

## Seeing Some Things Simon Saw

Acts 8:14-24 (v. 18)

### Introduction:

- A. Gospel preached in Samaria.
  - 1. A result of God's plan (Acts 1:8).
  - 2. A result of persecution in Jerusalem. (8:1-4).
  - 3. Involved preaching:
    - a. The word. (v. 4, 14)
    - b. Christ. (v. 5)
    - c. Things of kingdom of God. (v. 12)
    - d. Things of name of Jesus Christ. (v. 12)
    - e. The gospel (v. 25).
- B. Gospel converts many. (v. 12)
- C. Gospel converts Simon a Sorcerer (v. 13).
- D. Simon saw some things that all need to see (v. 18).

### Discussion:

#### **I. He Saw How The Miraculous Power Of The Holy Ghost Was Given (v. 18-19).**

- A. Two ways miraculous power given.
  - 1. Baptism of Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:4,5; Acts 2; Acts 11:15-17).
  - 2. Imparted by apostolic hands. (Acts 8:14-15; Rom. 1:11).
- B. Holy Spirit without miraculous power to all. (Rom. 8:9-11; Acts 5:32)
  - 1. One can have H.S. and do no miracle. (cf. Lk. 1:15; Jno. 10:41).
  - 2. Relationship between spirit and word dwelling in us. (Eph. 5:18,19; Col. 3:16).
- C. Spiritual gifts ceased with completed revelation.
  - 1. Promised. (1 Cor. 13:8-13)
  - 2. No one to impart after apostles.
  - 3. No need after completed revelation. (cf. Heb. 2:3,4; Jude 3; cf. "They have Moses & Prophets...").

#### **II. He Saw A Need To Be Baptized (v. 13)**

- A. Baptism saves. (Mk. 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21)
- B. Baptism to remove sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 22:17)
- C. Baptism not H.S. baptism. (v. 16)

#### **III. He Saw That Money Can Not Buy Everything (vv. 18,20).**

- A. Many think money solves everything.
  - 1. Cf. Story of young man in college.
  - 2. Crime problem
- B. Love of money root of all kinds of evil. (1 Tim. 6:10)
- C. Religion has become to commercial oriented.

#### **IV. He Saw That A Child Of God Can Fall (v. 23)**

- A. Must take heed lest fall. (1 Cor. 10:12,13).
- B. Must beware lest depart from God. (Heb. 3:12)
- C. Can fall from grace. (Gal. 5:4).
- D. Can fall so as to be lost. (Heb. 10:26-29)

#### **V. He Saw That A Fallen Child Can Be Forgiven (vv. 22,24)**

- A. Forgiveness conditional with God. (1 John 1:8-10).
- B. Forgiveness conditional with us. (Luke 17:3,4)

### Conclusion:

- A. Wouldn't it be great if all could see what Simon saw - without experiencing some things he did?
- B. Do you see a need to be baptized?
- C. If you have sinned as child, do you see a need to be forgiven?