

## **Acts 8**

**LW** – Stephen – Man, Ministry & Message – ended stoning/Saul there

### **V1-3**

1. Saul's name has come up 3 times since V58 – Leading Persecution!  
**Gal 1:13** For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.  
**Acts 26:10** (Agrippa) ...having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them.
2. Great Persecution – scattered – “Pushed” - Judea/Samaria
3. Not just about “The Ministry” - Stephen's life not wasted/forgotten!

### **V4-8**

1. Rather than harming Spread/Gospel – Actually Enhanced it!
2. Phillip went down to Samaria/Preached Christ – Acts 1:8 step 2!!!  
\* Map – City of Samaria (Jerusalem – Samaria = 35 miles)
3. Preaching/Signs/Wonders (4:29-30) – Many believed = Great Joy!  
**Psalm 21:1** A Psalm of David. The king shall have joy in Your strength, O Lord; And in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

### **V9-13**

1. Many were deceived by Simons/Signs/Wonders –  
**Mark 13:5-6** Jesus - “Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and will deceive many.
2. Philip's preaching led to Baptisms – Matt 28:18-20  
\* Has it led you to Baptism? Jesus did it/Commanded it/Modeled/Acts

### **V14-17**

1. Samaritans Received Word??? Such a Prejudice/Hard to Believe!
2. Necessity/Chronology/Reality of Receiving/Filling/Baptism/H.S.  
\* *Epipipto*= fall upon, to rush/press upon; to seize/take possession/him
3. V17 – Received – T/Imperfect/Cont.; V/Active; M/Indicative/Fact  
\* In 20 – Jesus gave H. S.; Acts 1:4/Wait; 1:8 Receive/When/Upon

### **V18-24**

1. Simon thought buy it/market it/sell it – Poisoned/Many today!  
\* Temptation – Package, Promote & Profit off the Power of H.S.

## **V25**

1. Preached all the way back home!

### **V26-29**

1. Wait/Second...1<sup>st</sup> - “Angel/Lord spoke” - 2nd – “Spirit said”  
\* How does one hear these spiritual things? In Tune!!!  
\* One who Seeks, Filled & Led By Sprit!!!  
\* Map - Gaza

### **V30-35**

1. Phillip's obedience to Speaking of Holy Spirit
2. Leads him to Opportunity to share
3. Leads to Him being asked Questions – about the word of God
4. Which leads to Phillip sharing Jesus with him!
5. Eunuch Heard the Gospel from Isaiah 53!!! (Septuagint)

### **V36-38**

1. Evidently - Preached Jesus from Isa 53 to Matt 28:18-20!
2. What hinders me? Ask same question? Answer w/same answer?!
3. Eunuch professes belief in :
  - Jesus as the Christ – fulfillment/Isa 53
  - Jesus as the Son of God
4. He Baptizes him
  - Phillip's Obedience of Matt 28:18-20
  - Eunuch's Obedience of Matt 28:18-20

### **V39-40**

#### **Communion**

1. Necessity/Centrality of Christianity preaching the Gospel  
**Romans 1:16-17** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”  
\* Knowing/Confessing Truths of Isa 53
2. Necessity of Seeking, Filled, Led by Spirit – Hear Spirit/Be Witness
3. Importance of Water Baptism in a Christians Life!