

Acts

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Acts 8:12-24 NOTES



GENUINE SAVING FAITH (Part 2)

Acts 8:12-14 (NASB)

¹² But when [the crowd] believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.

¹³ Even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip, and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.

¹⁴ Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, ¹⁵ who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ For ****[the Holy Spirit]** had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

1. God had delayed the falling of the Holy Spirit so that the apostles from Jerusalem could _____ witness that the Samaritan believers were also _____ by God for their faith in Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:13 (NASB)

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.

Psalms 133:1, 3 (NIV)

¹ How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!

³ ...For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

Romans 3:29-30 (NIV)

²⁹ Is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, ³⁰ since **there is only one God**, who will justify the circumcised [the Jews] by faith and the uncircumcised [the Gentiles] through that same faith [in Jesus Christ alone for salvation].

Ephesians 4:3-6 (NIV)

³ **Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit** through the bond of peace.

⁴ There is **one body** and **one Spirit**-- just as you were called to **one hope** when you were called--

⁵ **one Lord, one faith, one baptism;**

⁶ **one God and Father of all**, who is over all and through all and in all.

"there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female, but all are one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:28)

Acts 8:17-19

¹⁷ *Then they began laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.*

¹⁸ *Now when Simon saw [from his perspective] that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, ¹⁹ saying, "Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."*

Matthew 13:13 & 15 (NLT2)

¹³ *...For they look, but they don't really see. They hear, but they don't really listen or understand.¹⁵ For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes— so their eyes cannot see ... and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal [save] them.'*

2. _____ is more than just acknowledging Jesus intellectually; it includes an _____ transformation of the heart from love for oneself to a love for God, which leads to repentance.

Acts chapter 8:20-24

²⁰ *But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!" ²¹ "You have no part or portion in this matter, for **your heart is not right before God.** ²² **"Therefore repent** of this wickedness of yours, **and pray to the Lord** that, if possible, the intention of your heart **may be forgiven you.** ²³ "For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity." ²⁴ But Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me yourselves, so that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."*

Proverbs 5:22 warns (ESV)

²² *The iniquities [sins] of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin.*

3. No one can _____ for you but _____!

Romans 8:9 (NASB)

⁹ *...if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.*

