"Excitement in Ephesus"

- I. The excitement of evangelism in the church
 - A. Paul found disciples of John the Baptist
 - B. Their faith was incomplete
 - C. They become disciples of <u>Jesus</u>
 - 1. They <u>believed</u> in Jesus

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies." (John 11:25)

- 2. They were <u>baptized</u> in the name of Jesus
- 3. They received the Holy Spirit
- II. The excitement of proclaiming the gospel
 - A. The gospel was preached in the <u>Synagogue</u>
 - B. The gospel was preached in the city
 - C. The gospel spread throughout Asia
- III. The excitement of true miracles
 - A. Through Paul God did great miracles

"Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:30-31)

- B. Through the unbelievers God did nothing
- IV. The excitement of true life change
 - A. The city was gripped with a holy fear of God
 - B. There was true <u>confession</u> of sins

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (I John 1:9)

C. There was true <u>repentance</u> of sins

"From that time one, Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." (Matthew 4:17)

- D. There was the powerful spread of the gospel
- V. The excitement of a riot
 - A. The idol makers were upset by loss of business
 - B. The false temples were upset by loss of <u>traffic</u>
 - C. The enemies of the gospel initiated a riot

"For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ." (Philippians 3:18)

D. The church was protected

"For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in all my prayers." (Ephesians 1:15-16)