

THE ACTS

ceive the Holy Spirit when you believed? And they said to him: No: but we did not even hear whether there is a Holy Spirit. 3 And he said: Into what, then, were you baptized? And they replied: Into John's baptism. 4 And Paul said: John baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him that was coming after him, that is, on Jesus. 5 And when they had heard, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus; 6 and when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. 7 And all the men were about twelve.

8 But he entered the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, discoursing, and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. 9 But when some were hardened and believed not, and spoke evil of the way before the multitude, he withdrew from them and separated the disciples, discoursing daily in the school of Tyrannus. 10 And this continued for two years, so that all that dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

11 Mighty deeds, also, that were unusual did God through the hands of Paul; 12 so that even to the sick there were carried from his body handkerchiefs or aprons, and diseases departed from them; the evil spirits also went out. 13 But some also of the wandering Jewish exorcists undertook to name over those that had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying: I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches. 14 And there were some, seven sons

of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did this. 15 But the evil spirit, answering, said to them: Jesus I acknowledge and Paul I know; but who are you? 16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped upon them, gained the mastery over them both, and prevailed against them, so that they fled from that house naked and wounded. 17 And this became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, that dwelt in Ephesus, and fear fell upon them all; and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified: 18 many also of those that had believed came, confessing and declaring their deeds. 19 And many of them that practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the presence of all; and they computed the value of them, and found it fifty thousands of silver.

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

21 But when these things had been accomplished, Paul purposed in spirit, after having passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying: After I have been there I must also see Rome. 22 And having sent into Macedonia two of them that waited on him, Timothy and Erastus, he remained for a time in Asia.

23 But there arose at that time no small commotion about the way. 24 For one, Demetrius by name, a silversmith, by making silver shrines of Diana, brought no little gain to the artists; 25 whom he called together with those that worked in such things, and said: Men, you know that from this trade arises our wealth; 26 and you see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but