

PHILIP'S MINISTRY IN SAMARIA AND SIMON'S CONVERSION

(Acts 8:5-25)

I. THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (1-2)

II. THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (3-7)

III. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JUDEA, SAMARIA, AND SYRIA (8-12)

A. The Persecuted Church is on the Move (vv. 1-4)

B. Philip's Witness in Samaria (vv. 5-8)

1. "Then" during the persecution of Saul, "Philip went down to the city of Samaria and _____ [imperfect tense] _____." (v. 5)

* Why is this so significant?

2. The response from many Samaritans was positive as they _____ his message, and _____ the miracles that he did; confirming his authority. (v. 6)
 - a. Philip exorcised _____ who were _____ possessed. (v. 7a)
 - b. He healed _____ who were paralyzed or _____. (v. 7b)
3. The overwhelming _____ by the Samaritans after receiving the forgiveness of sins and eternal life was that of _____. (v. 8)

C. Simon the Sorcerer Gets Saved (vv. 9-25)

1. While Philip promoted _____, Simon promoted _____. (v. 9)
 - a. The Samaritans _____ that Simon the Sorcerer's power was from God. (v. 10)
 - b. Apparently, Simon had been _____ his evil magic "for a _____ time." (v. 11)

2. Philip's audience _____ (*aorist/active/indicative*) his message of the kingdom and the Christ, and both men and women were _____ as evidence. (v. 12)

3. Even Simon _____ (*aorist/active/indicative*) the Gospel, and he was water baptized as a public confession of _____ in Christ; he then followed Philip's ministry. (v. 13)

4. In this Dispensation of Grace, the apostles were responsible to _____ the progress of the Gospel; consequently, they sent Peter and John to _____ the events in Samaria. (v. 14)

5. In this transitional period of the early Church, the Samaritans who just got saved were _____ spiritually baptized by the Holy Spirit until the apostles _____ and "*laid* _____ *on them.*" (vv. 15-17)

6. The newly _____ Simon wanted to be able to dispense the power of the Spirit, and he offered the apostles _____ to give him this power. (vv. 18-19)

7. Peter rebuked Simon...
 - a. v. 20: "*Perish along with your money*" i.e., a _____ death
 - b. v. 21: "*your heart is not right*"- you are _____ minded.
 - c. v. 22: change your mind about your wickedness and _____ to God.
 - d. v. 23: "*you are poisoned by bitterness and _____ by sin.*"

8. Simon's immediate response, " _____ to the _____ for me..." (v. 24)

* Isn't Luke's summary statement in v. 25 encouraging?