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Text: Acts 19:1-7

Title: Welcome to the Family

Big Idea: God, by his Spirit, is in the business of making one new people for himself from all tongues, tribes, peoples, and nations through faith in Jesus.

THE MAIN ISSUE IS FAITH IN JESUS

Paul's First Diagnostic Question: "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" (v. 2) Why did Paul ask this question? Read Ephesians 1:13-14; Romans 8:9-17; 1 Corinthians 12:1-13. *If they had truly believed in Jesus, they would have received the Holy Spirit.*

Paul's Second Diagnostic Question: "Into what then were you baptized?" (v. 3) What does their answer reveal about their *belief*?

Paul's Prescription: "...believe in the one who was to come after [John the Baptist], that is, Jesus." (v. 4)

The main issue for Paul wasn't getting baptized in the right way or receiving the Holy Spirit. For Paul, the main issue was faith in Jesus.

THE OVERARCHING POINT: GOD MAKING A PEOPLE OUT OF ALL PEOPLE, THROUGH JESUS

Look at these 4 unfolding stories (Compare with Acts 1:8)

Acts 2

Coming of the Spirit (vv. 1-3)
Speaking in Tongues (vv. 4-13)
Repentance & Faith (vv. 37-40)
Baptism (v. 41)
ONLY JEWS

Acts 10

Belief (v. 43; see 11:17)
Holy Spirit falls (vv. 44-45)
Tongues (v. 46)
Baptism (vv. 47-48)
GENTILES

Acts 8

Repentance and Faith (v. 12)
Baptism (v. 12-13, 16)
Received Holy Spirit (v. 17)
SAMARITANS

Acts 19

Repentance-Faith (v. 4)
Baptism (v. 5)
Received Holy Spirit (v. 6)
Tongues (v. 6)
JOHN'S DISCIPLES

God, by his Spirit, is in the business of making one new people for himself from all tongues, tribes, peoples, and nations through faith in Jesus.

Jesus is calling us all into his family

1. *In the end, the one who binds us together and brings us into God's family is Jesus.*
2. *The seal of our adoption into God's family is the Holy Spirit: Ephesians 1:13-14. Romans 8*
3. *The outward mark of God's family is water baptism. Rituals are meaningful, but not magical.*
4. *Speaking in tongues is not a necessary sign of the presence of the Spirit or of faith in Jesus. As far as the Book of Acts goes, speaking in tongues was an ostensible sign of the giving of the Spirit to a new group of people, marking that group's inclusion into the people of God. We do not see it as a universal or necessary sign of the Spirit's presence. As far as it being a spiritual gift for the building up of the body, Paul addresses that most fully in 1 Corinthians 12-14*
5. *God's Family is called to mission. The gift of tongues was less about those experiencing it (like the Apostles), and more about the missional nature of the gospel that draws every tribe, tongue, people, and nation into God's family. So the question for us is: are we joining God on his mission?*