

Expectations in **Transition**

part 3

Acts 18:18 - 19:10

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Expect God's Transition Process in Us to Include the Development of These Qualities and Practices:

16. the engagement of religious people who do not focus on <u>J</u> Acts 19:1 And it came about that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper country came to Ephesus, and found some disciples, ² and he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said to him, "No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." ³ And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus."
17. b as a believer 5 And 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 Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying. 7 And there were in all about twelve men.
18. respect and prayer for the J people 8 And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading <i>them</i> about the kingdom of God.
19. the sharing of Jesus wbut not w 9 But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.
20. the sharing of Jesus with w He brings us 10 And this took place for two years, so that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

Some Excerpts from Life in Ephesus

Acts 20:17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church.

- ¹⁸ And when they had come to him, he said to them, "You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time,
- ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews;
- ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house,
- ²¹ solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 20:31 "Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.

- ³² "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build *you* up and to give *you* the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.
- ³³ "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothes.
- ³⁴ "You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my *own* needs and to the men who were with me.
- ³⁵ "In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive."
- ³⁶ And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.
- ³⁷ And they *began* to weep aloud and embraced Paul, and repeatedly kissed him,
- ³⁸ grieving especially over the word which he had spoken, that they should see his face no more. And they were accompanying him to the ship.



- **1 Corinthians 1:1** Paul, called *as* an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,
- ² to the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours:
- ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ⁴ I thank my God always concerning you, for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus.
- ⁵ that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge,
- ⁶ even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you,
- ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,
- ⁸ who shall also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ⁹ God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **1 Corinthians 16:5** But I shall come to you after I go through Macedonia, for I am going through Macedonia;
- ⁶ and perhaps I shall stay with you, or even spend the winter, that you may send me on my way wherever I may go.
- ⁷ For I do not wish to see you now *just* in passing; for I hope to remain with you for some time, if the Lord permits.
- ⁸ But I shall remain in Ephesus until Pentecost;
- ⁹ for a wide door for effective *service* has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.
- ¹⁰ Now if Timothy comes, see that he is with you without cause to be afraid; for he is doing the Lord's work, as I also am.
- ¹¹ Let no one therefore despise him. But send him on his way in peace, so that he may come to me; for I expect him with the brethren.
- ¹² But concerning Apollos our brother, I encouraged him greatly to come to you with the brethren; and it was not at all *his* desire to come now, but he will come when he has opportunity.