AM Sermon Notes

"Pentecost, Part 2" – Acts 8:5-25

1. Preaching to the Samaritans

5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. **6** And the crowds with
one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs
that he did. **7** For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and
many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. **8** So there was much joy in that city.

2. Hocus-Pocus of Simon

9 But there was a man named Simon, who had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the
people of Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great. **10** They all paid attention to him, from
the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great." **11** And they paid
attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic.

3. Presence of the Spirit

12 But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name
of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. **13** Even Simon himself believed, and after
being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was
amazed. **14** Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they
sent to them Peter and John, **15** who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy
Spirit, **16** for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the
Lord Jesus. **17** Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

4. Plurality or Superiority?

18 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he
offered them money, **19** saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may
receive the Holy Spirit." **20** But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought
you could obtain the gift of God with money! **21** You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your
heart is not right before God. **22** Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that,
if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. **23** For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness
and in the bond of iniquity." **24** And Simon answered, "Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you
have said may come upon me."

5. Preaching to the Samaritans

25 Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to
Jerusalem, preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.