

Study Guide for Feb. 26th, 2006. Have you received the Holy Spirit? Acts 19:1-10.

Introduction: List some people you've known who demonstrated the fruit of the Holy Spirit in their lives. If you knew them before conversion, what changes did you observe?

I. The reception of salvation completed. (Acts 19:1-7)

- A. What has transpired in Ephesus since Paul left (Acts 18:19-21 & 24-26)
- B. Paul finds some men who *appear or profess to be* disciples.
Do you think they were genuine disciples of Christ? Why or why not?
- C. Trace the dialogue by filling in the following blanks.
 - 1) Paul's first question (vs. 2a): "Did you _____ . . . ?"
 - 2) Their answer (vs. 2b): "No, we _____ . . ."
 - 3) Paul's second question (vs. 3a): "Then what baptism did you receive?"
 - 4) Their answer (vs. 3b): _____ . . .
 - 5) Paul's comment (vs. 4): "John's baptism _____"

Now consider. . . What is the link between the Spirit . . . and faith . . . and baptism?

What light is added by Acts 2:38-39, Rom. 8:9, Gal. 3:2, & I John 4:13?

- D. Recall what John said about baptism and the Spirit by summarizing . . .
 - 1) Matt. 3:11
 - 2) John 1:26-33:
 - 3) John 7:37-39:
- E. What happened after these men learned about Jesus? (I assume that Paul made clear Jesus' death, resurrection, ascension and the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost)
- F. Do you think the experience here is normal for every Christian? Why or why not?
- F. Paul warned, "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?" (II Cor. 13:5) How should we apply this warning in light of Acts 19:1-7?

II. The instruction of salvation carried on. (Acts 19:8-10)

- A. How does the response of the Jews in Ephesus compare to other cities Paul visited?
- B. Where does Paul go? . . . What does Paul do? . . . For how long? . . . What resulted?
- C. Reflect on John 16:12-15. How has the Spirit instructed you in your salvation?