

The Acts of the Apostles

Act 7

Expanding the New Community

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Acts 1:8 “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem (that has now happened), and in all Judea and Samaria (what we will now see happen), and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

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- Acts 7:58, 8:1-4



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- Acts 8:5-8

General Observations:

1. *Philip*



Mediterranean Sea

PHOENICIA

SYRIA

Chalcis
Abila
Damascus

Sidon
Tyre

Caesarea
Philippi

Ptolemais
GALILEE
GAULANITIS
TRACHONITIS
BATANEA

Taricheae
Gamla
Naveh
Canatha
AURANITIS

Sepphoris
Tiberias
Hippus
Gadara
Pella

Dora
Caesarea
Scythopolis
Sebaste

DECAPOLIS

SAMARIA

Joppa
Antipatris

Jamnia
Jericho
Perea
Gadara
Philadelphia
Abila

Ascalon
Azotus
Jerusalem

JUDEA

Macherus

Gaza
Masada

Dead Sea

NABATEANS

River Jordan

Jabbok River

Arnon River



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- Acts 8:5-8

General Observations:

1. *Philip*

2. *Samaria*

3. *Jesus' Samaritan mission in John 4*

4. *"Exorcism of unclean spirits"*

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- Acts 8:9-13

Two concerns:

1. *“followed Philip everywhere”*
 2. *Simon = “he was amazed”*
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- 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*
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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.”

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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 1:8 “but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

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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*

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- **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*
