

Acts 19:1-27

The Word of the Lord Grew Mightily and Prevailed

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Acts 18:23 After he [*Paul*] had spent some time there [*Antioch of Syria*], he departed [*on his 3rd missionary journey*] and went over the region of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples [*in the churches that were planted during the 1st and 2nd missionary journeys*]. 24 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria [*Egypt*], an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus [*before Paul gets there*]. 25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John [*repentance*]. 26 So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately [*explained how Jesus the Messiah had come, died, rose, ascended*]. 27 And when he desired to cross to Achaia [*Corinth*], the brethren [*in Ephesus*] wrote, exhorting the disciples [*in Corinth*] to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace [*as a result of the preaching of Paul during his 2nd missionary journey*]; 28 for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

Acts 19:1 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus [*Western Turkey today*]. And finding some disciples [*of Apollos before Apollos had been teaching the full gospel*] 2 he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." 3 And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." 4 Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. 7 Now the men were about twelve in all.

*Acts 1:4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be **baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.**" 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 **But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**"*

*1 Cor 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. 28 And God has appointed these [gifts of the Holy Spirit] in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, **varieties of tongues.** 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healings? **Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?** 31 But earnestly desire **the best gifts.** And yet I show you a more excellent way.*

1 Cor 14:1 Pursue love [*1 Corinthians 13*], and desire spiritual gifts, **but especially that you may prophesy**. 2 For he who speaks in a tongue **does not speak to men but to God**, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. 3 But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. 4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. 5 I wish you all spoke with tongues, **but even more that you prophesied**; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

Acts 2:6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. 7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? **Go to verse 11** Cretans and Arabs — **we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.**"

1 Cor 14:12 Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel. 13 Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my **spirit prays**, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. 16 Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit [*in tongues*], how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say? 17 For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified. 18 I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; **19 yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.**

Acts 19:8 And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God. 9 But when some **were hardened** and did not believe, but spoke evil of **the Way** before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. 10 And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. 11 Now God worked **unusual miracles** by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs [*sweat-cloth*] or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them **and the evil spirits went out of them**. 13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches." 14 Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?" 16 Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. 18 And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. 19 Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 **So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.** 21 When these things were accomplished, Paul purposed in the Spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome." 22 So he sent into Macedonia two of those who ministered to him, Timothy and Erastus [treasurer of Corinth – Romans 16:23], but he himself stayed in Asia for a time. 23 And about that time there arose a great commotion about **the Way**. 24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana, brought no small profit to the craftsmen. 25 He called them together with the workers of similar occupation, and said: "Men, you know that we have our prosperity by this trade. 26 Moreover you see and hear that not

only at Ephesus, but throughout almost all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are not gods which are made with hands. 27 So not only is this trade of ours in danger of falling into disrepute, but also the temple of the great goddess Diana may be despised and her magnificence destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worship."