



The Danger of Forgetting Mission Work



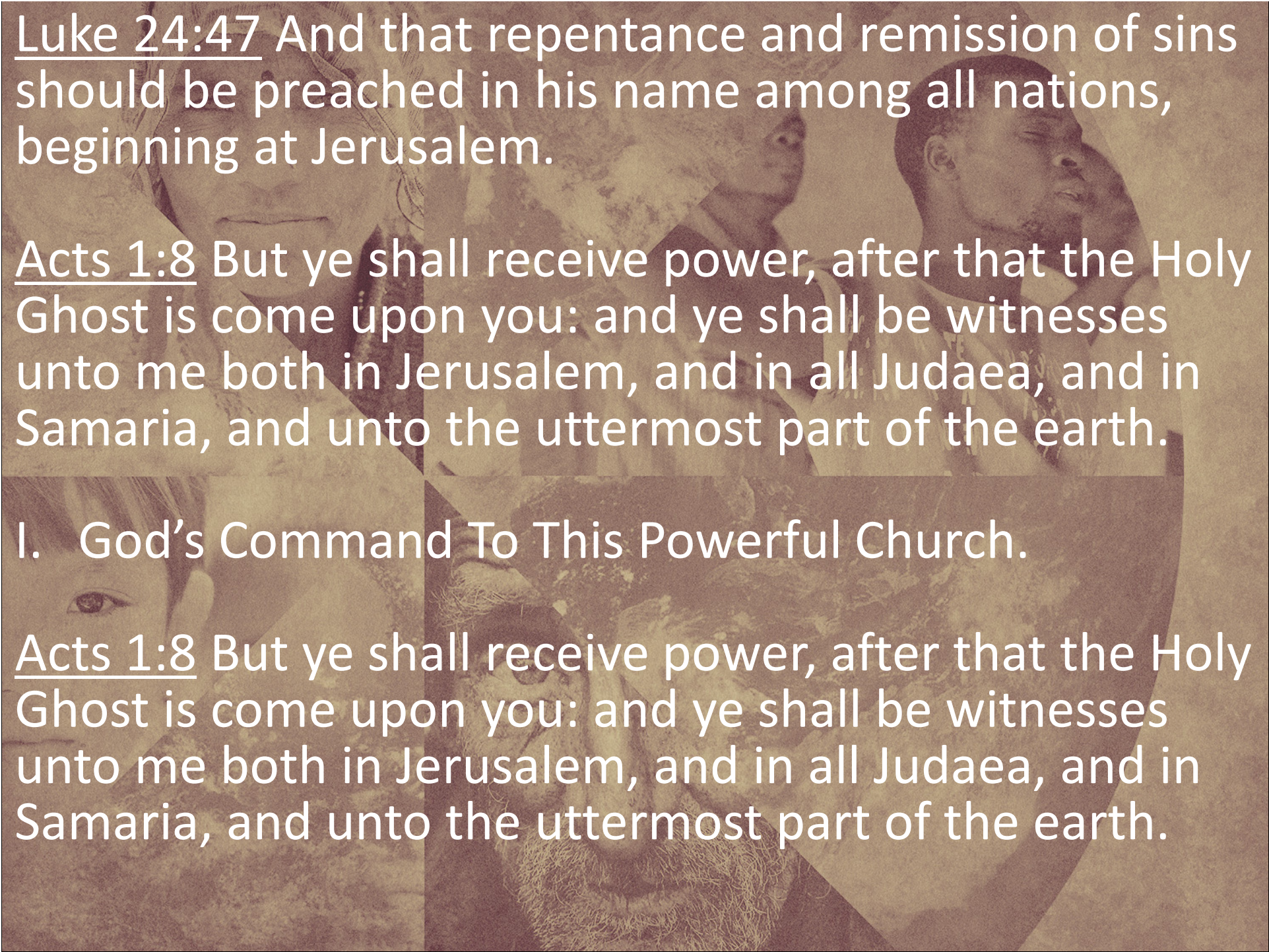
God's command for our involvement in mission work is clear in Scripture.

Mat. 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.



Luke 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

I. God's Command To This Powerful Church.

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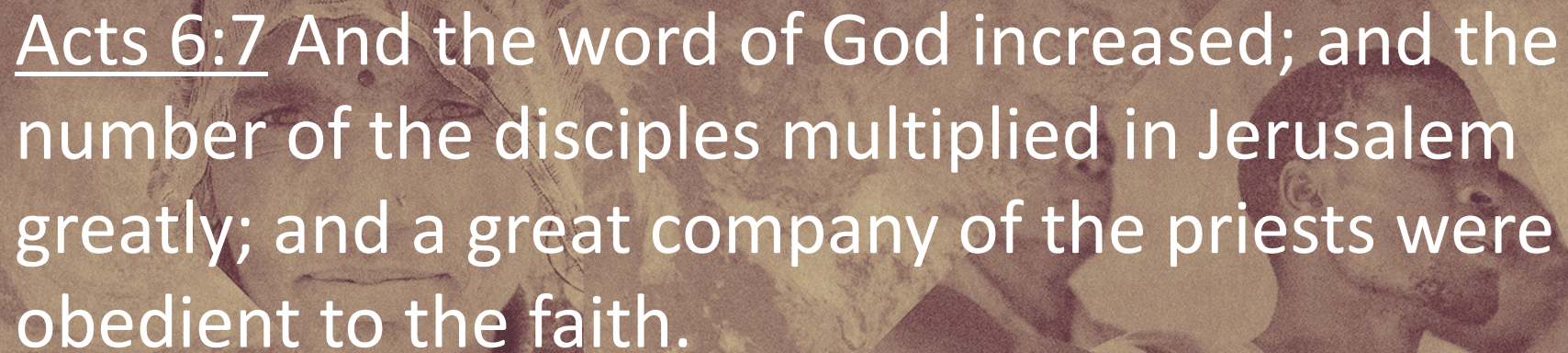


