

Studies in the Acts of the Apostles

NT Survey Lesson 58--Acts 8

Introduction: Acts eight is a wonderful report of the spread of the word to places beyond Jerusalem. The early church did not allow persecution to stop them from preaching the message. This chapter records the work of just one man who demonstrates the purest love of souls.

The gospel spreads to Samaria--Ac. 8:1-24

1. How did Satan's persecution of the church lead to good? What lesson might Christians today learn from v. 4?
2. Summarize the message Philip preached to the Samaritans. How did he confirm that this message was from God?
3. Many denominationalists contend that Simon was not saved. How would you prove that he was?
4. Was Simon in a lost state after his being saved? How do we know this? What does God require of Christians who sin in order for them to be forgiven?
5. What evidence do we have in this chapter to support the belief that Philip did indeed work miracles?
6. How did those in this chapter "receive the Holy Spirit"? What did this mean? Through what means did they do so? Can we receive the Holy Spirit in this way today?

The Ethiopian eunuch is converted--Ac. 8:25-40

1. What might we learn from the Lord's charge to Philip to leave Samaria to go to the road to Gaza? From Philip's response?
2. What do we know about the Ethiopian? (Race, spirituality, position, etc.)

3. From what passage did the eunuch read? Of whom does the prophet speak? How do we know?
4. Did preaching Christ include instruction about baptism? How do you know?
5. What do we learn about baptism by studying this case of conversion?
6. What might we infer from v. 39? Did Philip miraculously disappear? If so, why?