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*The Importance
of a Clear Gospel*

ACTS 18:24–19:10



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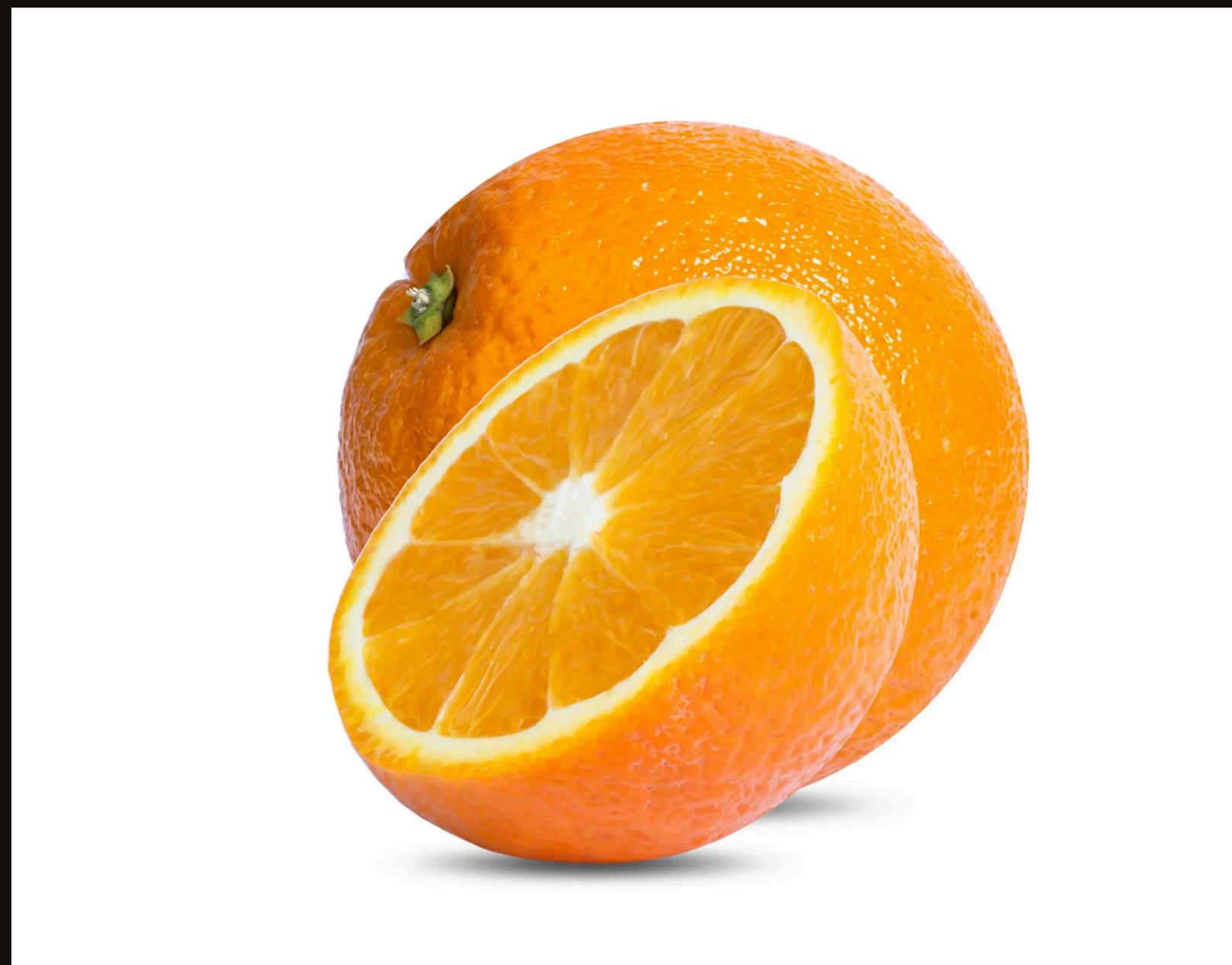
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"24 Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures.25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. 26 He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.27 And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, 28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus."

ACTS 18:24-28

APOLLOS

- **From Alexandria**
- **Great Communicator**
- **Familiar with the Scriptures**
- **Very Passionate**
- **Taught Accurately About Jesus**

“John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance that looked forward to the coming of the promised Messiah, while Christian baptism is a baptism that looks back to the finished work of Christ on the cross and His victorious resurrection. John’s baptism was on “the other side” of Calvary and Pentecost. It was correct for its day, but now that day was ended.”

WARREN W. WIERSBE

ACTS 28:24–28

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*"Jesus said to him, I am **the way, the truth, and the life**. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

JOHN 14:6

ACTS 28:24–28

- 1 They communicated the Gospel **intentionally**.
- 2 They communicated the Gospel **boldly** and **graciously**.
- 3 They communicated the Gospel with **clarity**.

"And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. 2 And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." 3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." 4 And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. 7 There were about twelve men in all."

ACTS 19:1-7

QUESTIONS

- 1 Are tongues or prophecy a necessary sign to evidence the Holy Spirit?**
- 2 Is the Holy Spirit received by the laying on of hands?**
- 3 When does the Holy Spirit indwell the believer?**
- 4 Is baptism of the Spirit a later experience after conversion?**

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TRANSITIONAL PERIOD FOR THE
EARLY CHURCH, NOT THE **FORMULA**
FOR THE CONVERSION EXPERIENCE.

CONVERSION STORIES

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TONGUES & PROPHECY	X				X							X
SPIRIT RECEIVED BY LAYING OF HANDS		X		X								X
ACCOMPANIED WITH BAPTISM	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	X

1 Are tongues or prophecy a necessary sign to evidence the Holy Spirit?

No, tongues and prophecy are not a requirement or evidence of receiving the Spirit.

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2 Is the Holy Spirit received by the laying on of hands?

No, the Spirit is not received only through the laying on of hands.

QUESTIONS

- 3** **When does the Holy Spirit indwell the believer?**
The Spirit permanently indwells the believer the moment of belief.

"13 In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory."

Ephesians 1:13-14

QUESTIONS

- 4** **Is baptism of the Spirit a later experience after conversion? No. There is not a command to be baptized in the Spirit. We are, however, commanded to be filled with the Spirit. This is an ongoing practice whereby we walk in submission and obedience to the Spirit's leading and are empowered to fulfill the work of ministry.**

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INTENTIONALITY

- 1 **Ask** open ended questions.
- 2 **Admire** what you can about their beliefs.
- 3 **Admit** your need for the Gospel.

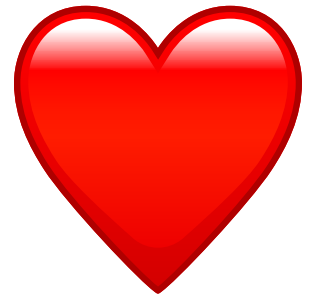
BOLDLY

- 1** The power is in the message, not the messenger.
- 2** Rejection doesn't mean you failed.
- 3** Conversion isn't dependent on you.

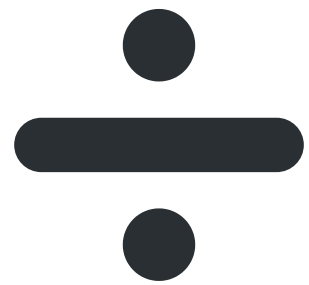
GRACIOUSLY

- 1** You are just one **beggar** showing another **beggar** where to find bread.
- 2** Your **tone** is just as important as the message.
- 3** Not every conversation produces **immediate** converts.

CLARITY



God loves you.



Sin separates you.



Christ died and rose again for you.



Will you trust in Jesus alone for salvation?

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