

John the Baptist's Certain Disciples

Acts 19:1-12 Introversion

19. 1–12 (Y, p. 1627). PAUL. MINISTRY AT EPHESUS. (Introversion.)

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v. 1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

v. 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

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

vv. 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.

v. 6 And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

v. 7 And all the men were about twelve.

vv. 8-12 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. 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. 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. ¹¹ And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: ¹² So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

A casual reading of Luke's account regarding Paul's encounter with the certain disciples of John the Baptist would lend to believe that Paul rebaptized the certain disciples. A more careful examination shows otherwise.

Baptismal Authorities Examined:

John the Baptist came baptizing Israel under the authority of the **Lord Jesus**; "Behold, I will send **my messenger**, and **he** shall prepare the way before **me**: and the **Lord**, whom **ye** seek, shall suddenly come to **his** temple, even the **messenger of the covenant**, whom ye delight in: behold, **he** shall come, saith the **LORD of hosts.**" **Mal 3:1 (KJV) (No Holy Ghost).**

Luke is explaining why the **certain disciples** of John hadn't received the **Holy Ghost** and gives the reason being that when '**they**', the **certain disciples** of John were baptized, '**they**' were only baptized in the **name of the Lord Jesus** ... "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.**" **Acts 19:4-5 (KJV) (No Holy Ghost).**

The Apostles' post-resurrection commission was then baptizing the **house of Israel** under the authority of **Jesus Christ** with promise of the **Holy Ghost** ... **Acts 2:36-38 (KJV)** Therefore let **all the house of Israel** know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, **both Lord and Christ.** ³⁷ Now when **they** heard *this*, **they** were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, **what shall we do?** ³⁸ Then Peter said unto **them**, **Repent**, and **be baptized every one of you** in the name of **Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins, and **ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

Philip, not being an apostle and/or the Samaritans not being an Israelite, baptized **only** in the **name of the Lord Jesus** thus necessitating Peter & John to lay hands on (**without rebaptizing**) to receive the **Holy Ghost** "Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: ¹⁶ (**For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**) ¹⁷ Then **laid they their hands on them**, and **they received the Holy Ghost.**" **Acts 8:15-17 (KJV)**

It is also noteworthy to mention that Peter baptized the God-fearing household of Cornelius, only in the **name of the Lord**, **AFTER** having received the **Holy Ghost** ... "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the **Holy Ghost as well as we?** ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be **baptized in the name of the Lord** ..." **Acts 10:47-48 (KJV)**

Paul, being an apostle as were Peter & John, simply laid hands on **John's certain disciples** to receive the **Holy Ghost** ... And when **Paul had laid his hands upon them**, the **Holy Ghost came on them**; and **they** spake with tongues, and prophesied! **Acts 19:6 (KJV).**

Paul, not having been sent to baptize w/water, as were John the Baptist & the Twelve, **never specified an authority!** Paul simply performed the rite on occasion... "For **Christ sent me not to baptize**, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect." **1Cor 1:17 (KJV)**