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, "Into the baptism of John."

- Luke 3:15-18 shows that JTB spoke of the Holy Spirit and the coming One

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Disciples of JTB Come to Christ

Acts 19:4-5 (LEB)

And Paul said, "John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people that they should believe in the one who was to come after him—that is, in Jesus." And when they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

- Luke implies that they believed
- They were baptized "into the name"
- Repentance in thematic in Luke/Acts

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Chiastic Structure: Acts 19:1b-7

Paul & Disciples of John the Baptist

- A. Paul finds 'some' disciples (19:1b)
- B. Q & A regarding Holy Spirit (19:2)
- C. Q & A regarding baptism (19:3)
- D. Paul on JTB's baptism & Jesus (19:4)
- C' Disciples baptized into Jesus' name (19:5)
- B' Disciples receive Holy Spirit (19:6)
- A' There are twelve disciples (19:7)

Adapted from Parsons Acts (2008)

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The Holy Spirit Comes Upon Them

Acts 19:6-7 (LEB)

And when Paul laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and they began to speak in tongues and to prophesy. (Now the total number of men was about twelve.)

- This does not prove a "second blessing" experience but conversion
- Joel 2:28 and its Acts 2:16-18 fulfillment are key passages

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