

Why do we Follow-Up?

(God's Perfect Timing)

Acts 18:24 - 19:7

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1. Sometimes People Need

- vs. 24-28

- **Apollos was Mighty in the Scriptures**
- **Apollos was well instructed in following God** - Judges 2:21; Psalm 25:8-9
- **Apollos was Fervent in Spirit**

Note (2) things: He taught accurately the things concerning Jesus **AND** he was acquainted only with the baptism of John.

- Apollos was unaware that the Messiah had come.
- Apollos **was** a genuine Old Testament believer / but could not yet be called a Christian until Aquila and Priscilla explain the missing pieces for him.
 - Proverbs 27:17
- Later, he **Clearly** demonstrated from the Scriptures to others that Jesus was the Messiah!

2. Sometimes People Need

- vs 19:1-7

- Disciple does not always mean Christian.

- Mark 2:18; John 6:66

New Testament Teaching: *You receive the Holy Spirit when you believe.*

- Ephesians 1:13; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:4-5
- There is no subsequent experience that we are told to seek.

Clearly these disciples of John were not believers.

- Paul tells them how they can know Jesus as their personal Savior.
- Paul corrects their understanding.

*****Transitional Nature of Acts:** *4 times the Holy Spirit fall on believers in a unique way.*

- After those four times, the NT teaching is that they receive the Holy Spirit in the moment of Salvation without the unique displays in Acts.

Closing:

- Church, we need to trust God's timing and be consistently open to follow up.
- God knows best. He is Sovereign and He will bring glory to Himself.
- Let's trust that, Let's rest in that and Let's make ourselves available for follow up to bring clarification if needed or correction if required.