The church in Jerusalem preached the Gospel - in Jerusalem only.

Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

Acts 4:4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

Acts 5:14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

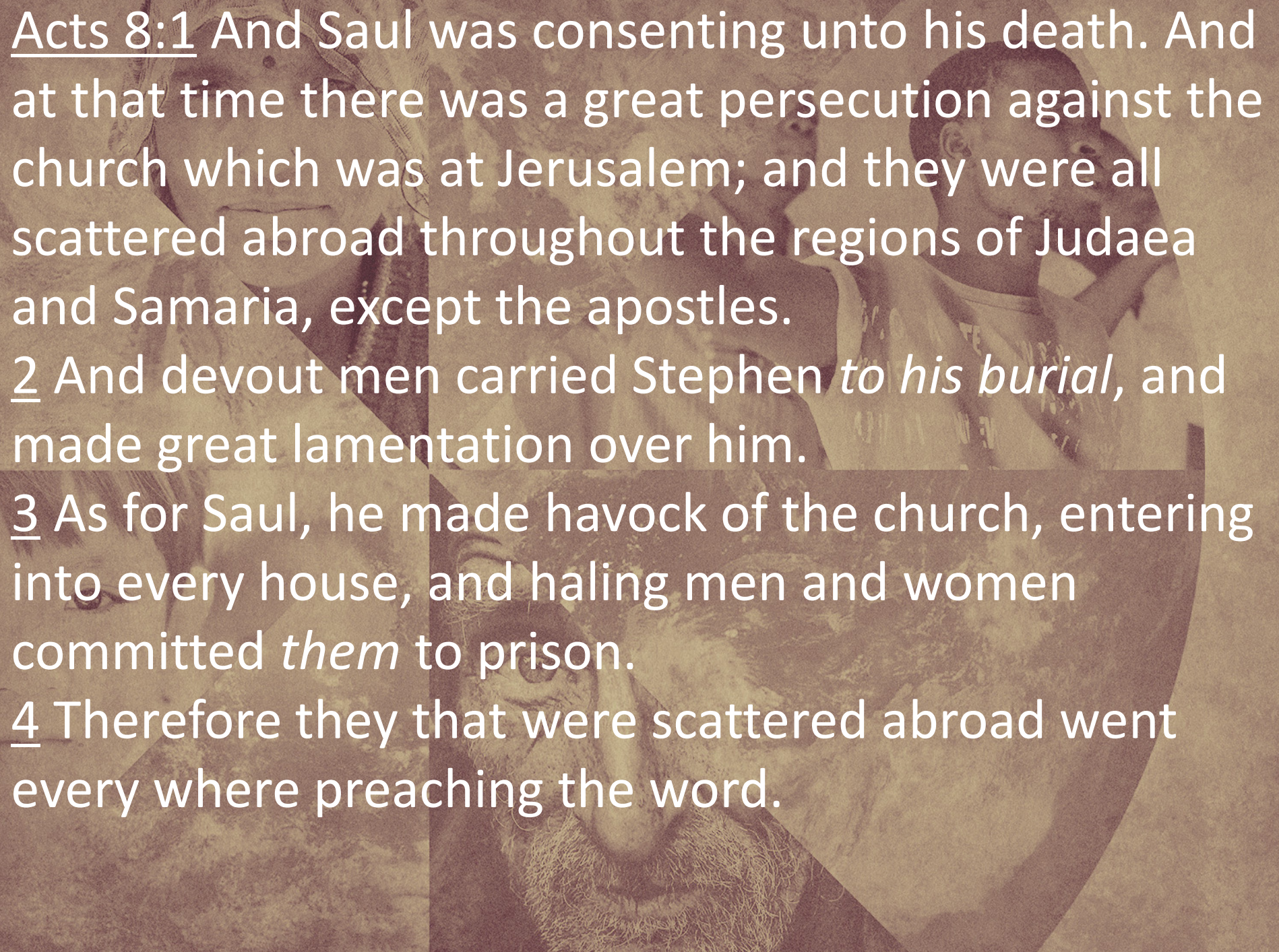


Acts 6:7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

What about Judaea, Samaria, and the uttermost part of the earth?

