

## Updating Your Faith Acts 18:23-19:7

### ***A gifted preacher needs to be updated. 18:23-28***

- Apollos has a very impressive resume, but he's 20 years behind the times!
- Why interrupt Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journey with an episode featuring Apollos?  
Note their paths crisscross (1 Cor. 1:12, 3:5,6) plus a link with John the Baptist.

### ***Twelve disciples need to be updated. 19:1-7***

- Like Apollos these 12 are behind the times, which leads to Paul's questions.  
Are these fellows Christians? This is a hard group and passage to figure out!
- Some see 9:1-7 and ch. 2, 8, 10 to indicate a present day pattern for a "2<sup>nd</sup> blessing" of the Holy Spirit, featuring speaking in tongues for all believers.
- Problems exist for seeing these unique events as a pattern beyond Acts:
  - Holy Spirit is received at salvation, Eph. 1:13, Rom. 8:9, 1 Cor. 12:13.
  - Tongues were called a gift and not for all believers, 1 Cor. 12:13,30.
  - Recall Acts is historical and transitional with many unique events,  
e.g. Acts 4 common property, Acts 5 deaths, Acts 9 resuscitation.

### ***We sometimes need to be updated.***

- Just how long did the church need occasional updating, biblically speaking?
- What areas shouldn't the church be updating, and which should it be?

#### RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT AND TONGUES IN ACTS

<u>PASSAGE</u>	<u>PEOPLE</u>	<u>ORDER</u>	<u>AUDIENCE</u>
2:1-4	12 Apostles Jews in room	after salvation	Apostles Jews
*8:14-17	Samaritans	after laying hands	Apostles Jews
10:44-47	Gentiles	at salvation	Apostle Jews
19:1-7	John's distant disciples	after laying hands	Apostle Jews