

Twenty Questions in Ephesus: Acts 19:1-12

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INTRODUCTION

Paul's Arrival in Ephesus and meeting disciples of John (19:1)

Paul and the Disciples of John the Baptist (19:1b-7)

Did they receive Holy Spirit at point of faith? (= did they believe before/after Acts 10?) (2a)

Significance of Paul's First Question:

Timing of belief versus timing of receiving the Holy Spirit in Acts 2

Meaning of Acts 2:36: A call for _____

Meaning of Acts 2:37: People _____

Those needing to receive the Holy Spirit had already _____

Was faith simultaneous with receiving the Holy Spirit in Acts 2? _____

Timing of belief versus timing of receiving the Holy Spirit in Acts 10

In Acts 10:43 Peter urges Cornelius to _____

Before Peter finished his message, Cornelius _____

Was faith simultaneous with receiving the Holy Spirit in Acts 10? _____

Why were things so different in Acts 2–9?

(Restatement) Significance of Paul's First Question (Acts 19:1b)

(Restatement 2) Timing of belief versus timing of receiving the Holy Spirit in Acts 2

(Restatement 3) Timing of belief versus timing of receiving the Holy Spirit in Acts 2

(Restatement 3) Did they receive HS at point of faith? (= was belief before/after Acts 10?) (1b)

Their First Answer: They did not even know if there is a Holy Spirit (2b)

Did they mean that they did not know if the Holy Spirit exists? _____

Illustration: If I told Paul, "I came to Turkey in a jet," would we expect Paul to say,

"I do not know if _____?" _____

Consider the wording of John 7: _____, "The _____ was not yet."

Significance of their answer:

Paul's Second Question: Into what were they baptized? (3a)

Significance of this question: Did they believe before or after _____

Luke 3: _____

Their Second Answer: They were baptized into John's baptism (3b)

Significance of this question: They believed _____

Paul said that John had two messages: repentance (a national message) and faith in the coming Messiah, Jesus (19:4)

After hearing [and believing] this message, they were baptized (19:5)

The twelve men received the Holy Spirit and used their spiritual gifts (19:6-7)

Paul's three-month ministry in the synagogue in Ephesus for three months (19:8-9a)

Paul's two-year ministry in the school of Tyrannus (19:9b-10)

Overview of miracles done through Paul (19:11-12)

Conclusion