



THE HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

THIS WEEK AT THF

▶ TUESDAY

THF COLLEGE - Worship & Small Groups

7:00pm-9:00pm ~ Call Doug @ (806) 790-8732 for details

▶ WEDNESDAY

THF STUDENTS - Worship & Small Groups

7:00pm-8:30pm ~ Doors open at 6:30

▶ THURSDAY

THF Men's Ministry - Bible Study & Fellowship

6:30am-7:30am

UPCOMING AT THF

APRIL 2 - Women's Ministry Event:

Seder Service - 6:00pm-8:00pm

APRIL 5 - Easter Services - 9:30am & 11:00am

MAY 15-17 - Men's Ministry Retreat

Accessing your 2025 Giving Statement

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- Click Connect Link
- Click Online Member Portal
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- Click Your Giving
- Change the year to 2025
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Please continue to check all of our social media outlets and our website for updates to weekly activities and Sunday Services.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

March 22, 2026

BUDGET GIVING: \$14,232.00

BUDGET NEEDS: \$19,902.00

YEAR TO DATE

BUDGET GIVING: \$209,950.71

BUDGET NEEDS: \$227,452.00

March 29, 2026

TRANSITIONS AND TRANSFORMATIONS



Acts is the story of TRANSITIONS

It is the account of the *beginning of the church* as God moved His work from JEWISH-BASED to GENTILE-DOMINANT Acts 1:8

ROM 11, ESP 25-36 DESCRIBE ISRAEL'S PARTIAL HARDENING UNTIL THE TIME OF THE GENTILES IS COMPLETE
Acts 18 ends the **2nd MISSIONARY JOURNEY**

Acts 18 also *transitions* to the **3rd MISSIONARY JOURNEY** v23

By this time it was 20 YEARS from the *resurrection/ascension* of Jesus

THE TRANSITION OF PAUL 18:18-23

- Gallio's ruling bought the church a **RESPIRE ~18 MONTHS**
- Paul took leave intending to return to **ANTIOCH**
- Paul took a NAZARITE VOW which meant he would go to Jerusalem too
- Aquila and Priscilla **TRANSITIONED** to travel with him

EPHESUS **SECOND IN IMPORTANCE ONLY TO ROME IN THE EMPIRE**
Was **THE MOST IMPORTANT** city in Asia **IT WAS 3 THINGS**

- 1) the POLITICAL center of Asia
- 2) Was the main **COMMERCIAL** center for Asia
- 3) It was a **RELIGIOUS** center

NAZARITE VOW

- ✓ Was a special vow of DEDICATION
- ✓ Generally lasted a **MONTH** Num 6:1-21
- ✓ Usually made to God in response for His **DELIVERANCE** or **BLESSING**
- ✓ A complete fulfilment of the vow would require Paul to go to JERUSALEM! **ELABORATE CEREMONY**

Paul wanted to get to Ephesus during the second missionary journey several years before but THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD NOT LET HIM 16:6

- As was his custom, Paul began ministry **IN THE SYNAGOGUE**
- The response was **FAVORABLE**...they even asked him to STAY
- He left to fulfill his vow...but he left **AQUILA and PRISCILLA** there
- Paul continued to **Caesarea** then to **Jerusalem** and on to **Antioch**
'went up and greeted the church' ~ **JERUSALEM** on Mt Zion
'went down to Antioch' = the journey down in elevation

Paul stayed an *indefinite* period of time in Antioch... then transitioned to a 3RD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

It would last **FIVE YEARS**

THE Transformation of APOLLOS 18:24-28

SCENE SHIFT

Apollos is a bit of an **ENIGMA**. We hear *about* him. We see his ministry and his effect. But, WE NEVER HEAR HIM PREACH OR SPEAK OR READ HIS WRITING

- He was a **JEW** from **ALEXANDRIA** **STATS ON ALEXANDRIA**
- He was ELOQUENT - *logios* = a man of words and/or ideas
- He was **MIGHTY IN THE SCRIPTURES** **ONLY ONE SO DESIGNATED IN NT**
- He had been '*instructed in the way of the Lord*' - did not mean he was a **Christian** - was an OT term for instruction in **God's things**
GEN 18:19; JOSH 2:22; PS 25:8-9; 1 SAM 12:23; 2 KINGS 21:22; PROV 10:29; JER 5:4-5
- was **FERVENT IN SPIRIT** - he was *passionate* about his message
- was speaking and teaching **ACCURATELY** the things concerning Jesus
- was speaking convincingly to the **JEWS** in Ephesus' synagogue
- acquainted only with the **BAPTISM OF JOHN**

Was Apollos a 'Christian?'

- He was saved the same way anyone in the OLD TESTAMENT was saved!
- he was **ACCURATE** in his belief/teaching about Messiah
- he was 'fervent in **THE** spirit' (*Greek includes article 'the'*) i.e **HOLY SPIRIT**
cf Romans 12:11
- there was a **DEFICIENCY** in his understanding

Aquila and Priscilla *privately* gave him a **MORE EXACT UNDERSTANDING** of the way of God

Apollos was **TRANSFORMED** by his time with Aquila and Priscilla
Hearing of the Jews in **CORINTH** - Apollos wanted go there
the church in Ephesus **AFFIRMED** him - and **ENDORSED** him to Corinth
Apollos became a **FORCE** in the *church* and the *community* in Corinth

THE Transformation of 12 GUYS 19:1-7 **SCENE SHIFT BACK TO PAUL**

- back in Ephesus...Paul met 12 guys who were '**ALMOST CHRISTIANS**'
- ✓ they were disciples...but NOT OF JESUS
- ✓ they had **no relationship**...never *heard* of the HOLY SPIRIT *cf Rom 8:9*
- ✓ their baptism was **JOHN'S BAPTISM**

What Was the Baptism of John?

"The preaching of John was a **THREAT**; the preaching of Jesus was **GOOD NEWS**"
John's baptism represented a **REPENTANCE** from sin; Jesus' baptism represented a **REDEMPTION** by grace.
John's baptism was a **PREPARATION**; Jesus' baptism was a **FULFILLMENT OF SALVATION**

- these were not Christians who got a '**SECOND BLESSING**' of the Holy Spirit
- these were **UNBELIEVERS WHO WERE TRANSFORMED BY GRACE**

THF LIFENotes

3-29-26

1. **“Almost, but not quite”**

These men were called *disciples*, yet they didn't truly know Jesus or the Holy Spirit. What are some ways people today can appear spiritually engaged but still lack a genuine relationship with Christ? How can we discern the difference in our own lives?

2. **Incomplete understanding vs. saving faith**

The men had received John the Baptist's baptism but had not yet heard the full gospel. Why is it important to move beyond partial truth to a complete understanding of Jesus? How can incomplete teaching or assumptions hinder real transformation?

3. **Evidence of transformation**

When the Apostle Paul shared the truth, these men believed, were baptized in Jesus' name, and received the Holy Spirit. What changes or evidence should we expect to see in someone who has truly been transformed by God's grace—and how have you seen that in your own journey or others'?