

AWAITING AN ANOINTING
Acts 8:1-17

INTRODUCTION

One of the seven original deacons named Philip preached the gospel of Christ to the Samaritans. When many of them were saved, the Jerusalem Church sent Peter and John to investigate the situation. When the Apostles learned that they had been baptized in the name of Jesus but had not “received the Holy Spirit” they prayed, laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. This experience in Samaria raises many questions. Perhaps these questions can be answered as we take a closer look at this passage of scripture.

- I. NOTICE THEIR POSITION AS SAMARITANS**
 - A. THEY WERE DESPISED BY THE JEWS
 - B. THEY WERE THOUGHT TO BE UNSAVABLE

- II. NOTICE THEIR CONDITION AFTER HEARING THE GOSPEL**
 - A. THEY HAD HEARD PROPER PREACHING
 - B. THEY HAD MADE A POSITIVE CONFESSION
 - C. BUT HERE THIS TEXT CREATES FOR US A PUZZLING PROBLEM

- III. NOTICE THEIR RECEPTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**
 - A. THE HOLY SPIRIT FELL ON THEM AFTER PETER AND JOHN PRAYED
AND LAID HANDS ON THEM
 - B. EACH TIME THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME UPON A GROUP OF BELIEVERS IN
THE BOOK OF ACTS IT SEEMS TO MARK AN IMPORTANT
ADVANCEMENT IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CONCLUSION

Perhaps, just as those saved Samaritans were awaiting an anointing, SO ARE WE!