

## Seed of the Church

*“Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.”*

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Acts 8:4-25

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Theme Statement: In the face of persecution, competition and counterfeits, we are to faithfully proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in the Word of God to the widening circle of our influence through the ongoing participation of the Son of God and the indwelling power of the Spirit of God.

### OUTLINE OF ACTS

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| The Witness to Jerusalem -             | Acts 1:1 - 8:3     |
| The Witness to Judea and Samaria -     | Acts 8:4 - 12:24   |
| The Witness to the ends of the earth - | Acts 12:25 - 21:14 |
| From Jerusalem to Rome -               | Acts 21:15 - 28:31 |

### Church is Dispersed - v. 4-8

1. The church is scattered according to \_\_\_\_\_ - Acts 1:8
2. The church is scattered by means of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_
3. The church is scattered in order to preach \_\_\_\_\_ and, in particular, to proclaim the \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 24:25-27 - And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?” Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

4. The message of Philip was confirmed by \_\_\_\_\_

### Competition is Defeated - v. 9-13

1. Simon was a \_\_\_\_\_ to back up his claims of being \_\_\_\_\_ (someone great).
2. The people believed Simon to have a \_\_\_\_\_
3. The people eventually believed the \_\_\_\_\_ preached by Philip, which was about the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_, and they were baptized
4. Simon \_\_\_\_\_ faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized but seemed to be more interested in the \_\_\_\_\_ rather than the \_\_\_\_\_

### Confirmation is Demonstrated - v. 14-17

1 Corinthians 12:13 - For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

1. Acts 2 - This is the baptism of the Spirit of God on the \_\_\_\_\_
2. Acts 8 - This is the baptism of the Spirit of God on the \_\_\_\_\_
3. Acts 10:44-48 - This is the baptism of the Spirit of God on the \_\_\_\_\_ (Cornelius)
4. Acts 19:1-7 - This is the baptism of the Spirit of God on \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 2:13-16 - But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

### Counterfeit is Denied - v. 18-25

1. Simon offered to \_\_\_\_\_ from Peter and John to distribute the gift of the Holy Spirit on people
2. Peter rebuked Simon for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Simon's heart and called him to \_\_\_\_\_ and pray to the Lord for \_\_\_\_\_
3. Instead, Simon asked Peter to pray that \_\_\_\_\_ to Simon

### Implications for us

1. God's plan for us (His church) is to gather together for teaching, fellowship, the Lord's table and prayer but then to scatter sharing the Gospel in our spheres of influence
2. In the church and in our witness, we are to preach/teach the Word of God focusing on the person of the Lord Jesus Christ
3. Salvation is a personal response to the Gospel in repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