



Sunday Morning, June 21, 2020 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Message Title: The Triumph of the Gospel

Message Text: Acts 8:9-25

Truth Point: We can expect the message of the Gospel to powerfully triumph over satanic _____ and spiritual _____ in our day.

1. The _____ of the Gospel (9-13)

A. Their _____ (9-11)

Acts 8:9–10 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: 10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.

Quote: This Simon belonged to a class of charlatans that were rather common at this period, who practiced occult arts in order to impress the people and to gain a following. —Lenski

Definition—Sorcery: to perform magical spells that harness occult forces or evil spirits to produce unnatural effects in the world.

Definition—Bewitched: to utterly amaze; to cause to become astounded to such a degree as to nearly lose one's mental composure.

2 Timothy 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

scan for
sermon notes
in YouVersion App



2 Corinthians 4:4 *In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

Acts 8:11 *And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.*

B. The _____ - _____ (12)

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.*

Definition—Preaching: to convey the Gospel v. — to bring the good news; evangelize

Acts 16:30–31 *And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*

BEWARE: *Wherever God is _____, satan is always _____.*

Acts 8:13 *Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.*

Definition—Continued: in constant attendance upon

2. The _____ of the Gospel (14-17)

A. _____ Progress (14)

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

Acts 1:8 *...in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samarita, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

Quote: The Word was advancing from Jewish into Samaritan territory—a most significant progress. Since the return from Babylonia a gulf had existed between these two peoples and, lo, it was now being bridged by the Word of Christ. —Lenski

Luke 9:52–54 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. 53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. 54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?

Quote: Every major advance of Christianity has been characterized by fervent lay [*believers*] witnessing. —Dehoney

B. _____ Progress (15-17)

Acts 8:15-17 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: 16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Note: The Book of Acts (especially chapters 1-10) has a *transitional element* to it.

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Quote: The explanation may be found in the divine intention “to establish unequivocally for the apostles, for the despised Samaritans, and for the whole church present and future that for God no barriers existed for his gift of the Spirit. —F. D. Bruner

Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

3. The _____ of the Gospel (18-25)

A. The _____ of the Truth (18-24)

Acts 8:18-19 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, 19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

Note: Simon wanted this for his only personal gain—influence.

Acts 8:20-23 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. 21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. 22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. 23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

Quote: From this act of Simon we have derived our word simony, to denote the buying and selling of ecclesiastical preferment, or church offices, where religion is supported by the state. —Barnes

Acts 8:24 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

B. The _____ of the Truth (25)

Acts 8:25 And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

They did not get side-tracked by Simon, but continued to preach the Gospel.

Definition—Testified: to bear witness v. — to solemnly assert something, offering firsthand authentication of the fact; often concerning grave or important matters.

Definition—Preached: to convey the Gospel

Jude 3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Conclusion

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

