

A Time of Transition

Acts 18:18-9:7

The book of Acts is a transitional history book, tracing the transition from the ministry of Jesus Christ recorded in the gospels, to the ministry of the New Testament church recorded in the epistles.

I. The _____ (18:18-23)

A. _____ transition

B. _____ transition

II. The _____ (18:24-28)

A. _____ transition

B. _____ transition

III. The _____ (19:1-7)

John's baptism was one of preparation for Messiah's coming (Lk. 1:16-17). Apollos accepted John the Baptist's message that Messiah was coming. He even believed that Jesus was the Lamb of God (John 1:29) and Messiah. He surely expounded with force and persuasion the Scriptures that pointed to Jesus. But he did not understand the significance of Christ's death and resurrection. Nor was he acquainted with the coming of the Spirit and the birth of the church on the Day of Pentecost. In short, he was a redeemed Old Testament Saint; he was saved but was not able to be called a Christian yet.

- John MacArthur