

# Acts

## CHAPTER 8

**1** And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

**2** And devout men carried Stephen *to his burial*, and made great lamentation over him.

**3** As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed *them* to prison.

**4** Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

**5** Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

**6** And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

**7** For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed *with them*: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

**8** And there was great joy in that city.

**9** But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:

**10** To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.

**11** And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

**12** But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

**13** Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

**14** Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

**15** Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

**16** (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

**17** Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

**18** And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

**19** Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

**20** But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with you, because you have thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

**21** You have neither part nor lot in this matter: for your heart is not right in the sight of God.

**22** Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.

**23** For I perceive that you are in the gall of bitterness, and *in* the bond of iniquity.

**24** Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which you have spoken come upon me.

**25** And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

**26** And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goes down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

**27** And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

**28** Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

**29** Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join yourself to this chariot.

**30** And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Do you understand what you are reading?

**31** And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

**32** The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb

dumb before his shearer, so opened He not his mouth:

**33** In his humiliation His judgment was taken away: and who shall declare His generation? for His life is taken from the earth.

**34** And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaks the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

**35** Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

**36** And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what does hinder me to be baptized?

**37** And Philip said, If you believe with all your heart, you may. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

**38** And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

**39** And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

**40** But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.