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Ephesus, Hankies and Aprons

Acts 19:1-19

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The missing element can make a huge difference in your life. And with this thought in mind I would like to suggest to you that we have a missing element. There is something that has been lost. Is it:

Worship – No we have not have perfected it or gone as far with it as we should

Prayer – No, although we could stand to kneel.

Activities – No, churches have more programs, committees

Something is missing. However, we are not the first to miss this crucial ingredient in our Christian life. After Jesus' crucifixion the disciples are quite, reserved, scared, in hiding, and hampered by a survival mentality.

They were missing something. But suddenly they become a revolutionary force that changes the world! If we are going to impact our world and our generation it is imperative that we discover and secure this missing element in our life.

The missing element in most of our lives is the Holy Spirit. Paul came into contact with some Christians and immediately addressed their deficiency. He was in their face about their need of this element in their life.

Why is it so important for us to have the Holy Spirit?

Power to Witness

The Holy Spirit is crucial because He enables and empowers us to witness. When was the last time you spoke up and told someone about Jesus? The Holy Spirit is the missing element.

Comfort

The Holy Spirit is also crucial because He is our comforter.

Communicator

Romans 8:26-27

The Holy Spirit is our direct line to the Father.

Convictor

John 16:7-8 & Romans 8:13

It is crucial for us to have the Holy Spirit because as I mentioned earlier there is no difference between the way many of you live and how non-Christians live. The Holy Spirit is the difference

God has offered us a gift. To receive a gift all we have to do is accept it. We can't earn it nor do we need to beg for it. Peter's instructions on the Day of Pentecost are still good. Repent and receive. Simply accept.