

One Hope of Apostle Paul (Acts 19:21-34)

The third mission trip of Paul began at Ephesus. And then at he was arrested and sent to Rome. Two events at Ephesus: **First, baptized by the Holy Spirit.** People in Ephesus experienced being filled by the Holy Spirit and the resulting power; saved but did not experience the power of the Holy Spirit. 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 but amazing works appeared through them. Only a few devoted people to change the world - not by a large number of people.

Second, train intensively a few of people who heard the word of God for two years in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. Many miracles showed and the name of the Jesus was held in high honor and many of those who believed now openly confessed what they had done. The word of God has power and it gives us strength when trained - resulting in revival of our life. **“In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power (Acts 19:20)** Whether we are capable or not does not matter with God. We could achieve amazing work though we are weak when we are held by God (Like the disciples of Jesus)

God wants us to open our eyes (vision) After two years, Paul began to have hope(wish) to visit Rome where it was considered the center of the world in those times. **“After all this had happened, Paul decided to go to Jerusalem, passing through Macedonia and Achaia. “After I have been there,” he said, “I must visit Rome also.” (Acts 19:21)** “Visit Rome“ means Paul began opening his eyes to the world (i.e. he opened his eyes to Jesus in Damascus) God wants us to open our eyes to see and find the vision when we receive the power by 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)**

Power of The Gospel **“About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way (Acts 19:23)** A silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in a lot of business. But Paul has convinced that gods made by human hands are no gods at all. He gathered all workers - related trade, they were furious, soon all city were in an uproar. **“The assembly was in confusion: Some were shouting one thing, some another. Most of the people did not even know why they were there. The Jews in the crowd pushed Alexander to the front, and they shouted instructions to him. He motioned for silence in order to make a defense before the people. But when they realized he was a Jew, they all shouted in unison for about two hours: “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians! (Acts 19:32-34)**

Ministry of Apostle Paul at lecture hall of Tyrannus was powerful to shake the root of that city, that is Spiritual Influence. Spiritual Power of church in Ephesus was great, received compliment as their deeds, hard work and perseverance. But also one thing: in the book of Revelation: “You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. We should not forget Salvation and Grace of God. Suffering could help us to pray, be awake **“It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees. (Psalms 119:71)** Suffering, affliction or grief are not God’s intention but uses these to make us back from bad habit or hesitation in faith. **“For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone. (Lamentations 3:33)** We could realize a lesson from God when we are in affliction.

Discover Purpose/Meaning of existence We will have strength to overcome affliction when we find our purpose in life. No one lives without suffering. However, it will be glory for God when we perform our mission, devote our time for Jesus and focus on purpose of life. What is the purpose of Jesus who came? **“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)** What is the reason for us be called by God? We could enjoy all things but minimize for ourselves and use our capabilities to save other people to believe Jesus. We should realize that we are steward of God in this world so luxury and debauchery are sins to believer.

“Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness (2 Corinthians 9:10) God supplies us two things; food to eat and seed to sow. God gives us youthfulness, times, wealth and abilities. There are two things; to eat as well as to sow. God gives us to eat but also seed to plant for Kingdom of God. We should not eat this seed. As people of God, we should know own purpose of existence, mission in this world. and not waste(devour) seed which given to plant for kingdom of God