

ACTS 19:11-20
PAUL MINISTERS IN EPHESUS
“UNUSUAL MIRACLES, DO IT YOURSELF RELIGION, AND REAL RELIGION”
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I. INTRODUCTION (8-10)

- a. Paul is in Ephesus. He would minister there for 3 years (20:31)
 - i. Taught in the school of Tryannus for 2 years (19:10)
 - ii. Missionaries were sent out most likely founding several of the 7 churches mentioned in Revelation in Asia.

II. “UNUSUAL” MIRACLES (11-12)

- a. GOD is a supernatural being, and our faith is a supernatural faith, but our faith is not a superstitious faith.
- b. “Touch the Hem of His garment” (woman with the issue of blood)
- c. Compare to Paul in Athens. He presented the Gospel with a reasoned presentation appealing to their logic and their reason. He also did it in Ephesus, but in this city full of “dark arts” there was also a demonstration of Spiritual power.
- d. They were called unusual because they were unusual.
- e. Dirty clothes from Paul compared to the white linen used in their worship.

III. “DO IT YOURSELF” RELIGION (13-16)

- a. Vagabond Jewish Exorcists
 - i. Jesus mentioned this in Matthew 12:17
 - ii. The reality of evil and man’s age old attempts to combat it.
 - 1. Good Luck Charms.
 - 2. Trick or Treat
 - iii. God has given us the final solution for evil.
 - 1. *Ephesians 1:15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of*

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you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your [f]understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality[g] and [h]power and [i]might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

2. *Col 2:13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the [i]handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*

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3. *Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the [b]wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of [c]the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;*
4. *Romans 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or*

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nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

iv. “took it upon themselves”

1. The Name of Jesus is not a good luck charm.
2. The Name of Jesus is not a curse word
3. The Name of Jesus is not a way to express shock or disbelief.
4. The Name of Jesus is a name that is above every other name:

a. Phill 2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it [b]robbery to be equal with God, 7 but [c]made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

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10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- v. Jesus I know, Paul I know, but who are you?
 - 1. Does the Devil know you?
 - 2. FB Meyer Quote:
 - a. *“yes and there is the question that was put to me today. ‘Does anyone know of me down in Hell?’ do the devils know about us? Are they scared about us? Are they frightened by us? Or do they turn upon us? When we preach on Sunday, or when we visit in the streets, or take our Sunday School Class, the devil says, ‘I don’t know you, you are not worth my powder and shot; you can go on doing your work, I am not going to upset Hell to stop you.”*
- vi. They were overpowered by the demonic man and chased out of the house.

IV. REAL RELIGION (17-20)

- a. “This become known”
 - i. They heard about something God was doing.
- b. “Fear fell upon them all”

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- i.* There is no revival, no salvation, no peace without repentance and I have yet to find a instance in the scripture where there was repentance until there was conviction.
 - 1. 2:37 *‘cut to the heart’*
 - 2. 2:43 *“fear came upon every soul”*
 - 3. 9:6 *“trembling and astonished, said Lord what would you have me to do?”*
- c.* “Name of the Lord Jesus was magnified”
 - i.* If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me.
 - ii.* Preached Jesus and him crucified
- d.* “Many who had believed, came confessing and telling their deeds.”
- e.* Robert Gibson Testimony. Prisoner.
- f.* “If you still are, what you were, you ain’t”