

**Series "The Acts Of God"**  
**"Jesus Be Magnified"**  
**Acts 19:8-22**  
**Study-35**

**Acts 19:17** – "and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified."

Magnified – "to overstate importance, to increase in apparent size, to increase in actual size, to increase in importance"

We can't make God bigger or greater than what He already is, but we can be enlarged in our thinking and our perception of God and His greatness! Our thoughts and even the depth of our thoughts of God can become magnified!

- 1. Verses 8-10 – The Gospel Versus The Heart**
- 2. Verses 11-12 – Jesus Versus Disease And Demons**
- 3. Verses 13-17 – Relationship Versus Religion**
- 4. Verses 18-22 – The Gospel Versus The Occult**

**1. Verses 8-10 – The Gospel Versus The Heart:**

Acts 19:8

Acts 18:19-20

Paul returns on his 3<sup>rd</sup> trip Acts 19:1

Ephesus – Literally "Desirable"

Paul Boldly Teaches The Word - "Kept on speaking boldly" for three months,"

"reasoning" – "to say thoroughly, preach to, speak."

Acts 19:9

Hard And Disobedient – "becoming hardened": "the process of continually getting harder"

1 Thessalonians 2:13

"and disobedient," – (Refusal to obey the truth which one knows)

Ongoing Behavior Of A Hardened & Disobedient Heart – "speaking evil of the Way before the multitude,"

The Bible Was Paul's Curriculum – "reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus"; "tyrant, or dictator"

Acts 19:10

Paul Faithfully Taught The Bible – "And this took place for two years,"

## **2. Verses 11-12 – Jesus Versus Disease And Demons:**

Acts 19:11-12

"Handkerchiefs" – literally, "sweat rags" or aprons; Artisan's aprons

Context is the spreading of the Word of God, The Authenticity Of Paul's Message:

The Authenticity Of Paul's Message: God Granted Authority over disease and demons to demonstrate that the Message Was Divine.

## **3. Verses 13-17 – Relationship Versus Religion:**

Acts 19:13

"exorcists" – "one that binds by an oath or spell, conjure"

1 Sam 16:14-16

Matt 12:27

Religion Without a Relationship!

Acts 19:14 – Sceva, The name means "left handed."

Acts 19:15

Spiritual Warfare Must Be Waged Spiritually, Not Physically! By God's People, In God's Way, For God's Glory!

Acts 19:16

Matt 8:28

Physical Problems Associated With Demonic Activity – they were so exceedingly violent

Mark 5:5 – "and gashing himself with stones."

The Failure of Religion – “overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.”

Acts 19:17

This fear was upon all, including the believers.

#### **4. Verses 18-22 – The Gospel Versus The Occult:**

Acts 19:18

Mark Of Conversion Is Faith – “Many also of those who had believed”

Mark Of Conversion Is Confession – “confessing”: (to agree with, to say it is so) and disclosing their practices.

Luke 23:40-43

Acts 19:19

Mark Of Conversion Is Sacrifice – “brought their books together”

When One has Believed, Confessed (Owned up to their sin), They Will Sacrifice, at all cost to put away the wrong.

Mark Of Conversion Is Fruitfulness – Acts 19:20 – “kept growing and gaining in strength”

Verses 21-22 – Paul’s Future Plans:

The Partnership of the (Divine), “Lord Willing” and (Human/Practical) “making plans.”

#### **Application:**

1. Am I Fully Devoting My Ears And My Heart To The Teaching Of God’s Word?
2. The Authenticity Of Paul’s Message: God Granted Authority over disease and demons to demonstrate that the Message Was Divine.
3. Spiritual Warfare Must Be Waged Spiritually, Not Physically. It Is Fought By God’s People, In God’s Way, For God’s Glory.
4. A Genuine Conversion Will Be Manifested Through Faith, Confession, Sacrifice, and Fruitfulness.