

COVENANT — THE FIRST CHURCH

Revival in Samaria

LESSON 03

JUNE 21, 2026

LESSON TEXT - ACTS 8:1–17

FOCUS VERSES

Acts 8:15–17

¹⁵Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

¹⁶(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

¹⁷Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

TRUTH ABOUT COVENANT

God calls His church to be His witnesses to everyone.

MY RESPONSE TO COVENANT

I will faithfully witness for Jesus even in persecution.

COVENANT CONTEXT

Up until this point in Israel's long history and the church's short history, God's covenant had been primarily to the Jews. However, once persecution spread the Hebrew Christians out of Jerusalem, God led a Greek-speaking Jew named Philip to the city of Samaria where God invited the Samaritans into covenant with Him through the gospel and the born-again response to the gospel.

I. POWERED BY PERSECUTION

A. Persecution in Jerusalem Led to Great Joy in Samaria

B. I will not allow persecution to prevent me from sharing the gospel.

If you have ever experienced rejection or opposition as you attempted to spread the gospel,

how did you respond?

II. THE NECESSITY OF THE SPIRIT

A. What Was Present

Why is receiving the Holy Spirit more important than experiencing physical miracles?

B. One Sign Absent

C. I will witness to others about the necessity of receiving the Spirit.

What are some ways you can spread the gospel message to your friends, neighbors, and coworkers and talk with them about the importance of receiving the Holy Spirit?

III. EXTENDING COVENANT

A. Jews and Samaritans

B. Jesus Extended Covenant to the Samaritans

If you find it difficult to witness to any particular groups of people, how can you overcome this obstacle to be a faithful witness?

C. I will witness to everyone by excluding no one.

When you see others the way Jesus sees them, are you more loving and inclusive? If not, how can you be?