

“PAUL IN EPHESUS”

1. When and where were you baptized? At the time, what did you understand about baptism?

2. When you first heard of the Holy Spirit, what did you imagine? How has scripture informed that?

3. Why do you think Paul went to Ephesus on his next missionary trip (see 18:19-21)?

4. When Paul arrived in Ephesus, who did he meet? How are they described? What does that mean?

5. Apollos was from Egypt (18:24), and these disciples were about 800 miles from Jerusalem. What does the fact that they were followers of John then Baptist tell you about the extent of his influence? How would their awareness of John be good preparation for them to hear the gospel (see Jn 1:19-34)?

6. Since Paul had to teach these people about Jesus (v.4), they apparently had not heard about him (or at least his atoning work) or the Holy Spirit's outpouring at Pentecost (v.2). From 2:38 and 10:43-44 (as well as this section) what do you learn about the relationship between faith in Jesus and receiving the Spirit?

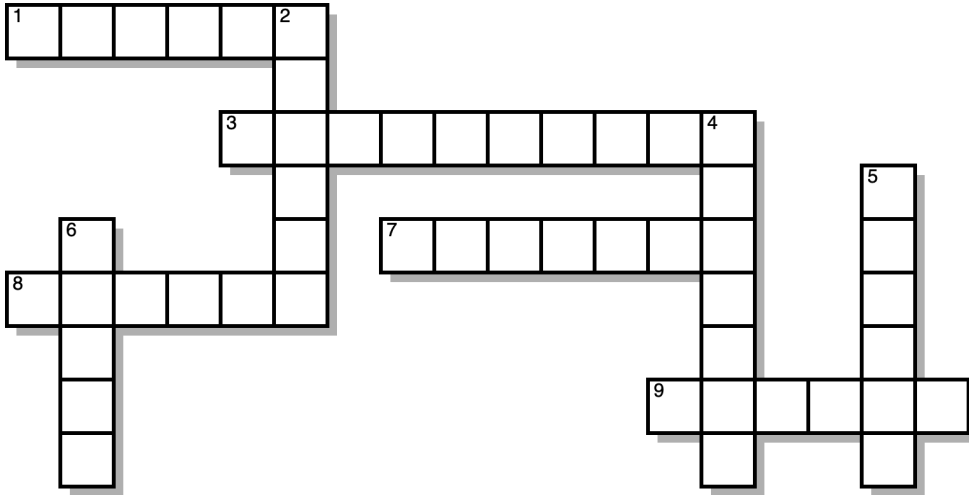
7. Why does the “Transitional” nature of the book of Acts make it not the best place to turn to when studying the how and when of the gift of the Holy Spirit?

8. What is the difference between the Charismatic/Pentecostal belief(s) regarding the Holy Spirit and those in the Wesleyan-Arminian camp (of which our denomination is a part)?

9. What is the Doctrine of Entire Sanctification? What scriptures support it?

10. Note that Paul never explains to them who the Holy Spirit is. Why is that? Where does he point them to?

11. Who do you know that is walking in darkness and needs the Spirit? How can you draw them closer to God?



Across

- 1 "The Spirit himself bears witness with our _____ that we are children of God," (Romans 8:16)
- 3 "John baptized with the baptism of _____"
- 7 Where was Apollos during the events of this story?
- 8 "Or do you not know that your body is a _____ of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?" (1 Corinthians 6:19)
- 9 Ephesus was the capital and leading business center of the Roman province of Asia (part of present-day _____).

Down

- 2 How many disciples did Paul lay hands on in this passage?
- 4 Paul met some unsaved disciples in this city.
- 5 "In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were _____ with the promised Holy Spirit" (Ephesians 1:13)
- 6 Paul baptized these disciples in the name of _____.

WORD SEARCH:

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| Apollos | Sanctification |
| Paul | Peter |
| Disciples | Keys |
| Spirit | Acts |
| John | Corinthians |
| Baptism | Romans |
| Jesus | Ephesians |
| Hands | Fog |
| Tongues | Tozer |
| Prophecying | Moody |
| Charismatic | Blameless |

