

Acts Chapter Eight

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verses 36-37

“Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, ‘See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?’ Then Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ And the eunuch said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’”

Key People

Saul
Stephen
Philip
Simon
Peter
John
The angel of the Lord
Man of Ethiopia
Candace
Isaiah

Key Places

Jerusalem
Judea
Samaria
City of Samaria
Gaza
Ethiopia
Azotus
Caesarea

Key Words

Consenting
Persecution
Devout
Lamentation
Havoc
Sorcery
Baptized
Perish
Poisoned
Eunuch

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. What arose against the church? What did it cause the members of the church to do?
2. What did those who were scattered do wherever they went? (v. 4)
3. What was Saul doing at this time? (v. 3)
4. Where did Philip go? What did he do when he got there? (v. 5) What were the results of his actions? (vv. 6, 8)
5. What had Simon previously practiced? (v. 9) What effect did it have on the people? (vv. 9-11)
6. What did Simon do in response to the preaching of Philip? (v. 13)
7. Why did Peter and John come to Samaria? (v. 14)
8. How did the Samaritan believers receive the Holy Spirit? (v. 17)
9. Of what sin was Simon guilty? (vv. 19-20) What did Peter tell Simon this sin had done to him? (vv. 20-21) What did Simon ask Peter to do for him? (v. 22)
10. According to verse 26, who spoke to Philip? What did he tell him to do?
11. Where had the man from Ethiopia been? Why had he been there? What was he doing while riding in his chariot? (vv. 27-28)
12. What did Philip do when he joined the Ethiopian in his chariot? (v. 35)
13. What request did the Ethiopian make of Philip? (v. 36) What was Philip’s response? (v. 37)
14. What confession did the Ethiopian make? (v. 37)
15. After the Ethiopian had made his confession, what did Philip do to him? (v. 38)

Matching

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| _____ 1. Saul | A. Preached Christ. |
| _____ 2. Philip | B. Made havoc of the church. |
| _____ 3. Simon | C. Laid hands on the Samaritans. |
| _____ 4. Peter | D. Was reading Isaiah the prophet. |
| _____ 5. Ethiopian | E. Sought to buy the gift of God with money. |

Discussion Question

Seeing that Simon was baptized after Philip preached Christ in Samaria and that the man from Ethiopia desired to be baptized after Philip “preached Christ” to him, what conclusions can we reach about “preaching Christ” as it relates to baptism?