

**ACTS**  
**The Gospel for Samaria**  
**Acts 8:4-24**

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1. **The Jerusalem believers, who were forced to leave because of persecution, took the gospel elsewhere—including \_\_\_\_\_.**
- a. Even in the face of \_\_\_\_\_, the persecuted believers continued to hold to their faith and shared it with others.
  - b. Philip focused on taking the gospel to the \_\_\_\_\_ Samaritans.
  - c. The Lord enabled Philip to perform miracles that brought help to many and also verified the authenticity of the message he was sharing.
  - d. Philip's message:
    - 1) It's the true \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 2) Christ was proclaimed.
    - 3) It is the good news about the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
    - 4) It is the good news about the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.
  - e. By God's grace, \_\_\_\_\_ Samaritans believed and were baptized.

2. **A serious challenge was presented to the Samaritans through Simon.**

- a. Simon was a well known \_\_\_\_\_ who grabbed the attention of the Samaritans with the things he could do.
- b. Samaritans of \_\_\_\_\_ ranks and ages were being deceived and putting great faith in Simon.
- c. When the Samaritans heard the gospel from Philip, they turned from following Simon to faith in Jesus Christ. Even \_\_\_\_\_ himself believed.
- d. Simon's interaction with Peter reveals the true condition of his heart and that his faith was not genuine.
  - 1) He believed that the \_\_\_\_\_ gift of God could be purchased with money.
  - 2) Peter discerned that Simon was going after false gods and was a \_\_\_\_\_ of sin. His only hope was repentance.
  - 3) Simon's condition is a \_\_\_\_\_ to all believers to diligently persevere in their faith.

*"Whenever and wherever God is at work among people, there are not only genuine responses but also counterfeit ones." - R.N. Longnecker*