



Anatomy of Revival Part 4

3 *"And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So, they said, "Into John's baptism."*

These men were born again under the ministry of Apollos when he remained in Ephesus for a short time (see 18:25).

4 *"Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."*

The ministry of John the Baptist brought people to the new birth and water baptism (Matthew 3:1-3, 11). The infilling of the Holy Spirit is their doorway into the Church age, the dispensation of grace. They will learn, as did Apollos, of the specialized dispensation we live in today.

5 *"When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."*

Although they were already water baptized, they did not understand the New Testament significance. So, Paul had them baptized again. This time, in the name of Jesus. Then they could apply the act of baptism to the new birth, positional truth, the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and themselves.

6 *"And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied."*

These men spoke with tongues and then moved into one of the utterance gifts and prophecy. Speaking with tongues is the evidence and manifestation of being filled with the Holy Spirit. Revival could not begin until the twelve were filled with the Holy Spirit. Revival could not have taken off under Apollos because revival always begins with an understanding and revelation of the Holy Spirit and speaking with tongues. Revival is supernatural and the doorway into the supernatural is the infilling of the Spirit and speaking with tongues.

7 *"Now the men were about twelve in all."*

The Ephesian revival began with a core of twelve.

8 *"And he (Paul) went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning (debating) and persuading (influencing) concerning the things of the kingdom of God."*

The time was right now. Paul told the new converts in Ephesus that he would be back if it was the will of God (Acts 18:19-21). The will of God was "yes." Paul returned with a confidence he

did not possess the first time. His words are more anointed, and his audience is more receptive. He has never stayed in a synagogue for three months with this much success with the Jews.

9 "But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus."

Not everyone received Paul's message. Some hardened their hearts the more they heard. Not only did some not receive, but they set themselves in opposition to the word. David calls this person a scorner in Psalm 1:1. Paul went to the Jew first but left when they rejected. He set his sights on the Gentiles. The School of Tyrannus was a medical school. The medical students learned in the mornings and the building was left empty during the day. Paul used this building during the afternoons and evenings. For two years, this will be Paul's most successful base of operation.