II. God's Punishment Upon This Disobedient Church.

As a church you can either have an Acts 1:8 experience or you may have an Acts 8:1 experience.



Acts 8:1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 And devout men carried Stephen *to his burial*, and made great lamentation over him.

3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed *them* to prison.

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

III. The Result Of The Jerusalem Church Being Scattered.

God brought persecution upon the church at Jerusalem so that the members would go out and preach the Gospel outside of the city of Jerusalem.

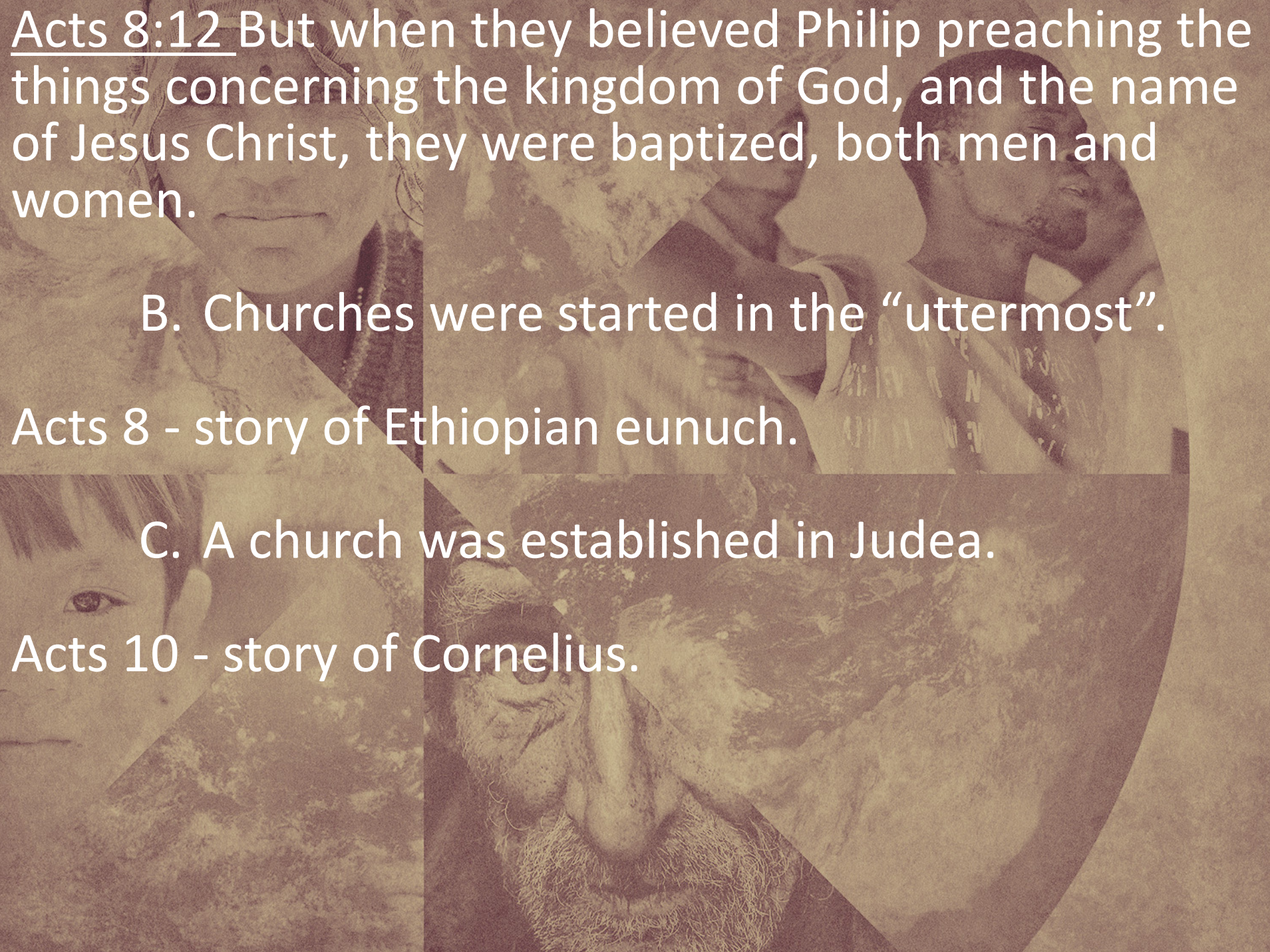
A. A church was started in Samaria.

Acts 8:5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed *with them*: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

8 And there was great joy in that city.



Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

B. Churches were started in the “uttermost”.

Acts 8 - story of Ethiopian eunuch.

C. A church was established in Judea.

Acts 10 - story of Cornelius.



IV. Mission Work Is Important To God Therefore It Must Be Important To Us Also.

A. Praying for mission work is important.

B. Giving financially to mission work is important.

C. Going as a missionary or sending missionaries is important.

D. Preaching the Gospel outside of our Jerusalem is important.



Conclusion

If you want to continue to see the blessings of God poured out upon this church then missions must be a priority.