

Introduction - *"The danger of playing games with God..."*

Review of what happened before this passage (Acts 8:1-8)

A look inside the heart of a game player (Acts 8:9-11)

Simon's "profession" of faith (Acts 8:12-13)

The Samaritan's receive the Holy Spirit!
[NEXT WEEK ----> *What does it mean to "receive the Holy Spirit?"*]
(Acts 8:14-17)

The true heart of a game player (Acts 8:18-23)

Simon's response (Acts 8:24-25)

Application - *"Not for sale: the gift of God!"*

Acts 8:9-25

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¹²But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

¹³Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

¹⁴When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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²⁰Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! ²¹You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. ²²Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. ²³For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."

²⁴Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me." ²⁵When they had testified and proclaimed the word of the Lord, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages.



Acts 8:4-8

⁴Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. ⁵Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there. ⁶When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said. ⁷With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed. ⁸So there was great joy in that city.

A look inside the heart of a game player

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The Holy Spirit is given to the Samaritans

Next week --> What does it mean to receive the Spirit?

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