

CONSISTENT FRUIT

Acts 18:24-26 (HCSB)

24 A Jew named Apollos, a native Alexandrian, an eloquent man who was powerful in the use of the Scriptures, arrived in Ephesus. **25** This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught the things about Jesus accurately, although he knew only John's baptism. **26** He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. After Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him home and explained the way of God to him more accurately.

Acts 19:1-7 (HCSB)

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior regions and came to Ephesus. He found some disciples **2** and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

"No," they told him, "we haven't even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

3 "Then what baptism were you baptized with?" he asked them.

With John's baptism," they replied.

4 Paul said, "John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people that they should believe in the One who would come after him, that is, in Jesus."

5 When they heard 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 to speak in other languages and to prophesy. **7** Now there were about 12 men in all.

Acts 19:11-12 (HCSB)

11 God was performing extraordinary miracles by Paul's hands, **12** so that even facecloths or work aprons that had touched his skin were brought to the sick, and the diseases left them, and the evil spirits came out of them.

Acts 19:17-20 (HCSB)

17 This became known to everyone who lived in Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. Then fear fell on all of them, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. **18** And many who had become believers came confessing and disclosing their practices, **19** while many of those who had practiced magic collected their books and burned them in front of everyone. So they calculated their value and found it to be 50,000 pieces of silver. **20** In this way the Lord's message flourished and prevailed.