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How It Changes Everything!

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Acts 19:1-41 "Holy Spirit Power"

"It doesn't make sense that Almighty God would have children characterized by fear and insecurity. He put His Spirit in us so we could be known for our power." - Francis Chan "Forgotten God"

Acts 1:8; 2 Tim. 1:7; 2 Pet. 1:3

Acts 19:1-10

- What you don't know can hurt you therefore GROW!
V2 (Hosea 4:6; Eph.4:13-14; John 8:31-32; 2Pet3:18)
- Becoming a Christian is an event that involves:
Repentance + Belief in Jesus = Receiving the Holy Spirit. vv4, 6 (John 14:16-17; 1Cor. 3:16; Acts 1:8; Eph.5:18)
- Growing as a Christian is a life long journey that involves: Holy Spirit (v6) + Spiritual Disciplines (vv8-9) + Suffering (James 1:2-4; 1Pet4:12-13) = Discipleship (Spiritual Maturity) (Rom 8:28-29; 1Cor13:4-8; Gal5:22-23)

Acts 19:11-20

- This is not prescriptive but descriptive showing that with God all things are possible. v11 Gr. Unusual (Luke 1:36; James 5:16; Phil. 4:13; Eph. 1:19-20)
- Praying in the name of Jesus is not a magic formula, but a magnificent fellowship with the one whose work on the Cross makes us more than conquerors. Vv13, 17 (Acts 4:12; Phil. 2:9-11; Rom 8:36-39; 1 Cor.15:57-58)
- When we invoke His name and ask for His help and power while we are not enjoying or obeying Him it is using Him as magic formula. vv13-14 (Luke 6:46; Matt. 7:21-23)

- True conversion leads to concrete change and to the eliminating of anything that weighs or entangles us spiritually. Vv17-20 (Eph.4:30 Don't grieve the Holy Spirit. Repent - Seek to please. 1Thess. 5:19 Do not quench the Holy Spirit. Believe - Seek to listen)
- Spirit-Filled hearts are ablaze with the truth of the beauty, splendor and glory of who Jesus is and what He has done that exceeds all competing perspectives, passions and priorities. Acts 19:21-41



Growing

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- 1) "It doesn't make sense that Almighty God would have children characterized by fear and insecurity." What are your thoughts about this quote? Has it ever occurred to you that there could be more to the Christian life than what you are currently living? Yes or No Explain. (Acts 1:8; 2 Tim. 1:7; 2 Pet. 1:3)
- 2) Read Acts 19:1-10. Do you think that ignorance is bliss or can you be hurt by what you don't know? What are the consequences of a failure to grow according to these verses (Hosea 4:6; Eph.4:13-14; John 8:31-32)? What did these disciples not know (v2)? Becoming a Christian is an event that involves what three things?
- 3) Growing as a Christian is a life long journey that involves what three things & how do they work together to bring about Christian maturity? How would you define Christian maturity? (Rom. 8:28-29; 1 Cor. 13:4-8; Gal.5:22-23)
- 4) Read Acts 19:11-20. How are vv11-12 not prescriptive but descriptive showing that with God all things are possible? What does it mean that praying in the name of Jesus is not a magic formula but a magnificent fellowship with the one whose work on the Cross makes us more than conquerors? (Rom 8:36-39)
- 5) What are some ways we can be just like the Seven Sons of Sceva (Luke 6:46; Matt.7:21-23)? What does true conversion lead to (Personal Vv17-20 Cultural vv21-41)? What are some things in your life that you need to eliminate to experience more of God's Holy Spirit Power (Eph.4:30; 1Thess. 5:19)? Make the last point on the sermon notes your prayer for DB.