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The previous chapter ended saying: After Apollos arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace: because he forcefully refuted the Jews in public, showing through the scriptures that Jesus is the Christ / the Messiah

The Ministry around Corinth continues,

¹ And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus: and found some disciples,

² and he asked them, Did you received the Holy Spirit since you believed? And they said to him, No, we have not even heard there is a Holy Spirit.

³ And he asked them, into what then were you baptized? And they answered, into John's baptism / so they had been dunked in water, but did not receive the Spirit and fire of the Lord.

⁴ Then Paul said, John truly baptized with the baptism of metanoia / of a changed mind; because without a changed mind, there will be no changed heart, saying to the people, that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, Christ Jesus.

⁵ And when they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke in dialects, prophesying.

⁷ And there were about twelve men.

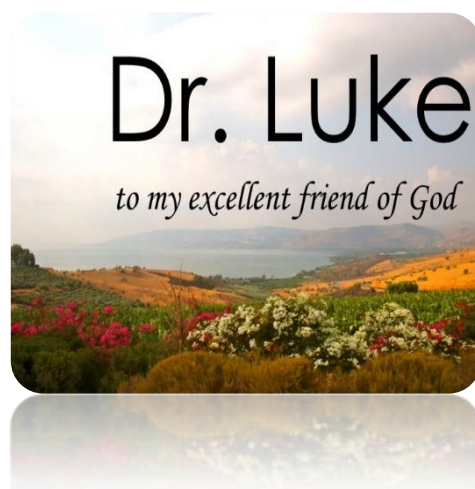
⁸ And he entered the synagogue, speaking boldly for three months, reasoning and trying to persuade about the kingdom of God.

⁹ But when some became hardened, and would not believe, slandering the Way in front of the crowd, he left them, and met separately with the disciples, discussing daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus.

¹⁰ And this continued for two years; so all the inhabitants of Asia – both Jews and Greeks heard the message of the Lord Jesus.

¹¹ And God worked special miracles by the hands of Paul:

¹² so that even scarves and work aprons that toughed his body were brought to the sick and the diseases left them, and the evil spirits / poneros pneuma came out of them.



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¹³ Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists, attempted to speak the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, **We order you by Jesus whom Paul preached.**

¹⁴ And the seven sons of one Sceva, a Jewish chief of the priests, were doing so.

¹⁵ And the evil spirit answered them,

“I know Jesus, and I know Paul; but who are you?”

¹⁶ **Then the man who had the evil spirit, jumped on them, and overpowered them all, and prevailed against them, so that they ran out of that house naked and wounded.**

¹⁷ **And this became known to everyone who lived in Ephesus – both Jews and Greeks; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.**

¹⁸ And many who believed, came and confessed, and disclosed their deeds,

¹⁹ while many who practiced magic, collected their books, and burned them in front of everyone: and they calculated the price of them, and found it 50,000 pieces of silver.

²⁰ **So the word of the Lord grew mightily, and prevailed.**

²¹ After these events ended, Paul resolved in the Spirit, to pass through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome.

²² So after sending two of those who assisted him, Timothy and Erastus to Macedonia; he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

²³ And during that same time **there arose a major disturbance about the Way.**

²⁴ For some guy named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines for Diana, providing great gain to the craftsmen;

²⁵ when he called these together with the workmen of similar trade, he said, Men, you know that our wealth is derived by this craft.



²⁶ You see and hear, that not only in Ephesus, but throughout all Asia, this man Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, **saying that gods made by hand are not gods!**

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²⁷ So not only is our craft in danger to become nothing; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana may be discredited, and her magnificence come to ruin, whom all Asia and the world adore.

²⁸ And when they heard these sayings, they were filled with rage, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

²⁹ And the whole city was filled with confusion: they rushed all together to the amphitheater dragging Gaius and Aristarchus -- men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel.

³⁰ And when Paul wanted to go before the crowd, the disciples did not let him.

³¹ And some of the officials from Asia, who were his friends, sent word to him, asking him that he would not venture into the amphitheater.

³² So some were shouting one thing, and some another: for the assembly was in confusion: and most of them did not know why they were there.

³³ And some of the crowd thought it was Alexander since the Jews put him forward. So Alexander gestured with the hand, and would have made his defense to the people.

³⁴ But when they recognized he was a Jew, a united cry went up from all of them for about two hours, shouting, Great is Artemis of the Ephesians.

³⁵ And after quieting the crowd, the town clerk said, Men of Ephesus, what man is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is guardian of the temple of the great Artemis, and of the image which fell down from heaven?

³⁶ Seeing then these are undeniable, you ought to keep calm, and to do nothing rash.

³⁷ For you have brought here these men, who are not temple robbers, or slanderers of our goddess.

³⁸ So if Demetrius, and the craftsmen who are with him, have a matter against anyone, the courts are in session, and there are proconsuls: let them plead charges against one another.



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³⁹ But if you want something else, it must be determined in a lawful assembly.

⁴⁰ For we are in danger of being accused of a riot this day, since there is no cause whereby we may give an account for this disorderly gathering.

⁴¹ And after he said this, he dismissed the assembly.

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