# Act 7 Expanding the New Community

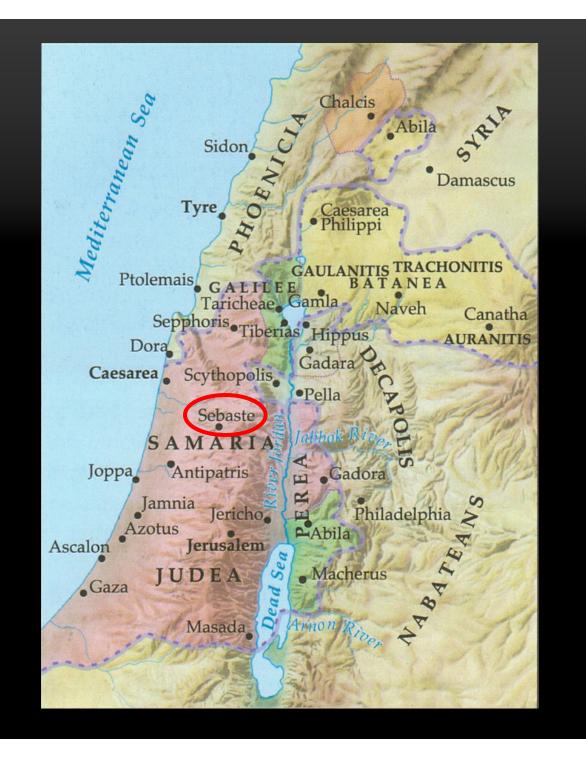
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• Acts 7:58, 8:1-4

Acts 8:5-8

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1. Philip





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- 1. Philip
- 2. Samaria
- 3. Jesus' Samaritan mission in John 4
- 4. "Exorcism of unclean spirits"

Acts 8:9-13

## Two concerns:

- 1. "followed Philip everywhere"
- 2. Simon = "he was amazed"

Acts 8:14-17

#### Observations:

- 1. There wasn't anything deficient in their faith
- 2. Wasn't because the Apostles had to be there
- 3. They of course did not need MORE of the Spirit

Acts 10:44-45

"While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message.

All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also."

Acts 2:14-17a But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words. "For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day; but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

'And it shall be in the last days,' God says, 'That I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind...

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- Acts 8:18-19
  - 1. No mention of God by Simon
  - 2. Not consistent with Scripture
  - 3. No faith involvement
  - 4. Means for gaining something else

- Acts 8:20-25
  - 1. Awareness of the difference between fascination & faith
  - 2. Aware people like this exist
  - 3. Any attempt to harness God's Spirit is abhorrent
  - 4. God has gone to great lengths to restore is community of believers