



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 9th Mar 2025

Series- You will be my witnesses pt 5

Persecution the Gospel, Samaria & Africa

12 But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. 13 Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw. Acts 8:12-13

1. Because of persecution, proclamation and signs the gospel was heard in Samaria. Acts 8:1-25

2. Because of the Spirit and scripture, Philip an Ethiopian came to Christ. Acts 8:26-40

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Acts 8:1-5. What events led the gospel to be taken to Samaria?
2. Read Acts 8:6-13. What does this passage reveal about Philip and how did God use him as a witness?
3. Read Acts 8:14-25. How did Simon respond to the apostles when they laid their hands on the Samaritan believers and they were filled with the Spirit? How did the apostles respond to this?
4. Read Acts 8:26-29. How was Philip led by God to meet up with the Ethiopian eunuch?
5. Read Acts 8:30-40. What passage of scripture was the Ethiopian reading and how do you think that Philip used that passage to lead the man to Christ?

B. Meditation & application

6. What do you make of the apostles having to come and pray for the Samaritan believers to be filled with the Spirit? Why do you think it was important that the Samaritans be given “apostolic approval?”
7. The Ethiopian was baptized immediately after he believed in Jesus. Do you think that baptism is something that one should “mature toward,” or is it something one should do when they initially believe? What does this mean practically for the church and for you personally?
8. Do you think that Philip is a model for us to follow? In what ways can we learn from the mission in Samaria?

A Prayer: Heavenly Father- We thank you and praise you for Philip and his faithfulness to your calling on him. Help us to follow his example and be available to God to share Christ with people we know and with people who are far off and different from us. In Jesus Name- Amen.