

## THE GOSPEL AT WORK- ACTS 8

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**INTRODUCTION:** Chapters 8-12 are a PERIOD OF \_\_\_\_\_ during which the following takes place:

1. The center of activity moves from Jerusalem to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The message goes from the Jews to the \_\_\_\_\_ and then to the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Peter's kingdom ministry comes to a close and \_\_\_\_\_ takes his place.
4. The local church comes into existence and its meaning and place in God's program revealed through \_\_\_\_\_ ministry of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The Gospel of the Kingdom is \_\_\_\_\_ by the Gospel of the grace of God.

If the Ethiopian eunuch was of the black race, then in chapters 8-10 there are three remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ paralleling the three sons of Noah in Genesis 10-18.

1. The Ethiopian would come from \_\_\_\_\_
2. Paul, a Jew, from \_\_\_\_\_
3. Cornelius, a Gentile, from \_\_\_\_\_

The picture = the Gospel going to the \_\_\_\_\_ of mankind.

### I: PHILIP THE EVANGELIST – 1-25

1. Satan attacks as "a lion", devouring the \_\_\_\_\_ (translation of verse 3 ... "...Saul began ravaging the church...")
2. Persecution becomes an opportunity for \_\_\_\_\_ ... the ministry of the Word is moved from \_\_\_\_\_ territory for the \_\_\_\_\_ time in Acts. What began as "great persecution" (v. 1) became "great \_\_\_\_\_".
3. What Satan could not accomplish through \_\_\_\_\_, he now seeks to do through \_\_\_\_\_ (the "lion" becomes the "serpent").

Simon the sorcerer makes a \_\_\_\_\_ of faith, is baptized ... but what do subsequent events prove? (note verses 20-22).

### II: PHILIP THE PERSONAL WORKER

1. The man of God – Philip was \_\_\_\_\_ to the Spirit. He left the \_\_\_\_\_, which most enjoy, to deal with the one.

God's \_\_\_\_\_ is still men, \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit!

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2. The Spirit of God – through Him we have the power to \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 1:8).
  - a) The Spirit opened the way for Philip to \_\_\_\_\_ to the man
  - b) He opened the \_\_\_\_\_ to the man
  - c) He opened the man's \_\_\_\_\_ to the Saviour
  
3. The Word of God – “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 10:17). Isaiah \_\_\_\_\_ was the chapter used. There can be no real \_\_\_\_\_ apart from the Word of God (John 5:24; Ephesians 1:12-14; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-6; 2 Thessalonians 3:1; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Titus 1:3).

The Ethiopian proved his faith by his \_\_\_\_\_.

**CONCLUSION:** There was great \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8), and there was great joy in the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 39). Joy is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ of true \_\_\_\_\_.