



## THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH

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# BELIEVE ON HIM

**SCRIPTURAL LESSON:** *Acts 19:1-7*

**GOSPEL TRUTH:**

Jesus Christ is Truth; and those who believe on Him, and the gospel which He preached, will find the way to salvation and life eternal.

**GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:**

*Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on Him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus (Acts 19:4).*

**THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:**

1. God loves the world (*John 3:16*).
2. Jesus is the door (*John 10:9*).
3. God's name is Jesus (*John 1:1, 14; 17:26*).
4. Remission of sins is through justification (*Acts 10:43; 13:39*).

**BACKGROUND SETTING:**

The Apostle Paul was stricken with blindness by the Lord for his strong disbelief in Jesus Christ, and for persecuting the Christians for their newfound faith in Jesus. Paul felt the powerful hand of the Lord in his blindness and asked the Lord what he must do. Immediately after Ananias laid his hands on Paul, he received his sight and was baptized. Thereafter, Paul became a faithful and dedicated preacher and worker for the Lord (*Acts 9:20*). Paul was well known by the Jews and many wanted to kill him. But, these evil plans were defeated by the power of God and the dedicated prayers of the fellow Christians. Many believed the words of Paul that Jesus was the Son of God. Through the

preaching of Paul, great numbers believed and became Christians (*Acts 9:31*). The Gentiles received the word of Christ and believed. The Jews received the word of Christ first, but rejected the preaching of Christ. Thus, Paul went to the Gentiles because they believed on Christ. The unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, raised persecution and evil reports against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their cities.

**LESSON SUMMARY:**

As Paul continued doing the work of a missionary throughout Judea, Asia, and all across the Mediterranean, he faced great hardships, disappointments, and tribulations. However, he was never discouraged and it never kept him from continuing the work the Lord had commissioned him to do. As the journey to teach men the doctrines and teachings of Christ grew harder, they were also encouraged by many who believed on their preaching. Many were ordained and the believers continued in prayer and fasting for the work. They continued steadfastly and moved on throughout all the regions and did the work of evangelists and gained many believers and converts. Because of persecution, Christians were driven out of Jerusalem and the work began to spread through out the world. The Gospel was intended for the Jews first, and they were supposed to grasp hold onto the way of Christ. But, rejection by the Jews of the teachings of Christ and unbelief of the Gospel caused the disciples to turn to the Gentiles, who in turn happily took hold of the teachings of Christ, and believed.

Today, God's people are encouraged to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, because it was Jesus who saved us from sin. We cannot place value in what men may say, or value their opinions. We as believers must put our trust and faith in Jesus and focus on what He teaches us through His *Word*.

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