

Samaria!
Acts 8:9-25
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Review:

- Active Persecution
- Church scattered in Samaria (Philip!)
- Persecution:
 - Finally going beyond Jerusalem/ Outline of Book (Acts 1:8)

Samaritans hear the Good News – 8:4-8

- Samaritans – Jewish Attitude (Universally despised!)
 - Illegitimate / Idolaters
 - Disciples' Attitude – “Do you want us to nuke them?”
- Note: The Samaritans are responding better than the Sanhedrin!

Simon the Magician – 8:9-13

- Sorcery / Magic = “The Great Power”
 - The people followed him.
- But now, the people believed in the Name of Jesus and are baptized!
 - Simon also believed and was baptized!
 - Simon now follows Philip everywhere – See Acts 3

Delegation from Jerusalem -8:14-17

- Peter and John sent to investigate – Found evidence of salvation!
- Prayed for the Holy Spirit
 - Note: Why wait till now? – to unify the church; to show connection with Jerusalem.

Simon & Simon – 8:18-24

- Simon – Neat trick... Can I do it too? (I will pay...)
- (Simon) Peter -Forget about it! You cannot buy God!
 - Repent! You are full of bitterness!
- Simon – “Pray for me...”
- Question: Simon a believer? (Study Philippians 2:12 & 2 Peter 1:10!)

Summary – 8:25 – Gospel affirmed and continued to be proclaimed in Samaria!

Application:

- Are you amazed by the Gospel? (What takes your breath away?)
- Do we think we can “buy” God? (Is God a commodity?)
- Are we full of bitterness? (Time to repent!)