

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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BACK TO THE BEGINNING

Acts 19:8-20

Revelation 2:2-5 (NIV) *2 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. 3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.*

4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. 5 Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

Acts 19:8-13 (ESV) *8 And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. 9 But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. 10 This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.*

11 And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. 13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims."

1 John 4:4 *Greater is he that is in you, than he who is in the world!*

Colossians 1:27 *Christ in you is the hope of glory!*

Acts 19:14-20 (ESV) *14 Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. 15 But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" 16 And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. 18 Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. 19 And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.*

In the beginning they...

1. Worshipped God _____ (v17)
Psalms 34:1, 68:4, 109:30, 115:18, 117:1, 118:28, 145:1, 145:2, 145:10

2. Confessed Sin _____ (v18)

Hebrews 4:13 (NIV) *“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”*

Psalm 139:1-4 (NIV) *“ 1 You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. 2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. 4 Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.”*

1 John 1:9 *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us those sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

3. Abandoned Idols _____ (v19)

“Much of our difficulty in life...stems from our unwillingness to take God as he is and adjust our lives accordingly.”- AW Tozer

Life Principle: Where God’s presence becomes real, sin becomes intolerable.