

ACTS 19; October 20; Ephesus: Conversions & Uproar

ANALYSIS:

1. What did the 12 disciples at Ephesus lack? _____
2. When some in the synagogue spoke evil of the gospel of Christ, where did Paul continue to teach for two years? _____
3. What kinds of miracles did God work through Paul at Ephesus?

4. What was the public bonfire all about at Ephesus? _____

5. Who was Demetrius and what did he do? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The early disciples of the Lord Jesus were known as people of “this way” (9:2) like Stephen and Philip. The enemies of the gospel of Christ were troubled by converts who lived for Christ according to “that way” (vs 9, 23). Such designations point up the fact that Christians were known and could be identified by the “way” they lived. They lived like true followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. They lived what they professed. Their fruits confirmed their profession. The lives of converts at Ephesus were so changed that the silversmiths worried that a lack of sales of idols of Diana would hurt them financially. Remember Paul's commendation of the church of the Thessalonians who “turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven” (I Thes 1:9-10).

Are you and I living a consistent life of obedience to Jesus Christ? Are we known as people of “that way,” meaning we show forth Biblical “good works” which glorifies our Father in heaven (Mt 5:16)? Have we burned our books and all connections with our past since our conversion? Can you think of anything that should be removed from your life and practice?

HELP:

1. They lacked the filling of the Holy Spirit, which they received after they were baptized in the name of Jesus with Paul laying his hands upon them (vs 2-6).
2. In the school of Tyrannus (vs 9-10).
3. The sick were healed by means of handkerchiefs and aprons from Paul, diseases departed from them, evil spirits went out of them (v 12).
4. Many who used curious arts believed the gospel, confessed their deeds, and burned books worth 50,000 pieces of silver (vs 18-19).
5. Demetrius was a silversmith, who made silver shrines for their goddess Diana. He stirred up the city of Ephesus, creating a riot against gospel preaching (vs 24-29).