

## Pentecost at Ephesus (Acts 19:1-7)

Verse shows that Apostle Paul met twelve Christians in Ephesus. They were missing something although they believed in Jesus. **Change of Status/ Position “children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. (John 1:13)** We became children of God from worldly - citizenship in kingdom of heaven. After a year and half in Corinth, Apostle Paul sailed to Antioch of Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila. They arrived at Ephesus after traveled throughout the region of Galatia and Phrygia and met one Jew named Apollos. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Bible but knew only the baptism of John, not knowing about Holy Spirit. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained the way of God, baptism of Holy Spirit more adequately. After learned about Holy Spirit, Apollos did many fruit bearing ministries. Paul said in the bible that “I planted the seed, Apollos watered it” **“While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? (Acts 19:1-2)**

Receiving the Holy Spirit is very important to us. No Christianity without Holy Spirit.

**1. Who is Holy Spirit?** God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit trinity. **“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19) “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corin 13:14)** In Old Testament, as Father of God works for four thousand years, in New Testament, as Son of God worked according to prophecy in Old Testament and at the end of his ministry, Jesus emphasized Holy Spirit which will come after resurrection. Without Holy Spirit, we could not say Jesus as our Lord. As we accept, rely on, communicate with Holy Spirit, we will know Father and Son of God.

**“But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you (John 16:7) “On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:4-5)** Disciples of Jesus should be fulfilled by Holy Spirit to testify Gospel. Because they were powerless, helpless even though they followed Jesus for three years and witness to all miracles. We should experience the power of Holy Spirit to live a powerful life. **“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:1-4)**

**2. Receiving Jesus?** Believing Jesus, Son of God who came as flesh, died on the Cross for our sins, accept Jesus as our Lord. **“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God (John 1:12) What means be saved? “So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir. (Galatians 4:7) Because of Jesus on the Cross, We became children of God from slave.**

**- Change of nature “All of us lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:3-5)**

**- Change legal status We became heirs of God’s inheritance. “The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father. (Romans 8:15) Not all saved one has power but only by Marked with a seal in Holy Spirit. In the bible, Paul asked “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? because we will receive power with Holy Spirit. “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)**

**We could know in prayer whether we Received Holy Spirit or not “When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all (Acts 19:6-7)] Changes will be accompanied by receiving Holy Spirit. Speaking tongues is secret language to communicate deeply in God. “For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit. (1Corin 14: 2) “For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful (1Corin 14:14) When our spirit prays in tongues, no one can understand, even Satan does not understand so no one can hinder our prayer. Secret conversation between God and us.**

**When the Holy Spirit comes, Holy Spirit will change our life. “Breath entered them, dry bones came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army (Ezekiel 37: 1-10) Through the blood of Jesus, breath of God entered us to became to life. A strong wind of Holy Spirit made sinner wake up from death to have spiritual life in Jesus. “because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8: 2) We will be under the control of Satan without Holy Spirit. When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it then return when it finds the house unoccupied. (Matthew 12:43-45). We should be under control of Jesus where Satan could not come, be filled by Holy Spirit abundantly.**