



“Spiritual Conversions”

Acts 8:4-24 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction – *After Christians fled Jerusalem because of the persecution, Philip fled and began to preach the Gospel in Samaria.*

I. Confirming Conversions.

- A. Many people in Samaria believed the Gospel as a result of Philip’s ministry.

- B. Peter and John were sent to Samaria to confirm that the Samaritans had believed the Gospel and were converted to Christ.

- C. Peter and John were able to confirm the conversions after they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

- D. This meant that the Gospel was for everybody!

E. How do you know that you have received the Holy Spirit?

- 1. (Romans 8:16)

- 2. (I Thess. 2:13) (Luke 24:44-45)
(I Corinthians 2:12-16)

II. The Gospel Gift.

- A. While Peter and John verified the conversion of many Samaritans, there was one man they couldn’t confirm – Simon, the magician.

- B. It is possible to think you are a Christian, identify as a Christian, but not really be converted.

- C. The truth of the Gospel must not just be understood in your head but experienced in your heart.

- D. Peter tells Simon that his heart wasn’t right before God.

- E. We must understand that the Gospel is a gift of grace from God, not something that can be bought, earned, or merited.

Conclusion.