



The Gospel Goes Out!

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Acts 1:8

but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

The Gospel has been going out in Jerusalem but in Chapter 8 the Gospel goes outside of Jerusalem to Samaria...as commanded!

Acts 8:4-25

⁴ Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word. ⁵ Philip went down to the city of Samaria and began proclaiming Christ to them. ⁶ The crowds with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing. ⁷ For in the case of many who had unclean spirits, they were coming out of them shouting with a loud voice; and many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed. ⁸ So there was much rejoicing in that city.

1. God uses persecution of His Church to send the Gospel out and grow the faith of His followers.

Inflicting persecution on the Spirit filled church is like throwing gasoline on a fire!

2. When taking the Gospel out, we are to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit

The only requirement to be His witness is your faith in Him and the Holy Spirit given to you

3. We are all called to take the Gospel out to Samaria.

Any place you find yourself outside of your church community...that is Samaria

⁹ Now there was a man named Simon, who formerly was practicing magic in the city and astonishing the people of Samaria, claiming to be someone great; ¹⁰ and they all, from smallest to greatest, were giving attention to him, saying, “This man is what is called the Great Power of God.” ¹¹ And they were giving him attention because he had for a long time astonished them with his magic arts. ¹² But when they 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.

4. When the Gospel goes out God does great things!

Romans 1:16

The Gospel is God’s power unto salvation to anyone who will believe, to the Jew first but also to the Greek

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 He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then

they began laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit

5. When the Gospel is received, the Holy Spirit is as well!

When a person expresses true faith, a true belief in the Gospel that says Jesus is the Son of God and our Savior, then the Holy Spirit of God indwells that true believing person.

¹⁸ Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given 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." ²⁰ But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could acquire the gift of God with money! ²¹ You have no part or share 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 will be forgiven you. ²³ For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of unrighteousness." 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."

²⁵ So, when they had solemnly testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they started back to Jerusalem, and were preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

6. When the Gospel goes out...beware of false converts

7. When the Gospel goes out Satan gets busy

Announcements

Welcome to Center Point Church! There are exciting things happening at our church and hope you feel welcome. We love you and are glad you joined us today.



WORSHIP NIGHT

Saturday, November 6th
@ 7 pm

The graphic features a dark blue background with a grid of small white dots. On the right side, there is a circular inset image showing a person's hand raised in worship, with a glowing cross visible in the background.



NOVEMBER 7

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

AFTER CHURCH

The graphic has a dark blue background with a stylized illustration of wooden chairs and a table, suggesting a church setting.

Sunday November 14th, membership business meeting after church.

Church Staff

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