

The Samaritans Received Into the Assembly

Acts 8:1-25

CHAPTER 8

1 And Saul was consenting to his being killed. And on that day there arose a great persecution against the assembly which was in Jerusalem, and all were scattered into the countries of Judaea and Samaria except the apostles. **2** And pious men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. **3** But Saul ravaged the assembly, entering into the houses one after another, and dragging off both men and women delivered them up to prison. **4** Those then that had been scattered went through *the countries* announcing the glad tidings of the word. **5** And Philip, going down to a city of Samaria, preached the Christ to them; **6** and the crowds with one accord gave heed to the things spoken by Philip, when they heard *him* and saw the signs which he wrought. **7** For from many who had unclean spirits they went out, crying with a loud voice; and many that were paralysed and lame were healed. **8** And there was great joy in that city. **9** But a certain man, by name Simon, had been before in the city, using magic arts, and astonishing the nation of Samaria, saying that himself was some great one. **10** To whom they had all given heed, from small to great, saying, This is the power of God which is called great. **11** And they gave heed to him, because that for a long time he had astonished them by his magic arts. **12** But when they believed Philip announcing the glad tidings concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptised, both men and women. **13** And Simon also himself believed; and, having been baptised, continued constantly with Philip; and, beholding the signs and great works of power which took place, was astonished. **14** And the apostles who were in Jerusalem, having heard that Samaria had received the word of God, sent to them Peter and John; **15** who, having come down, prayed for them that they might receive *the Holy Spirit*; **16** for he was not yet fallen upon any of them, only they were baptised to the name of the Lord Jesus. **17** Then they laid their hands upon them, and they received *the Holy Spirit*. **18** But Simon, having seen that by the laying on of the hands of the apostles the *Holy Spirit* was given, offered them money, **19** saying, Give to me also this power, in order that on whomsoever I may lay hands he may receive *the Holy Spirit*. **20** And Peter said to him, Thy money go with thee to destruction, because thou hast thought that the gift of God can be obtained by money. **21** Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter, for thy heart is not upright before God. **22** Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and supplicate the Lord, if

indeed the thought of thy heart may be forgiven thee; **23** for I see thee to be in the gall of bitterness, and bond of unrighteousness. **24** And Simon answering said, Supplicate “ye” for me to the Lord, so that nothing may come upon me of the things of which ye have spoken. **25** They therefore, having testified and spoken the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and announced the glad tidings to many villages of the Samaritans.