

Acts 8

Questions

1. Who led the persecution against the church in Jerusalem after the death of Stephen (8:1-3)?
2. How did the church respond to this persecution (8:4)?
3. Who was Philip, where did he go, and what did he do there (8:5-8)?
4. Who was Simon and what did the people do to him (8:9-11)?
5. What did Simon and the other Samaritans do when they heard Philip's preaching (8:12-13)?
6. Where did Peter and John go and what did they do there (8:14-17)?
7. What did Simon request (8:18-19)?
8. What did Peter say to Simon and why (8:20-23)?
9. What further request did Simon have (8:24)?
10. What did Peter and John do before returning to Jerusalem (8:25)?
11. Where was Philip told to go and what was he told to do (8:26-29)?

12. How did Luke describe the Ethiopian eunuch and his character (8:27-29)?

13. What question did Philip ask the eunuch and what did Philip preach to him (8:30-35)?

14. Why did the eunuch command the chariot to stand still (8:36-39)?

15. What confession did the eunuch make (8:37; see the KJV or the margin of your Bible)?

16. What happened to Philip and the eunuch (8:39-40)?

Digging Deeper

1. How does Acts 8 advance the progress of the book as a whole (see 1:8)?

2. Where are the following located: Samaria (8:5), Gaza (8:26), Ethiopia (8:27), Azotus, and Caesarea (8:40)?

3. What is sorcery (8:9)?

4. What does the word “simony” mean and how does it relate to Acts 8:18?

5. What is a eunuch (8:27) and what OT scripture was this eunuch reading (8:32-33)?

6. How does Acts 8:38 help us to understand the action of baptism?

Applications for Today

1. Persecution of faithful brethren will cause them to grow, not shrink (8:1-4; 2 Thess. 1:4).
2. Most people can tell the difference between a fraud and the truth, especially if they will take time to examine the truth closely (8:9-13; 1 Jn. 2:21; 4:6).
3. Preaching the gospel of Jesus saves souls (8:5, 12, 25, 35, 40; Rom. 1:16).
4. Obedience to the gospel and forgiveness of sins causes joy (8:5-8, 39; Psa. 21:1; 35:9; 51:12; 95:1).
5. He that believes the gospel and is baptized will be saved (8:12-13, 37-38; Mk. 16:15-16).
6. Put off the old man and his ways when you become a Christian (8:18-19; Eph. 4:22; Col. 3:9).
7. There are some things money can't buy (8:20; Isa. 55:1-3).
8. The NT does not teach that once you are saved you are always saved (8:20-24; Gal. 5:4; Heb. 12:15).
9. Repent of sin because it is a bad thing (8:21-23; Jer. 8:6; 2 Cor. 12:21).
10. The erring Christian needs to repent and pray for forgiveness (8:22; 1 John 1:7-9).
11. It is important to read God's word and understand what we are reading (8:30, 34; Neh. 8:3; Rev. 1:3).
12. Good and religious people still need to obey the gospel (8:27-39; Mt. 7:21; Lk. 6:46).
13. Jesus is the sacrificial lamb for the sin offering of all mankind (8:32-33; Jn. 1:29).
14. Preaching Jesus includes preaching baptism (8:12, 35-36; Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 19:4-5; Rom. 6:3). Don't let anyone or anything hinder you from being baptized (8:36; Acts 10:47).