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A CHURCH MIGHTY IN THE WORD

Acts 18:23-20:16

The Word and the Holy Spirit...

- What the Bible isn't teaching...
 - After you come to faith in Christ, you need to be _____ by/in/with the Spirit.
- What the Bible is teaching...
 - Baptism by/in/with the Spirit occurs at _____.
 - Questions...
 - But what about Pentecost?
 - Jesus' disciples were living in a time of covenant _____.
 - Regarding Jesus, they understood the _____ covenant (they believed in an ascended Messiah).
 - Regarding the Spirit, they still lived in the _____ covenant (they had an incomplete experience of the Spirit).
 - At Pentecost, disciples with an old covenant experience of the Spirit became disciples with a _____ covenant experience of the Spirit.
 - But what about other "second baptisms" in Acts?
 - None of these experiences _____ "baptism by/in/with the Spirit."
 - The new covenant realization of the Spirit is simply following the advancement of the gospel to new _____ (Acts 1:8).
 - Conclusions...
 - Be _____ in your baptism.
 - Beware of _____-class Christianity.
 - Be _____ in seeking the Spirit!
 - Be biblical in talking about experiences with the Spirit.
 - Look for the _____ of the Spirit.
 - Focus on the _____ of the Spirit.

The Word and Evil Spirits...

- What the Bible isn't teaching...
 - Get training to _____ with demons.
- What the Bible is teaching...
 - There is no direct command in Scripture to do _____ ministry (i.e., cast out demons).
 - Scripture commands us not to have _____ to do with evil spirits or their mediums.
 - Scripture _____ prescribes a strategy for naming or binding evil spirits.
 - There are numerous direct commands in Scripture to do _____ ministry (i.e., call people to salvation).
 - _____ Jesus.
 - _____ of sin.
 - _____ in the Word.

The Word and the World...

- What the Bible isn't teaching...
 - Opposition to the gospel will eventually be _____ in this world.
- What the Bible is teaching...
 - Proclamation of the gospel will always be _____ in this world.

The Word and our Worship...

- What the Bible isn't teaching...
 - You will _____ if you fall asleep in church.
- What the Bible is teaching...
 - When the church gathers, we _____ the Word.
 - When the church scatters, we _____ the Word.
 - Jesus has conquered sin and defeated _____!

The Bottom Line...

We are in the midst of a spiritual _____, and we have _____ been filled with the Holy Spirit to spread God's Word throughout this world, no matter what it _____.



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The Word and the Holy Spirit...

- What the Bible isn't teaching...
 - After you come to faith in Christ, you need to be **baptized** by/in/with the Spirit.
- What the Bible is teaching...
 - Baptism by/in/with the Spirit occurs at **conversion**.
 - Questions...
 - But what about Pentecost?
 - Jesus' disciples were living in a time of covenant **transition**.
 - Regarding Jesus, they understood the **new** covenant (they believed in an ascended Messiah).
 - Regarding the Spirit, they still lived in the **old** covenant (they had an incomplete experience of the Spirit).
 - At Pentecost, disciples with an old covenant experience of the Spirit became disciples with a **new** covenant experience of the Spirit.
 - But what about other "second baptisms" in Acts?
 - None of these experiences **mention** "baptism by/in/with the Spirit."
 - The new covenant realization of the Spirit is simply following the advancement of the gospel to new **territory** (Acts 1:8).
 - Conclusions...
 - Be **confident** in your baptism.
 - Beware of **two**-class Christianity.
 - Be **active** in seeking the Spirit!
 - Be biblical in talking about experiences with the Spirit.
 - Look for the **fruit** of the Spirit.
 - Focus on the **filling** of the Spirit.

The Word and Evil Spirits...

- What the Bible isn't teaching...
 - Get training to **talk** with demons.
- What the Bible is teaching...
 - There is no direct command in Scripture to do **deliverance** ministry (i.e., cast out demons).
 - Scripture commands us not to have **anything** to do with evil spirits or their mediums.
 - Scripture **nowhere** prescribes a strategy for naming or binding evil spirits.
 - There are numerous direct commands in Scripture to do **personal** ministry (i.e., call people to salvation).
 - **Revere** Jesus.
 - **Repent** of sin.
 - **Rest** in the Word.

The Word and the World...

- What the Bible isn't teaching...
 - Opposition to the gospel will eventually be **quieted** in this world.
- What the Bible is teaching...
 - Proclamation of the gospel will always be **challenged** in this world.

The Word and our Worship...

- What the Bible isn't teaching...
 - You will **die** if you fall asleep in church.
- What the Bible is teaching...
 - When the church gathers, we **soak in** the Word.
 - When the church scatters, we **spread** the Word.
 - Jesus has conquered sin and defeated **death**!

The Bottom Line...

We are in the midst of a spiritual **war**, and we have **all** been filled with the Holy Spirit to spread God's Word throughout this world, no matter what it **costs**.