

Lessons From Twelve Disciples of Acts 19

Introduction

Acts 19:1-7

1. **There are many great lessons that we can learn from these verses:**

Cannot Be Taught Wrong and Do Right

John 8:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

1. **Error will continue to keep a person in bondage to that error.**
2. **The religious world teaches error on the plan of salvation and many other things.**
 - A. **Error is not right. Righteousness is not error.**
Matthew 7:21-23

There Are Things Which We Must Be Right

1. **We may be confused about some things – However, there are things about which we must be right.**
 - A. **We must be right about the plan of salvation, the church, worship, etc.**
2. **One may not be able to name every book of the Old or New Testament, or Bible names and places.**
 - A. **If one is right about the things essential to salvation, and living a life dedicated to Christ as taught by the Word – that is what really matters.**

Salvation Cannot Be Had Without Christ

1. Let the Bible speak concerning this point:

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Acts 4:12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Must Do All Things In The Name of Jesus

1. "In the name of Jesus" means by His authority – that which He has given/authorized.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Must Be Honest Enough to Change When Shown to Be Wrong

1. Blessed ONLY if we change to do God's will.
2. Those on the day of Pentecost changed (Acts 2)
3. The Eunuch changed
Acts 8:29-39
4. Cornelius changed (Acts 10)

Past Authorizations May Not Be Authorized Today

1. John's Baptism was once authorized

John 4:1-4

Luke 3:3 And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins,

2. The Old Testament with all its statutes and ordinances was once authorized and applicable

A. Sabbath Day

B. Instrumental Music

C. Animal Sacrifices

One Can Be a Disciple (Learner) and Not Learned Enough

1. Many people are life-time disciples and never learn the truth

2 Timothy 3:7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

One Can Be a Believer Without Being Saved

1. In Acts 19, Paul wanted to know if they had received the Holy Spirit since they had believed?

A. Paul did not question the fact that they believed.

John 12:42-43

James 2:19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble!

A Thing Can Be Wrong Without It Stated As Being Wrong

- 1. It did not previous say prior to this time, that John's baptism was wrong.**
 - A. The fact that the old law and all of it's commands were abolished took care of the fact that John's baptism was out-dated.**
- 2. These disciples had not yet learned this truth.**

Sincerity in What One Believes to Be Right Is Not Enough

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

Proverbs 28:26 He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

We May Need Help from Others to Learn the Truth

- 1. True on the Day of Pentecost**
- 2. True with the Eunuch**
- 3. True with Cornelius**
- 4. True with these twelve disciples!**

