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A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF ACTS



Acts 8:9-13

[9] But there was a man named Simon, who had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great. [10] They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great."

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[11] And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. [12] But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

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[13] Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed.

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He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(Colossians 1:13–14 ESV)

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Lesson #1

We can trust in the superior power of Christ to set people free from any and all supernatural forces that may hold them captive.

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Acts 8:14-17

[14] Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, [15] who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit,

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[16] for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. [17] Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

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New Testament Teaching

- Christians are **born** again of the Spirit (John 3:1-8)
- Christians are **indwelt** by the Spirit (Rom. 8:9)
- Christians are **baptized** by the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13)
- Christians are **sealed** by the Spirit (Eph. 1:13-14)

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Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

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Lesson #2

The Spirit is not given to divide believers, but to unite them.

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[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 me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

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[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 neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. [22] Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. [23] For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity.”

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[24] And Simon answered, “Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may come upon me.” [25] Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

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What about you? What are you in it for?

What are you looking to get from God?

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Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, ***in order that I may gain Christ***

(Philippians 3:8 ESV)

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