



**ACTS
OF THE**

**HOLY
SPIRIT**

Acts 8:4–8; 12-24

**The Unmistakable Power
of the Name of Jesus**

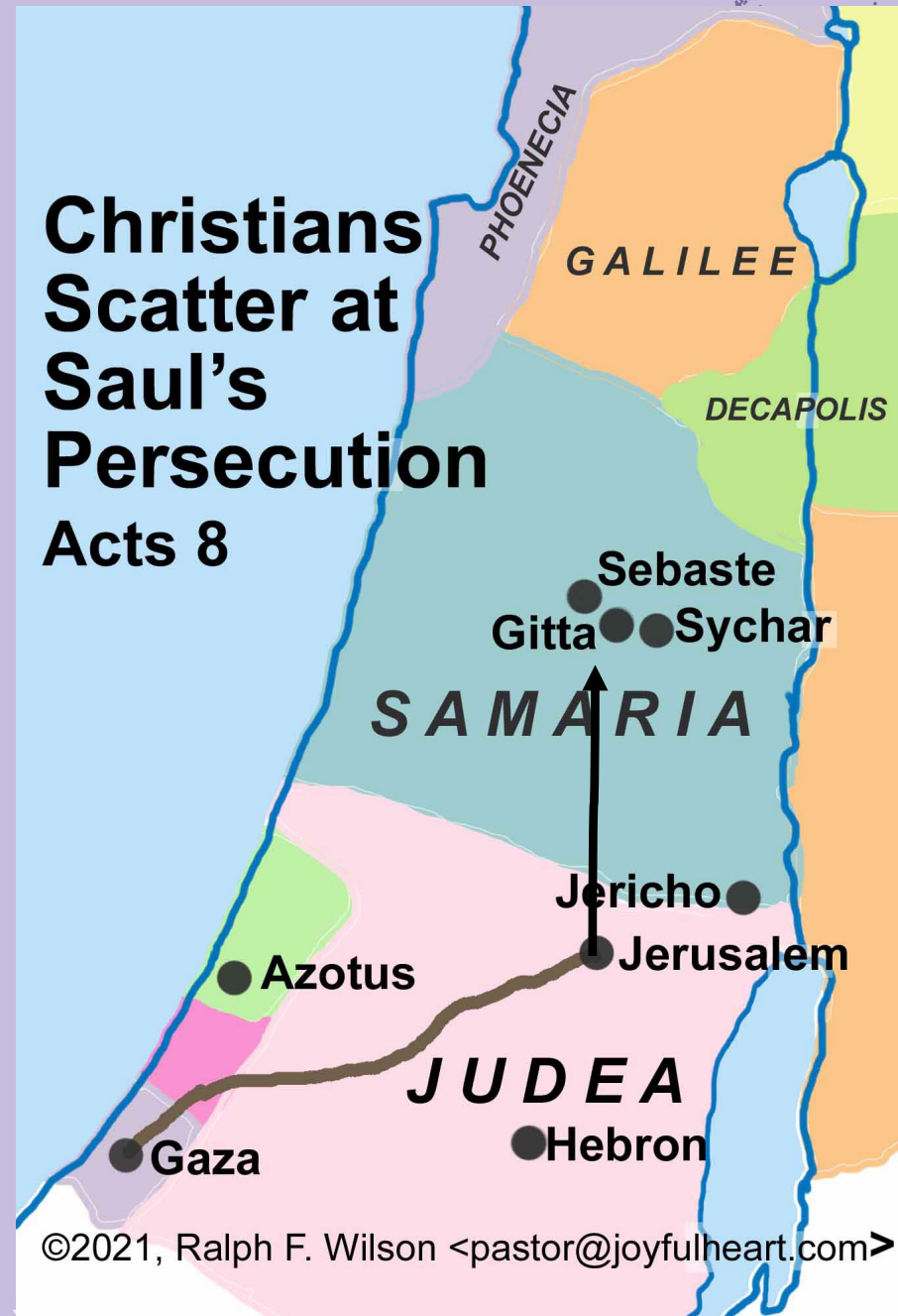
Objectives of Series:

1. That we ***embrace***, welcome, the 3rd person of the Trinity, the HS; that our fears of the HS would be replaced by our friendship with the HS.
2. That we ***become reliant*** upon the power of the HS so that our verbal witness of Jesus might be filled with the HS.
3. That we ***be re-invigorated*** by the HS so that we might be useful for the purposes of the HS, whatever that might be.

Philip's two missionary travels.

- Samaria
- Road to Gaza

Christians Scatter at Saul's Persecution Acts 8





1. Jesus reveals Himself by penetrating our chaos.



- A. Why not just stop talking about Jesus?**
- B. Why go thru Samaria?**
- C. Do you see the good the HS brought out of the chaos?**



2. When we “surrender” our lives to Jesus, He never leaves us like we are (or were).







What do we do with verses 15-17?

Two Options to interpret:

1. HS “falling” is a “baptism of the HS,” a separate event from receiving HS upon placing faith in Jesus. Tongues. ***Problem – Acts 2:38.***
2. HS “falling” in Acts 8:16 was for the Apostles benefit, to show them that God shows no partiality. That is, to reveal that the HS is given to Samaritans (just like Cornelius and Gentiles in Acts 10-11). ***See v 8:25.***



3. The name of Jesus has unmistakable power!

- A. Reconciliation w God.
- B. Presence of HS.
- C. Understanding of Word.
- D. Authority of Jesus to heal and deliver.
- E. Fruits of the HS - Joy.



Rev. 3:8 "I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and ***have not denied my name.***

2 Tim. 3:1-5 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. 2 For people will be lovers of self, ..., lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having the appearance of godliness, ***but denying its power.*** Avoid such people.





Next Steps.

1. Continue reading the book of Acts; keep a journal of what the HS says to you during your readings.
2. Memorize these Scriptures:
 - Acts 2:38
 - Acts 3:19-20
 - Acts 5:32
3. Be intentional about sharing what God has done in your life with one person.