

# Philip The Evangelist

Acts 8:1-5

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- One of the 7 chosen to take care of the Grecian widows – a wise man with a good reputation and full of the Spirit. (Acts 6:1-5)
- Upon the persecution led by Saul, he carried the gospel to Samaria then to the Ethiopian eunuch. (Acts 8)
- Goes to Azotus, then north to Caesarea, proclaiming the gospel as he traveled. (Acts 8:40)
- More than 20 years later we see Philip in Caesarea, being visited by Paul on his return to Jerusalem. (Acts 21:8)

**HEROD'S KINGDOM**

- Archelaus (4 B.C.-A.D. 6)
- Herod Antipas (4 B.C.-A.D. 39)
- Philip (4 B.C.-A.D. 34)
- Governor of Syria
- Border of Herod the Great's Kingdom (4 B.C.)
- Roads
- Decapolis city



# Philip's Preaching In Samaria

- Things that Philip did not preach...
  - That one can be saved by sincerity alone.
    - Popular notion in the religious world.
    - The people of Samaria were sincere but deceived by a fraud. (Acts 8:9-10)
    - The Ethiopian eunuch was sincere in his religion, but lost. (Acts 8:27-28)
      - God sent Philip, who preached Christ to him. (Acts 8:26,29,35)
    - Philip taught them the word of God, confirmed with miracles and exposed the error they had embraced. (Acts 8:6-8,12)
    - Others who were sincere but wrong. (Acts 23:1; 26:9; Rom. 10:1-3)



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  - That one can be saved by sincerity alone.
  - That the kingdom of Christ had been postponed.
    - The error of premillennialism teaches that God's kingdom plan was thwarted by men.
    - Jesus came preaching that the kingdom was at hand. (Matt. 3:2; 4:17; Mk. 9:1; Matt. 16:18-19; 21,28)
    - When Philip proclaimed the good news of the kingdom, they were baptized. (Acts 8:12; Jn. 3:3-5; Col. 1:13)

# Matt. 16:18-19; 21,28

- 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.
- 21 *From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples*, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and *be killed, and be raised again the third day*.
- 28 Verily I say unto you, *There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom*.

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  - That all will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.
    - Charismatics teach that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit should be expected today and evidenced by speaking in tongues, etc.
    - Only two instances of Holy Spirit Baptism in the N.T.
      - The apostles. (Jn. 14,15,16; Lk. 14:49; Acts 1:8; 2:4)
      - Cornelius and his household. (Acts 10:44-46; 11:15-17)
    - Through the laying on of the hands of the apostles the Holy Spirit was imparted. (Acts 8:18)
    - Spiritual gifts have ceased. (I Cor. 13:8-10)
    - There is one baptism for today. (Eph. 4:5)

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  - Once saved, always saved.
    - **The false doctrine of Calvinism (TULIP) → The perseverance of the saints.**
    - **Simon was saved (Acts 8:12-13), then sinned, putting himself in danger of eternal damnation. (Acts 8:18-24)**
      - He was not told to be re-baptized.
      - He was to repent and pray for God's forgiveness. (I Jn. 1:9)
      - Notice also → I Cor. 10:12; Heb. 3:12; 4:11; Gal. 5:4



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  - That Baptism is not a part of the gospel.
    - Many erroneously teach that baptism is not a part of the gospel and not essential for salvation.
    - When Philip preached Christ unto them and they believed, they were baptized. (Acts 8:4-5, 12)
    - When Philip preached Jesus to the Ethiopian, his response was to be baptized. (Acts 8:35,36)
    - Gospel preaching includes the necessity of baptism. (Mk. 16:15-16; Rom. 6:3-5)