

Reading

Acts 19:1b-6a

Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- ¹ Paul made his way overland as far as Ephesus,
where he found a number of disciples.
- ² When he asked,
‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?’
they answered,
‘No, we were never even told there was such a thing as a Holy Spirit.’
- ³ ‘Then how were you baptised?’ he asked.
‘With John’s baptism,’ they replied.
- ⁴ ‘John’s baptism,’ said Paul, ‘was a baptism of repentance;
but he insisted that the people should believe
in the one who was to come after him — in other words Jesus.’
- ⁵ When they heard this, they were baptised
in the name of the Lord Jesus,
- ⁶ and the moment Paul had laid hands on them
the Holy Spirit came down on them.

The word of the Lord.