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The Fifth Record of speaking in tongues takes place in Acts 19 where we will be introduced to Apollos, the golden tongued orator, and Acquilla and Pricilla.

We have considered four of the five biblical accounts in the book of Acts dealing with the holy spirit in manifestation. When it comes to the holy spirit field, you can't rely on man's word. You must always ask yourself, what does God's Word say?

Let's begin in Acts 18.

Apollos

(Acts 18:24 KJV) And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

This certain Jew was named Apollos. In the First Century, there were two great centers of learning: Alexan-



dria in Egypt and Antioch in Syria. The message that they understood in Antioch was not as fully understood in Egypt. They didn't have all of the Greek information in Egypt. As well, Apollos was born in Egypt.

Water Baptism

(Acts 18:25 KJV) This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

He was spiritually alive, vital. Being from Egypt, Apollos only knew about water

baptism. What had been given by revelation in Syria had not yet arrived in Egypt. Water baptism is about as far as people go today.

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(Acts 18:26 KJV) And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

Acquilla and Pricilla had been ex-communicated from Rome, and had come to this area in Ephesus. How did they handle Apollos? Did the embarrass him? Not in the least.

'Expounded' means, 'to declare, open up'. What a great man, with two simple Christian believers. They took this great golden tongue orator and loved him by sharing the greatness of the revelation

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that he hadn't yet learned. Apollos must have been a tremendous man. Where today can you get a great preacher who goes home with a disciple to be taught the Word?

(Acts 18:27-28 KJV) And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: {28} For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, showing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

After he had been taught, what was the will of the Lord? Did God want him to go back to Ephesus? No. You can't go beyond what you know. It's not a disgrace to not know something. It's a disgrace to stay ignorant. God had him move on and he went to Corinth.

(Acts 19:1 KJV) And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding

certain disciples,

Verse one begins with 'and'. This is why we started in verse 24. And, in conjunction, Paul went to Ephesus and found certain disciples who only knew water baptism.

(Acts 19:2 KJV) He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy [holy] Ghost [spirit] since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy [holy] Ghost [spirit].

He asked if they had received holy spirit—the gift. The article 'the' isn't present. Some use this example to say that receiving holy spirit is a second work of grace. It isn't a second, third, or hundredth work of grace. The word 'receive' easily clears up any confusion. They had not received into manifestation—lambano. He asked them, 'have you manifested holy spirit since [when] you believed?' Every time people got born again, they manifested. If this did not happen, Peter and John came to find out why. This was the early church. These folks hadn't

been taught about the manifestations. They could go only as far as they were taught.

(Acts 19:3-5 KJV) And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. {4} Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. {5} When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Laying on of Hands

(Acts 19:6 KJV) And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Now we begin to see what Paul did. The laying on of hands was by revelation, identifying Paul with the person that he was ministering to. With the exception of prophecy and tongues with

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interpretation, all other manifestations are involved.

What did they manifest? They spoke in tongues. They had the gift all along, but it was laying dormant in them. This is what happens with church members today. You can't know any more than you are taught. Until believers are taught to manifest holy spirit, they can't do it. All believers can manifest, but not until they are taught. The horn does not sound if you don't press the button. What did they do? They spoke in tongues and prophesied.

(Acts 19:7 KJV) And all the men were about twelve.

It says that there were about 12. Starting with a small number is okay. If they will act on the Word of God, a small group of people can turn the world upside down.

We've studied all five biblical accounts of speaking in tongues. Each is uniquely wonderful. You must go by what the Word says.

The Order for the Church Today

What is the Order for the Church today? That each believer Speak in Tongues.

Summary

We learned from Acts 2: the Apostles were all filled with holy spirit and Spoke in Tongues.

A number of years later, Philip went to Samaria, to people that the Jews disliked. Here Simon the sorcerer got born again. It says that Simon saw. What did Simon see? The New York Yankees, or some Australian hockey team. You know what he saw.

The Apostle Paul got born again on the road to Damascus and a single disciple Ananias laid his hands on Paul. He was physically healed and 1 Corinthians 14:18 says that he spoke in tongues more than the entire first century church.

Some 14 - 18 years later, Simon Peter went to the house of Cornelius. The entire household was waiting to hear the Word of God. They believed and they all, his wife, sons and daughters, spoke in tongues. The entire house, Peter and the six were

astonished. The six just shook because they heard them magnify God. Their speaking in tongues convinced the Jerusalem counsel, nothing else would have done. Look how this thing grew.

When they were instructed more perfectly, the born again believers in Ephesus spoke in tongues.

There are five great records in the Word of God. Four of these states, without any hesitation, that they spoke in tongues. We were told that Simon saw something. What did he see? He saw the manifestation of speaking in tongues.

At the end of the ball game, if you've scored five and the other zero, who wins? You do. What is the order for the church of the body? --that we all speak in tongues. Today, we have commandments of church officials, men. The commandment of the Lord is to speak in tongues. The ability is already within you. You don't have to search anymore. It is in you. You can't curse God when you speak in tongues. You magnify God and speak the wonderful works of God. I'd like for you to love me, I

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love you. But if it is a question of the integrity of the Word, I'll pick the Word. There is only one thing that proves that you are born again, filled with the power of God, and that one thing is speaking in tongues.

Much Love in Christ.

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