

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

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

Receiving the Holy Spirit

- * Verse 14-19
- * Not:
 - * The gift of the Holy Spirit – salvation
 - * Acts 2:38
 - * The baptism with the Holy Spirit – directly from heaven
 - * Acts 1:5; 2:1-4; 10:44-48; 11:15-17
- * Miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit
 - * 1 Corinthians 12:8-10
 - * Hebrews 2:3-4
- * Imparted through laying on of the apostles' hands
 - * Acts 8:19 – visible
 - * Acts 19:1-6
 - * Romans 1:11
- * 1 Corinthians 13:9-10

When a Christian Sins

- * Verses 18-24
- * A temptation for Simon
- * Purchase the power to lay hands
- * Coveted that which was not his to have
- * He had been saved – verse 13
- * He was now not right with God
- * Solution?
 - * Repent and Pray
 - * 1 John 1:9
 - * James 5:16