

ACTIONS OF THE APOSTLES: Chapter 8

Philip & the Power of God

Following the death of Stephen in chapter 7, Luke now traces the second named servant from chapter 6, Philip.

Acts 8 is divided into three sections:

- Persecution intensifies (1-4)
- Philip preaches in Samaria (5-25)
- Philip on a desert road (26-40)



A. Persecution Intensifies (1-4)

- The death of Stephen didn't cool things down (1)
The _____ of the disciples is contrasted with the _____ of Saul
- 1. Jerusalem was not intended to be the _____ of Christianity (Jn 4:21; Lk 17:20-21)
The disciples scattered preaching (11:19)
- 2. Saul goes from house to house (8:2; 2:46)

Without Apostles with them and being chased by persecutors, what did these new Christians have to know?

B. Philip preaches in Samaria (5-25)

1. The feelings between Jews and Samaritans was not good (John 4:9)
2. Philip goes there because of the persecution
 - He performs miracles (8:6-7; 6:6; Mk 16:17)
 - Simon becomes a Christian

What differences between what Simon was doing and what Philip was doing?

C. Philip on a desert road (26-40)

1. This lesson shows the value of one

The Ethiopian

1. Worshipper of God (his condition made him unable to enter a sacred assembly—Deut 23:1)
2. He had an important job
 - Candace (27) is a political title like Caesar
3. He was able to have his own copy of Isaiah
4. He had a heart that wanted to learn

The Aggressive Nature of Saul

- Putting men and women in prison (8:3)
- Violent aggressor (1 Tim 1:13)
- Cast his vote to execute Christians (Acts 26:9)
- Forced Christians to blaspheme (Acts 26:11)
- Furiously enraged he chased them to foreign cities (Acts 26:11)
- Beat those who believed (Acts 22:19)

What was a Samaritan?

Doctrinal Lessons Learned From Samaria:

1. Preaching Jesus includes _____ and the _____ (12)
2. It was necessary for the _____ to impart the Holy Spirit (14-17)
3. It is possible for a saved person to _____ from God's grace (8:21-22; Galatians 5:4)
4. When a Christian sins, he _____ for forgiveness (8:22; 1 Jn 1:7,9)

Why did the chariot stop (38)?

Doctrinal Lessons Learned From the desert road:

1. Preaching Jesus includes _____
2. The Biblical pattern of F _____ - F _____ - F _____ are illustrated here
3. Baptism is in _____
4. Everyone is saved the _____

