

St. Andrew

Love God. Love each other. Serve the world.

Pentecost

May 31, 2020

Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.

Jesus encountered a man who said that. But it could have been any of us. Every one of us has at times felt a disconnect between our faith and our life. In the section of Acts before us today, a man demonstrates that disconnection. He's outside the kingdom of God. Then through the Spirit's gift of faith, he's inside the kingdom of God. But that's when things get interesting. Read about Simon the Sorcerer, Acts 8:9-25, and ask the Spirit to bless his Word to you this weekend.

To receive 250-word devotions on Acts 8:9-25 this week, Monday – Friday,
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Worship Today

The Spirit and Your Heart

Acts 8:9-25 -- Acts booklet, page 61

A _____ heart

Vs. 11, They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his magic.

Vs. 12-13, But 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. ¹³ Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

A _____ heart

Vs. 14, When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them...Vs. 17, Then Peter and John placed their hands on them.

Vs. 21, "Your heart is not right before God." Vs. 23, "For I see that you are 1) full of bitterness and 2) captive to sin."

Vs. 20, "May your money perish with you."

*"Our hearts are restless, O God, until they find their rest in thee."
"You, O God, stir us to take pleasure in praising you because you have made us for yourself."*

Augustine, 4th Century

The _____ heart

Vs. 22, Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart.

Vs. 24, Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me.

Vs. 25 When they had testified and proclaimed the word of the Lord, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages.

1 Co 2:2, "When I first came to you,...I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."