



Paul's Third Missionary Journey

Discovering the heart of Paul

Luke tells us very little about the early part of Paul's third journey. In fact, Luke sums up the first 450 miles in one sentence.

Acts 18:23 (NIV)

After spending some time in Antioch, Paul set out from there and traveled from place to place throughout the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

We know this:

- Paul leaves his home church in Syrian Antioch.
- Before he arrives in Ephesus, Paul travels throughout central Turkey visiting the Gentile believers and the churches he established on his first trip.
- He walks 700 miles – the distance between Northern Virginia and Jacksonville, Florida!
- He could have sailed directly to Ephesus. Why did he walk?

Paul walked the entire way for two reasons:

1. To _____ the new Gentile believers
2. To _____ to support the Jewish-Christians in the Jerusalem church

What kind of man was Paul?

1. He _____ about his _____.
2. He was a man with a _____.

Think About It

Followers of Jesus are to care about the welfare of others—the least, the last, the lonely and the lost.

Do you have a caring heart?

Have you received forgiveness from God? Do you forgive those who sin against you?

Forgiveness is what Christians do!

Paul Introduces the Holy Spirit in Ephesus

Acts 19: 1–7 (NLT)

...Paul...reached Ephesus...where he found several believers. ² “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” he asked them.

“No,” they replied, “we haven’t even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

³ “Then what baptism did you experience?” he asked.

And they replied, “The baptism of John.”

⁴ Paul said, “John’s baptism called for repentance from sin. But John himself told the people to believe in the one who would come later, meaning Jesus.”

⁵ As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all.

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

“...But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Galatians 5:22–23 (CEB)

...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control...

Prayer:

**Come Holy Spirit, and fill me anew.
Guide me. Use me. Empower me. Lead me.
Grant me your gifts that I might live for you today
and be useful to you in serving others.
In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

Think About It

Have you invited the Holy Spirit into your life?
Is your faith anemic and powerless? Do you desire more?
How is the Holy Spirit evident at Christ Church?