

The Book Of Acts

ASH WEDNESDAY: PHILIP AND THE SAMARITANS

March 5, 2025

And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, <u>except the apostles.</u>²Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. ³But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison. ⁴Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. ⁵Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. ⁶And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. ⁷For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸So there was much joy in that city. (Acts 8:1-8)

EVANGELISM: A GROUP OF 'ORDINARY' CHRISTIANS LIVING INTENTIONALLY IN A CITY TO BRING _____ TO IT THROUGH ______ AND _____.

But there was a man named Simon, who had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great. ¹⁰They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great." ¹¹And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic.

¹²But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed. ¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, ¹⁵who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

¹⁸Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, ¹⁹saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." ²⁰But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! ²¹You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. ²²Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. ²³For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity." ²⁴And Simon answered, "Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may come upon me." (Acts 8:9-24)

SIMON THE MAGICIAN HAS TWO WARNINGS

- 1. NOT ______ WHO BELIEVES AND IS BAPTIZED IS A REAL DISCIPLE.
 - A. JESUS AND _____ CONVERSION.
 - B. THE TRUE GOSPEL DEMANDS _____
- 2. ATTENTION ______ AND THINKING ______ CAN PURCHASE THE POWER OF GOD.

MEMORY VERSE

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

A. GAINING POWER IN GRACE _____ THE POWER OF MONEY OVER YOU.

Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans. (Acts 8:25)

BOTTOM LINE: DO YOU KNOW THE ______ AND ARE YOU _____ TO THE MOVEMENT?

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

March 1st— March 8th—Concordia University Mission Trip @ Santa Rosa Beach Thursday @ 4:00 pm—Worship on Inlet Beach

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Sunday, March 9th @ 9:00 am-Beach Breakfast @ Ed Walline Pavilion

Wednesday, March 12th @ 5:00 pm—Youth Worship Initiative @ 98 Campus @ 6:00 pm—Youth Group @ 98 Church Campus (5:00 pm Hang Out)

Sunday, March 16th @ 8:00 am — Worship on Inlet Beach

Saturday, March 22nd, 8:30 am—1:00 pm—Stephen Ministry: Healthy Boundaries Training

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- **8:00 am on Ed Walline Beach** (*If raining, move to Shunk Gulley tent*) *Communion offered first Sunday of the month.*
- 8:00 am on Inlet Beach 3rd Sunday of the month (For inclement weather, move to Ghost Crab Pizza)
- **9:20 am at Shunk Gulley** (In the tent) Communion offered third Sunday of the month.
- 11:00 am at 98 Church Campus (3834 US Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach) Communion offered every Sunday.

<u>Live Stream:</u> Share with your friends too! 8:00 am—hopeonthebeach.com, Facebook, and YouTube 11:00 am—hopeonthebeach.com and YouTube

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