

ACTS

THE TRIUMPHS OF CHRIST BY HIS SPIRIT THROUGH HIS CHURCH

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Message Title: Christ's Word Confirmed

Message Text: Acts 19:11-20

Introduction:

John 18:38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all.

The people of Ephesus were no different than we are today. It was a wealthy, immoral, pluralistic culture that diligently sought the best life for themselves. They found some form of solace in the worship of their many gods. However, even in the midst of standing up for the worship of their gods, they found themselves full of confusion (32). When Paul arrived, he began to preach Jesus Christ as the only way to have forgiveness and eternal life. The truth of Jesus Christ triumphed over the falsehoods that has shackled Ephesus in spiritual bondage. While this caused a city-wide commotion, it must be observed that God confirmed His truth before a wicked culture and still does.

1. God Confirmed His Truth

with _____ (11-12)

A. They were _____ of God (11)

Acts 19:11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Acts 14:3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

MIRACLE — the manifestation of divine power; something only God can do

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B. They _____ the Gospel (12)

Acts 19:12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

PURPOSE OF MIRACLES — to give clear evidence of the truth of the Gospel.

Hebrews 2:3–4 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; 4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

Isaiah 42:8 I am the Lord: that is my name: And my glory will I not give to another, Neither my praise to graven images.

2. God Confirmed His Truth by _____ Christ (13-17)

A. The _____ of Deliverance (13-16)

Acts 19:13–16 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. 14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? 16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

VAGABOND — to go about; traveling

DEFINITION—EXORCIST: a person who compels evil spirits to leave a person.

NOTE: They used the name of Jesus like a magic formula; “*We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.*”

JESUS I KNOW, AND PAUL I KNOW; BUT WHO ARE YE?

2 Timothy 3:8–9 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. 9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

2 Timothy 4:1–5 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the

truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

B. The _____ of the True Deliverer (17)

Acts 19:17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

THIS — the exposing of the fraudulent

LORD JESUS — Master and Savior

DEFINITION—MAGNIFIED: to increase honor; magnify; to cause something to be held in greater esteem (with oneself or others); conceived of as physically enlarging it.

Philippians 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

3. God Confirmed His Truth with _____ Growth (18-20)

A. The Transforming _____ of Lives (18-19)

Acts 19:18–19 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. 19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

BELIEVED — When they believed on Jesus Christ, they were positionally made new and confessed it.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

SHEWED THEIR DEEDS — describes magical spells and formulas. Giving out these secrets would cause them to lose their power. —BKC

CURIOUS ARTS — magic, witchcraft, their manuals of sorcery. In sorcery, people by the assistance of demons sought to gain power over others (50,000 pieces of silver would equal about \$8,000 - \$10,000)

2 Corinthians 6:14–17 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with

darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

Ephesians 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

See also Ephesians 4 & 5

B. The Sweeping _____ of the Word (20)

Acts 19:20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

DEFINITION—MIGHTILY: controlling power

DEFINITION—GREW: to circulate more; increase; ring out

DEFINITION—PREVAILED: to be able; to be or become sufficient to meet a need or task.

Conclusion

Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: It shall not return unto me void, But it shall accomplish that which I please, And it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Matthew 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Questions to Consider

Have you believed on Jesus Christ like the people of Ephesus?

Have you parted with the things of your old lifestyle?

Are you allowing Jesus to transform your life?

Can you see God using you to circulate His Word in our community?



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