

## **The Power of the Gospel – Part 1**

### **The Gospel transcends racial barriers and false religions**

- I. Philip's ministry in Samaria (Acts 8:4-8)
- A. Philip has many of the same gifts as the apostles and Stephen
  - B. What is the significance of Phillip going to Samaria?
    - 1. To break down the religious and \_\_\_\_\_ barriers that existed between the Jews and the Samaritans
    - 2. To show that the Gospel can \_\_\_\_\_ everyone equally in Christ (I Cor. 12:12-13)
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ conversion of Simon (Acts 8:9-13)
- A. Simon was a \_\_\_\_\_ sorcerer (Acts 8:9-10)
  - B. Many Samaritans put their \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (Acts 8:12)
  - C. Simon \_\_\_\_\_ his faith in Christ and is baptized (Acts 8:13)  
Key – He professes faith in Christ, but he is not truly \_\_\_\_\_
- III. Peter and John \_\_\_\_\_ Philip's ministry (Acts 8:14-17)  
(Why did God wait to give the Holy Spirit to the Samaritans until Peter and John arrived?)
- A. It allowed the Apostles to authenticate Philip's \_\_\_\_\_ to the Samaritans
  - B. It allowed the Apostles to authenticate Philip's \_\_\_\_\_ to the Samaritans
  - C. It confirmed that the Samaritans and Jews were a part of the same \_\_\_\_\_
- IV. Peter and John \_\_\_\_\_ Simon (Acts 8:18-24)
- A. Simon tries to \_\_\_\_\_ the power of the Holy Spirit for himself and be able to give it to others (Acts 8:18-19)
  - B. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ Simon (Acts 8:20-23)
    - 1. Peter calls him an \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 8:20-21)
    - 2. Peter calls for Simon to \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 8:22-23)
    - 3. Simon's response – He wants a prayer for physical salvation not \_\_\_\_\_ salvation (Acts 8:24)
- V. The Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ throughout Samaria (Acts 8:25)

### **Questions to ponder**

- I. What \_\_\_\_\_ barriers are keeping you from sharing the gospel with an individual or group?
- II. What \_\_\_\_\_ barriers are keeping you from sharing the gospel with an individual or group?

III. Do we serve God for what we can get out of it or to \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God?

IV. Are we \_\_\_\_\_ of other peoples' spiritual gifts or walk with God?

V. Is your faith genuine or \_\_\_\_\_?