

HOW REVIVAL ACTS

Acts 8:5-8



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(a) His Gospel Preaching, 8:5

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

Jn. 1:44 Now **Philip was of Bethsaida**, the city of Andrew and Peter.

Philip was chosen as a deacon in the first church at Jerusalem:

Acts 6:5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and **Philip**, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

Later, in Acts 21:8, we see Philip called “the evangelist:”

Acts 21:8 And the next *day* we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of **Philip the evangelist**, which was *one* of the seven; and abode with him.

Original Word: εὐαγγελιστής

Transliteration: euaggelistés

Definition: an evangelist, a missionary, bearer of good tidings.

euaggelistés (from *euaggelízō*, "evangelize") – **properly, an "evangelist"; someone with a vocational calling from God to announce the *good news* of the Gospel** (see Eph 4:11).

Every Christian is called to share the Gospel, but *euaggelistés* ("an evangelist") does so as a *vocation*, which includes preaching the *full message* of *Christ's salvation* (the *whole Gospel*).

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Eph. 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, **evangelists**; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

A Scriptural *evangelist* appears to be what we would commonly call today, a *missionary*.

- Both are godly men called of God to preach the Gospel.
- Both are sent out from a home-church.
- Both are sent out from a home-church with a mission – get souls saved, baptized, and start churches.

Acts 18:22 And when he had landed at Caesarea, and gone up, and **saluted the church**, he went down to Antioch.

Acts 8:40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through **he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.**

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<http://www.ccel.org/bible/philipps/CPn05Acts08.htm>

Jn. 4:9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? **for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.**

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25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am *he*. ...

29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

- Philip blazed a new trail, taking the Gospel to where the non-Hellenistic Jews wouldn't go.
- In Acts 8, the Gospel is departing, in emphasis, from the Jews, moving from Shem to Ham.
- Later in this chapter, Philip is moved by the Holy Spirit to preach to the Ethiopian eunuch.

- Philip leaves a fruitful ministry to go to one person.
- After Philip baptized the eunuch, the Holy Spirit moves Philip to Azotus, and other cities.

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b. His Great Power, 8:6-7

i. They Were Convicted by What He Said, 8:6a

Acts 8:6 “And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake...”

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.

Acts 4:33 And **with great power** gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

Acts 6:8 And Stephen, **full of faith and power**, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

Acts 8:10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, **This man is the great power of God.**

ii. They Were Convinced by What They Saw, 8:6b-7

Acts 8:6b "...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."

2. Rejoicing, 8:8

Acts 8:8 And there was great joy in that city.

Acts 2:47 **Praising God**, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Conclusion

Psa. 126:5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

6 **He that goeth forth** and weepeth, bearing precious seed, **shall doubtless come again with rejoicing**, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

Mt. 12:30 He that is not with me is against me; and **he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad**.