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Evangelizing the Lost for a Great cause – Part II

- ❖ They went everywhere *preaching* the word, v. 4.
- ❖ Philip went down to the city and *preached* Christ, v. 5.
- ❖ Philip *preached* concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, v. 12.
- ❖ They testified and *preached* the word of the Lord, v. 25.
- ❖ He *preached* in all the cities v. 40.

Acts 8

- 1 Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.
- 2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.
- 3 As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison.
- 4 Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere **preaching** the word.
- 5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and **preached** Christ to them.
- 6 And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.
- 7 For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.
- 8 And there was great joy in that city.
- 9 But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great,
- 10 to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the great power of God."
- 11 And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time.

- 12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.
- 13 Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.
- 14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,
- 15 who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.
- 16 For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- 17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
- 18 And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money,
- 19 saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."
- 20 But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!
- 21 You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.
- 22 Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.
- 23 For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity."
- 24 Then Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me."
- 25 So when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

Let's take a look at the different characters in this chapter

- Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior
- Stephen
- Saul
- The church people
- The Apostles
- Philip
- The people in the city of Samaria

- Simon the Sorcerer
- Peter and John
- An angel of the Lord
- The Ethiopian
- Candace, queen of the Ethiopians

Preach Christ

Do not present Jesus as

- **Ministry**
 - What Christ can do for you
- **Materialism**
 - What you can get from Christ
- **Merchandising**
 - What you can do with Him

God does not need you to do His work; He is God all by Himself; it is a Blessing, better still, a privilege to be used by God.