

# Acts 8

## Lesson 16

### Time Frame of Chapter 8

- Acts 8 begins a new section of the book. The dispersion of Christians as persecution intensifies.
- These events follow immediately the death of Stephen.
- Again, sometime near the conversion of Saul (Acts 9), which has been placed at 34 A.D.

### Saul the Persecutor (1-3)

- Persecution against the church led to a dispersion of Christians throughout Judea and Samaria (1)
- Saul was a preeminent persecutor of the early church (2) cf. Galatians 1:13-14

### Christ is Preached in Samaria (4-25)

- Philip preached and performed miracles (4-8)
- Simon the Sorcerer, and others in Samaria, were converted to Christ (9-13)
- Peter and John went to Samaria to lay hands on the people, that they might receive the Holy Spirit (14-17)
- Simon sinned, and Peter admonished him (18-25)

### Christ is Preached to the Eunuch (26-40)

- Holy Spirit led Philip to the Eunuch to preach to him (26-28)
- Philip converses with the Eunuch, and preaches Jesus unto him (29-35)
- The Eunuch requests baptism (36)
- Philip establishes the prerequisites to baptism: belief and confession (37)
- Philip immerses the Eunuch in water, which leads to rejoicing on the part of the Eunuch (38-39)
- Philip is caught away by the Spirit to Azotus (39-40)

Student Notes: