

HOW REVIVAL ACTS

Acts 8:14-17



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As we continue looking at the Book of Acts, we need to be reminded of the scenario of the first church:

- The apostles had spent three years of preparation with the Lord Jesus Christ in order to serve Him for His glory.
- They were unclear about the establishing of His Kingdom.
- The Lord had ascended back to heaven.
- The Holy Spirit was their primary source of leadership.
- The organization for their actions was the first church.
- They had no complete Bible like we do, today.
- The focus of their lives was living what they believed.
- The title of the book is “The Acts of the Apostles” NOT the beliefs of the Apostles.
- We are looking at *what they did*, in relation to what they believed.
- The key to the effectiveness of what they did was that their lives were empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- We are observing how the Holy Spirit moved in their lives.

(2) Simon Peter Hears the News, 8:14

Acts 8:14 Now when the **apostles which were at Jerusalem** heard that Samaria had received the word of God, **they sent unto them Peter and John:**

- The church in Jerusalem was the “mother church” that authorized Philip to start churches.
- The “mother church” sent Peter and John to authenticate Philip’s work, not because Philip was deficient, but to show the Samaritan’s that they needed to respect the Jerusalem church’s authority.

1 Cor. 12:28 “**And God hath set some in the church, first apostles...**”

Luke 6:13 And when it was day, he called *unto him* his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also **he named apostles;**

c. Philip's Fellowship in the Gospel, 8:15-25

(1) Dispensing the Gift of the Holy Spirit, 8:15-17

(a) Ending the Historic Isolation of the Samaritans by the Jewish Community, 8:15-16

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

- The Samaritans needed to see the authority of the Jewish brethren from the church at Jerusalem.
- The Jewish brethren needed to see the fruit of Philip in Samaria.

(b) Ensuring the Happy Identification of the Samaritans in the Christian Community, 8:17

Acts 8:17 Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

There is no laying on of hands in Acts 2 or 10, or Jn. 20:22.

Jn. 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

Mt. 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of **heaven**: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Samaritans in Acts 8 and Gentiles in Acts 10 are saved and verified by Peter in particular and the Jews in general.

Jn. 2:18 Then answered **the Jews** and said unto him, **What sign** shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?

1 Cor. 1:22 For **the Jews require a sign**, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

Conclusion

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:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

16 From whom **the whole body fitly joined together** and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, **maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.**