

Acts 8

- 1) This chapter records two great examples of *conversion*; what are they?
- 2) Where was the last time we read about “Saul,” and what was he then doing?
- 3) What was Saul doing to the church, and what was the result? (*read Acts 9:1, 2; and 26:9-11 for more information*)
- 4) Who and what did this “Saul” later become?
- 5) Did Saul think that he was doing the right thing in persecuting the church? (*hint: Acts 23:1; 24:16*)
- 6) Where did Philip the evangelist go, and what is significant about that place? (*hint: Acts 1:8*)
- 7) Acts 8:5 tells us that Philip “preached Christ” to the Samaritans.
 - a. From what is implied in verse 12, what subjects did he address? (*you should find 3*)
 - b. What does this tell us about what is involved in “preaching Christ?”
- 8) Verses 6-8 describe an ideal situation in the preaching of the gospel. What happened that hindered this progress?
- 9) According to verse 13, what did Simon do once he realized the genuineness of Philip’s miracles?

- 10) What sin did Simon commit *following* his conversion?

- 11) Because of Peter's description of Simon in verses 20-22, the proponents of the "once-saved-always-saved" doctrine are quick to argue that Simon was not "really saved." From Acts 8:13, 8:12; and Mark 16:16, be prepared to answer this denominational quibble.

- 12) From Acts 8:17, what do we learn about *how* the ability to perform miracles was conferred upon men?

- 13) Where did the angel tell Philip to go next? Who did he encounter?

- 14) From 31, what do we learn about the importance of *teaching*?

- 15) What question did the eunuch have about the text of Isaiah 53?

- 16) Similar to verses 5 and 12, verses 35-38 define what it means to preach Christ: What did the eunuch request to do after Philip preached Christ to him?

- 17) Along with the actual meaning of the word "baptize," what does the statement in verse 39 suggest about the action of baptism?