

# Simon the Sorcerer

Acts 8:9-13

# Lessons From The Lives Of Early Christians...

- They were persecuted.
  - (7:54-8:4; Jn. 15:18-20; Matt. 5:10-12; II Tim. 3:12; Js. 4:4-10)
- They were devoted to their mission.
  - (Acts 8:4; 15:35; Phil. 2:15-16)
- They preached the word.
  - (vv. 5, 12; Rom. 1:16)
- In their work, we see the providence of God.
  - (Acts 1:8; 8:4; 11:19-20)

# Lessons About Miracles and the Holy Spirit

- Simon saw the difference between his deception and Philip's miracles.
  - Acts 8:9-14; 8:7
  - Miracles:
    - More than just an amazing facet of nature
    - The suspension of natural laws and processes.
    - Purpose: Heb. 2:1-4; Mk. 16:14-18.
    - Today truth is confirmed by searching the scriptures. (Acts 17:11)
- Simon saw that it was by the laying on of the apostle's hands that the Holy Spirit was given.
  - Acts 8:14-15; 17; cf. Rom. 1:11; II Tim. 1:6

# Lessons About Salvation

- What did Simon do to be saved?
  - Heard the word. (Acts 8:6,13; cf. 18:8; Rom. 10:17)
  - Repented. (Acts 8:9; I Cor. 6:9-11; Rom. 6:20-23)
  - Was baptized. (Acts 8:13; cf. 2:38; 22:16; Matt. 28:18-20)
- What did Simon do to be restored?
  - Simon continued with Philip. (Acts 8:13)
  - Simon fell from grace. (Acts 8:18-23; cf. Gal. 5:4; I Cor. 10:12)
  - Simon was told to repent and pray for forgiveness. (Acts 8:22)