

## Acts 8:5-25

**INTRODUCTION:** The church was scattered – 8:1-4

- This was Christ's command – 1:8
- Philip is re-introduced – 6:5

8:5 – “*Samaria*” – Jews didn't want to witness there –

John 4:5, 39-41 ... Matthew 10:5-6

8:6-8 – “*miracles*” – To validate what they said was from God.

8:9 – “*But*” – Satan wants to take away our “*joy*” in 8:8.

- Simon impressed with his “*sorcery*” – 8:10-11
- Beware of those who promote themselves – Mt. 7:15-16,  
1 John 4:1

8:12 – “*baptized*” – Baptism means IDENTIFICATION – Mt. 3:17

8:13 – “*believed*” – Was it real or counterfeit?

- How do you know if someone is genuinely saved?

8:14 – There was a REVIVAL in Samaria.

8:15-17 – They were INDWELT by the Holy Spirit when SAVED.

- This was an EXTENSION of the “*Day of Pentecost*”, to include the Samaritans.
- Up to this point, only JEWS were saved.
- This experience would later happen for the GENTILES –  
Acts 10:44-45, 15:6-9 – ALL to be included in the Church.

8:18-19 – A demonstration of Apostolic authority.

- Simon wanted the spot-light that he was used to.

8:18 – Simon was a religious racketeer.

8:20 – The “*gift of God*” is the Holy Spirit.

- We can't control Him ... He is to control us!
- “*perish with you*” - Simon wasn't genuinely saved.

8:21-23 – Simon is still bound by the chains of Satan.

8:24 – If saved, you don't NEED for anyone to pray for you.

- Simon didn't ask for salvation, but that bad things not happen.

8:25 – They preached throughout Samaria.

**CONCLUSION:**

- Satan tries to corrupt the church from WITHIN.
- There will be APATHY in the last days – Rev. 3:15-16.
- Jesus has the CURE – Rev. 3:19.