

Lesson IX.

PAUL AND APOLLOS

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Acts 18 : 24 to 19 : 6. Study Acts 18 : 18 to 19 : 7—Memory Verses, 4-6.

Golden Text—If ye, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?—Luke 11 : 13.



2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

3 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.

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

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Paul left Corinth, he took with him Aquila and Priscilla and came to another great city called Ephesus.

Here again he went into the Jewish synagogue, preaching that Jesus was the Saviour. But though many of the Ephesians begged him to stay, Paul set out almost at once to be present at one of the great festivals in Jerusalem.

One Sabbath, when Aquila and Priscilla were attending worship in Ephesus, they were much pleased by the preaching of a young man from Alexandria named Apollos.

Now Apollos had learned from his studies of the Old Testament and especially through the teachings of John the Baptist, that the time was near when the Saviour of the

24 And a certain Jew named Apoll'so' born at Alexan'dria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Eph'esus.

25 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.

26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquil'a and Priscill'a had heard, they took him unto *them*, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

27 And when he was disposed to pass into Achai'a, 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, shewing by the scriptures that Je'sus was Christ.

Ch. 19.—1 And it came to pass, that, while Apoll'os was at Cor'inth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts, came to Eph'esus: and finding certain disciples,

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When Aquila and Priscilla saw that he was looking for the Messiah, but did not know that Jesus was He, they took him to their house and from the same scripture explained to him the way of God more fully.

So certainly did Apollos believe that Jesus was the Saviour, that he at once wanted to go to Corinth to carry on the work begun by Paul of preaching the Gospel there. In this Aquila and Priscilla encouraged him, giving him letters of introduction to the Christians in their old home.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul came back to Ephesus, and finding a number of people there who had been earnestly seeking to know more about the Saviour, he asked