

Part II: "Paul Baptizes, Sanctifies, & Ordains A New Twelve In Ephesus!"

Acts 19:1-10

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the Upper Regions (of Phrygia in Asia Minor), came to Ephesus. And finding Some Disciples He said to Them, "Did you Receive the Holy Spirit when You Believed?" So They said to Him, "We have not so much as Heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." And He said to Them, "Into What then were You Baptized?" So They said, "Into John's Baptism." Then Paul said, "John (Baptist) indeed Baptized with a 'Baptism of Repentance', saying to the People that They should Believe on Him Who would come after Him (John the Baptist), that is, on Christ Jesus." When They Heard This, They were Baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had Laid Hands on Them, the Holy Spirit Came Upon Them, and They Spoke with Tongues and Prophesied. Now the Men (Disciples) were about Twelve in All. And He (Paul) went into the Synagogue and Spoke (Rhema) Boldly for three months, Reasoning and Persuading Concerning the Things of the Kingdom of God. But when Some Were Hardened and Did Not Believe, but Spoke Evil of the Way before the Multitude (People), He (Paul) Departed from Them and Withdrew the Disciples, Reasoning Daily in the School of Tyrannus. And this continued for two years, so that All Who dwelt in Asia Heard the Word (Rhema) of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

Acts 19:1-10 (NKJV)

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"How Many Steps Is A Complete Transformation Through Baptism In The Life Of A Christian?"

A

A Two-Part Complete Transformational Baptism

... And when Paul had Laid Hands on Them, the Holy Spirit Came Upon Them, and They Spoke with Tongues and Prophesied ... Acts 19:6

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"Is This A Biblical Teaching From God Or Man?"

A

From God Himself

Jesus Christ Taught A Two-Fold Transformational Process In Baptism

1) Baptism of Repentance By Water (Justification Before God)

For The Complete Forgiveness of Sins & Initial Infilling With The Holy Spirit
To Restore The Likeness of God We Have Lost

By Our Self-Serving & Fallen Intentions, Thoughts, & Actions

2) Baptism of Holiness By Fire (Sanctification In God)

For The Complete Filling With The Indwelling Holy Spirit By Complete Surrender Of Our Will

To Restore The Image of God We Destroyed & Replaced

By Our Self-Indulgence, Self-Occupation, & Self-Worship

Jesus Taught At His Ascension: And being assembled together with Them, He Commanded Them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "Which", He said, "You have Heard (Rhema) From Me; for John (the Baptist) Truly Baptized with Water, but You shall be Baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now!" Therefore, when They had Come Together, They asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this Time Restore the Kingdom to Israel?" And He Said (Rhema) to Them, "It is not for You to know Times or Seasons which the Father has put in His Own Authority. But You Shall Receive Power When the Holy Spirit has Come Upon You; and You Shall Be Witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in All Judea and Samaria, and to the End of the Earth!"

Acts 1:4-8

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“Is This Just An Artifact Of The 1st Century Church & The Original Believers Only?”

A – NO!

**All Christians Are Encouraged To Go Beyond
Our Original Commitment & Repentance To Grow From Faith To Faith & To Be Transformed Daily
By The Process of Progressive Sanctification Toward Complete Holiness!**

Self-Study of Holiness & Sanctification – A Baptism By Fire From Above

Jesus Prayed, *“I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”*

John 17:15-23

Paul Teaches, *“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH!’ ...* **Romans 1:17**

Paul Continues, *“Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.”*

Romans 6:11-13

“And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.” **Romans 6:18-22**

“For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. If then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God, through Jesus Christ our Lord!”

Romans 7:14-25a

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.” ...

...“For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”

Romans 8:1-4

“And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

Romans 8:10-11

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba, Father.’ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”

Romans 8:14-17

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Romans 12:1-2

Paul Instructs, *“But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, Who became for us Wisdom from God, and Righteousness and Sanctification and Redemption, that, as it is written, ‘HE WHO GLORIES, LET HIM GLORY IN THE LORD.’”*

1st Corinthians 1:30-31

“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”

1st Corinthians 6:9-11

“But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.”

