

*“What Did You Receive?”*

## 1. **Intro:**

- 1.1. Communion:
- 1.2. Prisoner Alert – *Kim Kyung* from china.
- 1.3. **Questions:** The **Boston Globe**, which carries a daily column designed to answer reader’s queries, listed the **top 10 unanswerable questions**. **Here’s one:**  
 “I am 9 years of age and have a **cat** that eats regularly, and needs to go on a diet. He also **eats mice** when he is out. *How many calories in a mouse?*” Sunshine Magazine
  - 1.3.1. Some questions are difficult to **answer**, but some are difficult to know to **ask**.
- 1.4. Both **Eternal life & our life here on earth** come down to having the **right answers**. But most often people just don’t know *what questions* to ask!!!
  - 1.4.1. Let me help with **5 Questions** this morning from Acts 19:1-20.
  - 1.4.2. What **Baptism** did you receive? What **Training** did you receive?  
 What **Gift** did you receive? What **Jesus** did you receive?  
 What **Freedom** did you receive?
- 1.5. Theme taken from vs.3 NIV “Then what baptism did you receive?”
- 1.6. 1 Jn.3:22 whatever we ask we **receive** from Him!!!

## 2. **WHAT DID YOU RECEIVE? (1-20)**

- 2.1. **[1] WHAT BAPTISM DID YOU RECEIVE?** (1-7)
- 2.2. Ephesus is in “Asia” which Paul was previously forbidden...now right timing.
  - 2.2.1. **Quick Stats:** **4<sup>th</sup> largest city** in Roman Empire; **population** ¼ million; elegant **architecture**; was one of the **7 Wonders of the world**; & a principle center for **magic** for the ancient world (**Magic**, defined as, any process by which human beings become able to manipulate supernatural power for their own ends). Peter Wagner
- 2.3. Ephesus was known as the *premier fetish factory* of the Roman Empire.
  - 2.3.1. **Fetish = not obsession over something, but a magical object** [rabbits foot]
- 2.4. Ephesus was known for its “*Ephesian Writings*”, i.e. documents containing **spells & formula** to be placed in small cylinders or lockets worn about the neck or elsewhere about the person. [known in animistic cultures as fetishes]
  - 2.4.1. It was engraved on the image of Artemis/Diana’s crown, girdle, & feet
  - 2.4.2. This *magical gibberish* was considered to have **great power**.

- 2.5. (2) Or, “we have not so much as heard whether the H.S. **has been given.**” (NIV)
- 2.5.1. Jn.1:33 He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who **baptizes with the Holy Spirit.**’
- 2.6. **John’s baptism** – thus John’s disciples. (Or some say Apollos’; see 18:25)
- 2.7. **In the name of** – was the issue.
- 2.7.1. **John’s baptism** – was in the name of repentance, awaiting Messiah.
- 2.7.2. **Jesus’ baptism** – in the name of the Lord Jesus. (a.k.a. believers baptism)
- 2.7.2.1. **Ps: Our next baptism is up at the Robles, Sun August 10<sup>th</sup>.**
- 2.8. Some can get their theology twisted into such a **Gordian Knot**, on the **order & timing** of these baptisms. [Prophecy: next leader of Asia would untie the knot. Alex the Great wiped out sword & cut it in half]
- 2.8.1. Instead of **untying** it, I’d rather pull out **my sword** this morning & ask, “**do you have all of these covered?**”
- 2.8.2. **What baptism did you receive?** - Make sure you’ve received **all** that God has to offer you.
- 2.8.3. **Luke 11:13** (context: teach us to pray; **then** persistence; **then** ask/seek/knock)
- 2.9. **Million \$ question: Are you living today as if Pentecost had never taken place???**
- 2.10. **[2] WHAT TRAINING DID YOU RECEIVE?** (8-10)
- 2.11. **3 months** in **synagogue**; then **2 years** in **Tyrannus school** daily at lunch break.
- 2.11.1. Interesting Paul demonstrates **flexibility of method** & rents a lecture hall of a pagan teacher.
- 2.11.2. Western text of the Greek NT tells us that Paul “**taught from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> hour**” (or from 11am to 4pm every day)
- 2.12. The Ephesians kept a **strict siesta**.
- 2.12.1. William Ramsey says, “Public life in the Ionian cities ended regularly at he **5<sup>th</sup> hour(11am)**”
- 2.12.2. One historian reportedly commented “that more people in Ephesus were asleep at **1pm** than at **1am.**”
- 2.13. Here is the clearest example of **formalized leadership training** in the NT.
- 2.13.1. Obviously different from ordinary teaching in **house churches**, or even teaching in the **synagogues**.
- 2.13.2. These men would give up their lunch/nap time in order to train.
- 2.13.3. **Paul wrote 1 Cor. while he was here.**
- 2.14. **What training have you had?** – Self taught? Sunday morning taught? Sun & wed night taught? Home Study taught? Radio/CD taught? Bible College? Seminary?

