

Acts 1:8

Acts 2:38-39

Acts 3:19

Acts 4:12

“Nor is there salvation in any other,
for there is no other name under
heaven given among men by which
we must be saved”

Acts 5:29

“Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, ‘We ought to obey God rather than men.’”

Acts 8 Outline

- * Vs. 1-4
 - * Great persecution and church scattered
- * Vs. 5-25
 - * Conversion of the Samaritans & Simon
- * Vs. 26-40
 - * Conversion of the Ethiopian
- * Acts 1:8, Part 2

Acts 1 through 7

- * Acts 1:8, part 1
 - * Jerusalem
- * In the introduction to Acts, we discussed five valuable benefits of this historical record:
 - * Miracles that serve to confirm the gospel are recorded
 - * Acts 2, 3, 5, 6
 - * The carrying out of the great commission is recorded with important details
 - * For example, baptism: who, what, when, why, how
 - * Acts 2, 3
 - * Questions are answered about the promised mission of the Holy Spirit as well as His other measures
 - * Acts 1, 2, 6
 - * Important information about the church's establishment, growth, work, and organization are recorded
 - * Acts 2 through 7
 - * Background information helpful in understanding the epistles is recorded

“Consenting to his death”

- * “in hearty agreement with putting him to death” (NASB)
- * Acts 22:20
- * Rom 1:32
- * Eph 5:11

Making havoc of the church

- * Against men and women
 - * Entered houses
 - * Dragged them off
 - * Committed them to prison
- * Church = the saved
- * Acts 9:5
 - * Persecuted Christ

Saul – Persecuting the Way to the death

- * Acts 9:1-5
- * Acts 9:13-14
- * Acts 22:4-5
- * Acts 22:19-20
- * Acts 26:9-11
- * Acts 23:1

“Went Everywhere Preaching the Word”

- * Why?
 - * Great faith
 - * Great commitment
 - * Great zeal
 - * Great love for others
 - * Great obedience

The Devil's Plans Thwarted

- * Acts 4:18-20; 31
- * Acts 5:1-11
- * Acts 5:28-29, 40-42
- * Acts 6:10
- * Acts 7:59-8:4

To Samaria

- * The Philip of 6:5 (cf. 8:1, 14)
- * The Samaritans heeded the things Philip spoke
 - * Mk 16:20
 - * Heb 2:3-4
- * “Gave heed with one accord”
 - * Listened with eagerness
 - * Listed with open minds

Preaching Christ – Acts 8:5

- * Things concerning the kingdom – v.12
 - * Christ's rule over His people
 - * Acts 2:30-36
 - * Mt 16:16-18
 - * Col 1:13
 - * Eph 1:20-23
- * Things concerning the name of Jesus Christ – v.12
 - * His authority
 - * Mt 28:18-20
 - * Acts 4:12
 - * Col 3:17
 - * Eph 1:22-23
- * Baptism – v.12
 - * Gal 3:26-27
 - * I Pet 3:21
 - * Rom 6:3-5

The Results in Samaria of Preaching Christ?

- * Men and women were baptized
- * Great joy

Simon's Sorcery

- * Ex 22:18
- * Deut 18:10-12
- * Isa 47:12-14
- * Gal 5:19-21
- * Both the people and Simon amazed by true miracles
 - * Miracles had the intended result, v.12
 - * No trickery; no doubt