

ACTS: LESSON 8

VIII. THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM SCATTERED AND PHILIP PREACHES CHRIST (8:1-40).

- A. Saul leads great persecution against the church in Jerusalem (8:1-4).
 - 1. The scattered members preach the word in the surrounding regions of Jerusalem.

- B. Philip preaches in Samaria (8:5-24).
 - 1. Multitudes give heed to Philip's miraculously confirmed preaching of Christ (v.5-8).
 - 2. Simon the practitioner of sorcery believes the gospel and is baptized (v.9-13).
 - 3. Simon sins in trying to buy the apostles' ability to give miraculous gifts of the Spirit to others (v.14-24).

- C. Peter and John return to Jerusalem and preach the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans (8:25).

- D. Philip sent toward Gaza and preaches Jesus to a eunuch of Ethiopia (8:26-39).
 - 1. Eunuch is baptized and joyously goes on his way.

- E. Philip preaches on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean on his way to Caesarea (8:40).

QUESTIONS:

- 1. What phase of the spreading of the Gospel takes place in chapter 8?

- 2. Who went about preaching the word?

- 3. What did Philip preach in Samaria?

- 4. What caused the Samaritans to give heed to Philip?

