

## PHILIP

Text: Acts 8

Memory Verse: Acts 8: 3-4

Acts 8 continues telling how the Gospel of Jesus Christ began to spread and how the church grew after the Resurrection of Christ. The Apostles and others were preaching and teaching every day with the result that many people believed and wanted to be baptized. But just as when Jesus was teaching and performing miracles, the Jewish leaders and other people did not like what they were teaching. While the Gospel was spreading to cities and countries further away, it wasn't long before Christians in Jerusalem began to be persecuted.

From studying Acts 7, we know that Stephen was stoned to death for teaching that Jesus was the Messiah. Chapter 8 opens by telling about a young man who was present at the stoning of Stephen.

Write the definitions:

1. CONSENT:
2. LAMENTATION:
3. HAVOC:
4. SORCERY:
5. EUNUCH:
6. Write down everything the scriptures tell us about Saul in Acts 7:58-8:3.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
7. In verses 1-4, how did people react to the persecution of the church at Jerusalem?
8. Verses 5-40 tell us about Philip the Evangelist. He was one of the seven who were chosen in ch. 6:7. (Not an apostle). Philip went and taught the Samaritans and many believed in Jesus Christ. Verse 6 says they "heeded" the things spoken by him. Define Heed -
9. Before Philip came, the Samaritans listened to \_\_\_\_\_. List three or more things that we learn about this person:
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e.

10. Simon had previously amazed people with his tricks. What did he think of the miracles performed by Philip?
11. How did Simon respond to the Gospel?
12. Who was then sent to Samaria?
13. V.15 "...who when they had come down, \_\_\_\_\_ for them, that they might \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_."
14. V.17 "...Then they \_\_\_\_\_ on them and they received the \_\_\_\_\_."
16. What did Simon offer the apostles and why?
17. What was Peter's response and what advice did he give Simon?
18. Who was the Ethiopian Eunuch?
19. When Philip approached the chariot, he asked the eunuch if he understood what he was reading. Where had the eunuch been reading from?
20. What was the eunuch's attitude toward baptism?
21. Describe his baptism?

# **ACTS of the Apostles**

## **Acts Chapter 8**

## **Philip**

1. Who approved of Stephen's murder by the Jews?
2. What does "persecution" mean?
3. What did Saul do to the church? (verse 3)
4. Who preached about Christ to the people in the city of Samaria?
5. Which apostles came to Samaria to help Philip? (verse 14)
6. What did the Samaritans receive when the apostles laid hands on them? verse 17
7. Who tried to pay money for this power? Verse 18
8. What did Peter tell him to do? Verse 22
9. Who preached about Christ to the Ethiopian?
10. What happen to the Ethiopian after he heard about Christ? Verse 36-38
11. What happened to Philip after he baptized the Ethiopian eunuch? verse 39

Memorize and be able to say aloud verse: Acts 8:37

## Philip

**Concept development:** Church – Adding by baptism, growing stronger due to persecution

**Words to define:** Laid waste; sorcerer

### **Body:**

The persecution begun on the Church in Jerusalem  
Christians were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria  
Saul dragged men and women out of their homes and took them to jail  
The Christians were scattered abroad and they went about preaching the word

Philip went down to Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them  
Multitudes gave heed to what Philip said  
Cast out unclean spirits and healed the sick  
There was much joy in the city

Simon the Sorcerer who thought himself to be some great one  
Many people followed Simon thinking that his power came from God  
When Philip preached the Kingdom of God and the Name of Jesus, many were baptized  
Simon believed and was baptized being amazed at the great miracles done by Philip

Receiving the Holy Spirit  
The Apostles heard that those in Samaria had heard and believed  
Peter and John were sent to Samaria  
Prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit  
They laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit  
Simon wanted to buy this power or ability to give the Holy Spirit to others  
Peter told him to repent of his wickedness and pray to God that He might forgive him  
Peter and John returned to Jerusalem  
Philip was sent toward Gaza [60 – 70 miles]

Ethiopia eunuch the treasurer of Candace queen of the Ethiopians  
He had come to Jerusalem to worship [A Jew or a proselyte]  
The Ethiopia was reading Isaiah and did not understand it's meaning  
Philip offered his help in understanding what Isaiah wrote  
Philip preached unto him Jesus  
The eunuch had learned that he was a sinner and needed the blood of Jesus to wash his sins away  
He wanted to be baptized as soon as he had the chance to  
They both went into the water and both came out of the water  
The eunuch went home rejoicing  
Philip went about preaching the Gospel