1st Corinthians 6:17-20

“Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2nd Corinthians 3:16-18

“Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

2nd Corinthians 7:1

“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.”

Galatians 2:16-21

“I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”

Galatians 5:16-18

“And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

Galatians 5:24-25

“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory... Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the Image of Him who created him!”

Colossians 3:1-4 & 9-10

“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.”

Philippians 1:3-7

“But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ,” ...
... “The righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; But I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind. Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their mind on earthly things. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.”

Philippians 3:7-21

“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.”...

...“You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: ‘MY SON, DO NOT DESPISE THE CHASTENING OF THE LORD, NOR BE DISCOURAGED WHEN YOU ARE REBUKED BY HIM; FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE CHASTENS, AND SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.’ If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore, strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord!”

Hebrews 12:1-14

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.”

1st John 1:7-10

“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, But we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.”

1st John 3:1-10

“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes,”...

... *“though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, Whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls. Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things which angels desire to look into. Therefore, gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, ‘BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY!’ And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, because, ‘ALL FLESH IS AS GRASS, AND ALL THE GLORY OF MAN AS THE FLOWER OF THE GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND ITS FLOWER FALLS AWAY, BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.’ Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.”*

1st Peter 1:1-25

“But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit & belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.”

2nd Thessalonians 2:13-17

“Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. Therefore, he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, Who has also given Us His Holy Spirit.”

1st Thessalonians 4:1-8

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“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.”

1st Thessalonians 5:16-24

Q

“Did Paul Have A Goal In Bringing These Few Believers Along In The Faith & The Holy Spirit?”

A

Paul Had An Intention Of Raising Up A New Set Of 12 # Elders
To Carry On For The Original 12 # Apostles!
... Now the **Men (Disciples)** were about **Twelve in All** ... **Acts 19:7**

Q

“What Does Paul Do Next After Shoring Up The Infant Church In Ephesus?”

A

He Turns To His Own People – God’s Original Chosen People!
... And **He (Paul)** went into the **Synagogue** and **Spoke (Rhema) Boldly** for three months,
Reasoning and **Persuading Concerning the Things of the Kingdom of God** ... **Acts 19:8**

Q

“What Was The Result Of His Preaching, Teaching, & Reasoning?”

A1

Some Believed In Faith

A2

Some Rejected & Actively Persecuted Paul & The Faith
... But when **Some Were Hardened** and **Did Not Believe**, but **Spoke Evil of the Way**
before the **Multitude (People)**, ... **Acts 19:9a**

Q

“What Did Paul Do With The Jewish Believers & His 12 Gentile Elders?”

A

He Withdrew & Found A New Site That Would Allow Him To Continue To Preach, Teach,
& Reason, Daily With Those Who Were Open To The Movement Of God In The Holy Spirit!
... **He (Paul) Departed from Them** and **Withdrew the Disciples**, **Reasoning Daily** in the
School of Tyrannus ... **Acts 19:9b**

Q

“How Long Was Paul Able To Continue His Ministry In Ephesus?”

A

Two More Full Years!
... And this continued for two years, so that **All Who dwelt in Asia Heard the Word (Rhema)**
of the **Lord Jesus**, both **Jews** and **Greeks** ... **Acts 19:10**

*“Let Us As The True People Of God,
Justified, Sanctified, & Growing In The Grace,
& Knowledge Of Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ Daily,
Continue To Teach, Preach, & Reason,
With All Those We Come Into Contact With!”*

*“Let Us His People By The Power Of The Holy Spirit,
Living Within Us & Speaking Through Us,
Reach Out To A World That Is Lost & Broken,
And Bring New Believers To Faith & Life
In Jesus Christ, Our Lord!”*