

## Tuesday, August 31

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1. What do you think it means that Apollos was “fervent in spirit”?
2. What did this fervency of spirit motivate in him?
3. To what degree do you think this fervency of spirit also accounted for the fact that he had travelled to Ephesus?
4. How does the text describe the way that Apollos spoke and taught?
5. Why is this so important? (see James 3:1)
6. Do you think it is possible to fervently speak and teach things that are not accurate?
7. Would you say that you have a fervent spirit regarding the things of God?
8. Have you felt compelled to speak and teach because of this?
9. How careful have you been to make sure that these things are accurate?

KTFK: seek to / teachings are / teach the / know with / certainty these / speak and / let us / God, but / Fervently we / not flawed. / things of

Song: “I Love to Tell the Story”

Prayer: “Lord God, I thank you for the gifts and training I and my brothers and sisters here have received. Thank you for the fervency of spirit that you have given as well, which compels us to speak and teach your truth. Help us to do this with the greatest care for accuracy, that every word might be pure and you might always be pleased with every aspect of the ministry we engage in your name. Amen.”

## Wednesday, September 1

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1. What was the baptism of John? (See Acts 19:1-7)
2. How did it differ from the baptism of Jesus?
3. How did the baptism of John essentially prepare people for the baptism of Jesus?
4. If all that Apollos knew was the baptism of John, how do we account for the clear way that he was being filled and led by the Holy Spirit?
5. Are we filled with the Holy Spirit only after we are baptized or are we filled with the Holy Spirit prior to that?
6. Why is this important to know? How does it help us avoid superstition regarding the practice and meaning of baptism?

7. Why might God have not poured out the Holy Spirit in ways that were visible when the people had not yet been baptized in the name of Jesus, even though the Holy Spirit was obviously active in their lives?

KTFK: moves as / as we / we extol. / he intends / he desires / and not / the name / control, but / be what / of Jesus / The Spirit

Song: “His Name is Wonderful”

Prayer: “Holy Spirit, I thank and praise you for your work in and through me, and for the way that you seek to direct all my praise and glory and honor to Jesus and to the Father who sent him. Move among us powerfully, that the name of Jesus may more and more be exalted in this place! Amen.”

## Thursday, September 2

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1. Given that Apollos had already been teaching “accurately” as we are told in verse 25, what do you think it meant that Priscilla and Aquila explained the way of God to him “more accurately”?
2. What do you think they may have seen that caused them to approach him in this way?
3. What do you think this experience was like for Apollos?
4. How might his reaction to this further teaching reveal his true motivations and heart?
5. Have you ever known someone who thought they knew everything and really didn’t?
6. Given that the text does not indicate that Apollos was offended by this in any way, what does that tell us about him?
7. Why are humility and giftedness often not coexistent in people?
8. How can we be sure to fully use the gifts and training we have been given without becoming “know it alls” who cannot be further educated in God’s truth?

KTFK: he may / may we / may we / May we / zeal, but / there’s more / passion and / reveal. / always recognize / serve with / work with

Song: “Shine On Us”

Prayer: “Lord, we need your Spirit to guide us fully that we might speak with passion and zeal the truths you have revealed, but also to be open to further teaching that can help us refine our understanding in ways that are needed to face the shifting lies of the adversary’s work around us. Amen.”

## Friday, September 3

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1. How do the actions of “the brothers” here further reveal the kind of person that Apollos was?
2. What kind of help did he provide for the believers in Achaia?
3. Why is this kind of help so helpful?
4. Do you find it surprising that we do not read of any jealousy developing from the sudden rise of Apollos in the church? Why do you think that is?
5. Have you ever witnessed a situation where there was jealousy and competition between church leaders?
6. What does it reveal about one or more of those people?

KTFK: each one / shouts of / that on / that they / he sends, / joy the / greet with / the fight / gifted ones / depends. / us in / Let us / may help

Song: “Make Us One”

Prayer: “Lord God, I thank you for the unity we share in the truth. Help us to keep ourselves where we must be that we might always eagerly welcome those you send to us to help us make further advances in the ministry you have given. Amen.”

## Saturday, September 4

Read the entire passage again and review the key thoughts from each day. Which did you find most important for you this week?

Aug 30 - May we / use each / gift he / gives for / all that / it can / do, and / train each / one to / know the / word and / champion what's / true.  
Aug 31 - Fervently we / seek to / speak and / teach the / things of / God, but / let us / know with / certainty these / teachings are / not flawed.  
Sep 1 - The Spirit / moves as / he desires / and not / as we / control, but / he intends / the name / of Jesus / be what / we extol.  
Sep 2 - May we / work with / passion and / may we / serve with / zeal, but / may we / always recognize / there's more / he may / reveal.  
Sep 3 - Let us / greet with / shouts of / joy the / gifted ones / he sends, / that they / may help / us in / the fight / that on / each one / depends.

## Family Worship 2021

Aug 30 - Sept 4

Acts 18:24-28

Kids and Parents: See if you can unscramble the daily  
**KTFK - Key Thought for Kids** (Answers on back page)

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## Monday, August 30

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1. Alexandria was the capital of Egypt and a prominent place of culture and learning in the ancient world. It also had a very significant Jewish population.
  - A. What does this tell us about the extent of the spread of the gospel at this time?
  - B. How does it perhaps account for the kind of person that Apollos was?
2. In what way does the text make clear that Apollos was a gifted person?
  - A. Who was responsible for that?
3. In what way does the text make clear that he had also been well trained?
  - A. Who was responsible for that?
4. In these ways, how was Apollos similar to Paul? (See Acts 22:3)
5. What gifts has God given to you?
6. In what way, and by whom, have you been trained in the scriptures and the way of the Lord?
7. How have you used both his gifts and your training for his kingdom?

KTFK: gift he / do, and / word and / true. / one to / it can / use each / train each / May we / champion what's / know the / gives for / all that

Song: “The Potter’s Hand”

Prayer: “Lord God, you are the giver of the gifts we have, and we want to use them fully. Help us to do all we can to mold and shape each gift with a full knowledge of your word, that each one of us may be a powerful influence for you and your kingdom. Amen.”