- 2.15. **[3] WHAT GIFT DID YOU RECEIVE?** (11-12)
- 2.16. **Handkerchiefs** –sweat rags, cloths worn around the head & used to wipe sweat off<sup>1</sup>
- 2.17. **Apron** – worn by working men.  
2.17.1. Yet, God adopted them as **His tools** to change lives.
- 2.18. **Read 1 Cor.12:1-7,11.** [other list: **Rom.12:6-8**]
- 2.19. **[4] WHAT JESUS DID YOU RECEIVE?** (13-17)
- 2.20. **A Jesus** you’ve heard of before; **or The Jesus** you know personally/intimately?
- 2.21. Be careful of the **2<sup>nd</sup> hand Jesus!**
- 2.22. If I watch a lot of medical shows on television (like ER) I can say I know a lot about **subdural hematomas, defibrillators, and different med’s.**  
2.22.1. Well, I don’t really know about them. But I have this **2<sup>nd</sup> hand knowledge** about life in a hospital.
- 2.23. I have **2<sup>nd</sup> hand knowledge** about what the **White House** because I have watched many episodes of **West Wing.**
- 2.24. I have **2<sup>nd</sup> hand knowledge** about **the military**, because I talk to people who serve in the military.
- 2.25. **2<sup>nd</sup> hand knowledge** is good, it’s helpful, it’s interesting – but it is **no substitute** for **1<sup>st</sup> hand knowledge** and **experience!**
- 2.26. **In the name of** – was the issue here also.  
2.26.1. Jn.14:14 **If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.**  
2.26.2. Mark 16:17 **And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons.**  
2.26.3. **Examples:** Ambassadors do not go to other countries in **their own names**; they go in the name of the president of the U.S.  
2.26.3.1. And only those designated by the president can use his name effectively.  
2.26.3.2. If I went to a foreign country & announced that I had come in the name of the president of the U.S., they would laugh at me.  
2.26.3.3. **That’s exactly what happened here to the sons of Sceva.**
- 2.27. The name of Jesus is **no magic formula** like the “*Ephesian Writings*”.
- 2.28. **7 sons of Sceva** – fake exorcists who claimed to be sons of Sceva, (whom they declared to be high priest) (no such priest never existed, according to best records)  
2.28.1. They had **no formula, no talisman, no rabbit foot, except a stolen one!**
- 2.29. Jesus had not authorized the **7 sons of Sceva** to use His name, & therefore the power was absent.  
2.29.1. In the end times some will come to Jesus & say, **“have we not cast our demons in Your name”** & He will respond, **“I never knew you!”**

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<sup>1</sup> LKGNT; pg.313

- 2.30. They bypassed the Lord's authentic **power** & imitated Paul's **method's**.  
 2.30.1. **But note, even demons know a cheap substitute!!!**
- 2.31. So because they used *the Lord's name in vain*, the **7 sons** opened themselves up to a ferocious spiritual backlash, that they would not soon forget.  
 2.31.1. **Beaten up, stripped, & chased out of the house naked!**
- 2.32. Spiritual warfare in Ephesus – Eph.6:12 **For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.**  
 2.32.1. That's why the book of Ephesians contains a substantially higher concentration of *warfare terminology* than in any other epistle by Paul
- 2.33. **[5] WHAT FREEDOM DID YOU RECEIVE?** (18-20)
- 2.34. **Book Burning?** – To the tune of about \$4 million today.  
 2.34.1. **But isn't this book burning thing so archaic?**
- 2.35. Ok, let's call it ***Emptying your closet?*** - What do you need to **throw away?** **What do you need to walk away from?** **Who** do you need to **walk away from?** **Remove your sinful situation from you.** **Burn it on the bonfire of God's altar!**  
 2.35.1. **They burned magic books. What do you have to destroy by fire?**  
 2.35.2. **Flush some pills? Cancel a pay channel on Cable? Find another job? Cut up some credit cards? Send someone else food shopping? Need to sell a **car** or **collection** that has now thoroughly engulfed your life?**  
 2.35.3. **I just heard this take place w/a brand new believer in our fellowship!**
- 2.36. **If you're not sure what to burn...burn it all, cuz all that is eternal is **fireproof!** ☺**  
 2.36.1. **How freeing to release your worldly attachments, your worldly souvenirs, & your preoccupation with them.**  
 2.36.2. **The bonfire is **painful & costly**, but it is also **freeing & gloriously life-changing!****
- 2.37. **End:**
- 2.38. They bypassed the Lord's authentic **power** & imitated Paul's **method's**.  
 2.38.1. **Does this describe anyone's spirituality today?**  
 2.38.2. **You've been trying to *impersonate a Christian*, but it doesn't seem to be working. (You're missing the power)**
- 2.39. I might not be able to tell you *how many calories in a mouse*, but I can tell you the **important questions:** **Which **Jesus** did you receive? What **Freedoms** did you receive from this relationship? What **Gifts** did you receive from Him? What **Training** are you receiving? Are you missing any **Baptisms?****