



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **Simon, the Imposter**
Series: **EYEWITNESS - ACTS**
Text: **Acts 8:9-24**
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*But **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit** comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
(Acts 1:8)*

EYEWITNESS - SIMON, THE IMPOSTER

Now for some time **a man named Simon** had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. **He boasted that he was someone great**, 10 and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, **“This man is the divine power known as the Great Power.”** 11 They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his magic. (Acts 8:9-11)

- Simon was a _____ !
- Simon _____ (magician)

HOW DO YOU RECOGNIZE IF SOMEONE IS A REAL CHRISTIAN?

1. GENUINELY PUT THEIR _____ AND _____ IN JESUS CHRIST

But **when they believed Philip as he preached the good news** of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. (Acts 8:12)

Simon himself believed and was baptized. And **he followed Philip** everywhere, **astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.** (Acts 8:13)

2. LIFE CHANGE IS _____

Jesus said, “by **their fruit you will recognize them.**” (Matt. 7:20)

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ 23 Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’ (Matt. 7:21-23)

When the apostles in **Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God**, they sent Peter and John to them. 15 When they arrived, **they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit**, 16 because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and **they received the Holy Spirit**. (Acts 8:14-17)

WHAT DOES SIMON DO?

- **SIMON OFFERS TO _____ THE POWER**

When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, **he offered them money** 19 and said, "**Give me also this ability** so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." (Acts 8:18-19)

Peter answered: "**May your money perish with you**, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A PERSON IS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- **YOUR HEART IS _____ WITH GOD!**

You have **no part or share in this ministry**, because **your heart is not right before God**. (Acts 8:21)

- **YOUR LIVING A LIFE OF _____**

Repent of this **wickedness** and pray to the Lord. (Acts 8:22)

- **YOUR LIFE IS _____ AND _____**

For I see that you are **full of bitterness** and **captive to sin**. (Acts 8:23)

WHAT WAS SIMON'S RESPONSE?

Then Simon answered, "**Pray to the Lord for me** so that nothing you have said may happen to me." (Acts 8:24)