

Sunday October 3, 2021

SERMON STUDY

1. Read Acts 8:4-24. Why do you think the persecution in Jerusalem helped in the spread of the gospel to Judea and Samaria?
2. What was it that astonished Simon most of all about the Samaritan revival? See v.13.
3. Why did the people describe Simon as *"the divine power"*? See v.10. Where do you think his power came from?
4. Simon claimed to be a believer in Christ. He was baptized and followed Philip. Do you think he truly was a follower of Christ? Why or why not?
5. What did Simon ask for which led Peter to understand he was not a Christian? See v. 20-23.
6. In Rom.1:16 Paul speaks of the gospel as having power. Where do you think this power is revealed? Did Simon have this power?
7. The theologian N.T. Wright writes, *"The Bible is the book of my life. It's the book I live with, the book I live by, the book I want to die by."* What do you think he means by the words, *"the book I live by, the book I want to die by"*? Does Heb.4:12 have anything to add here?
8. Nicodemus was told by Jesus that he needed to be *"born again."* What do you think this means? See John 3:3. Simon made a profession of faith and was baptized. He followed Philip. Do you think he was born again?
9. What does it mean to be born again?