

*Living Waters Chapel*  
~ SERMON NOTES ~  
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**SERMON SERIES:** *“The Early Church”*

**SERMON TITLE:** *“Lessons on Salvation and Revival”*

**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 19:1-22

**INTRODUCTION:** Paul’s ministry in Ephesus was dramatic. It was a ministry that focused on salvation and experienced revival. He was a messenger of salvation, so he focused his whole life upon sharing that message with those who were lost, hopeless, and doomed.

The following lessons of salvation must be kept in mind as we share this Good News (vv. 1-9).

- a) Full belief: receiving the Holy Spirit and evidence that the fruit of the Spirit is at work.
- b) Full belief: believing the truth that Jesus is the Son of God.
- c) Full belief: water baptism is the outward sign (change of heart) and the immediate sign of repentance (turn life over to God, obey and live for Him).
  - True faith involves an inward work within the heart.
  - True faith involves true repentance (your behavior follows your belief).
- d) Full belief: the moment of truth—a person will either decide to accept or reject Jesus.
- e) Full belief: ensure the protection and growth of new followers of Jesus.

The following lessons of revival must be kept in mind as lives are changed (vv. 10-20).

- a) The Word of God was preached. They were committed to Jesus, committed to evangelizing the world and committed to actually reaching out to everyone, everywhere that they could.
- b) The special miracles of God were seen by many. These were miracles of God’s Spirit that were not the day-to-day experiences of men, extraordinary miracles that were unusual. They were uncommon and were usually not performed.
- c) The false prophets were exposed. A false prophet will confess Jesus and use His name in their work, but God’s power is not present.
- d) The fear of God struck men’s hearts. They had an awe and reverence of God’s power, an awareness of His power, and expectation of right living before God.
- e) The name of Jesus was held in high honor (when we call upon the name of Jesus, we are calling upon His authority, power, office, nature, and character).
- f) The lives of many were changed.
  - Saving faith is not head knowledge, not just a mental conviction and intellectual acknowledgement.
  - Saving faith is believing in Jesus, who He is and what He is, that He is the Savior and Lord of life.
  - Saving faith is commitment, commitment of one’s whole being and life to Jesus.

**CONCLUSION:** Verses 21 and 22 provide for us a glimpse of Paul’s strategy. His strategy was to evangelize the lost and encourage churches. He challenged other followers of Jesus to do the same. We have an opportunity to share the message of Good News to the lost, hopeless, and doomed as well as encourage followers of Jesus.