

*ACTS

The Continuing Work of Jesus

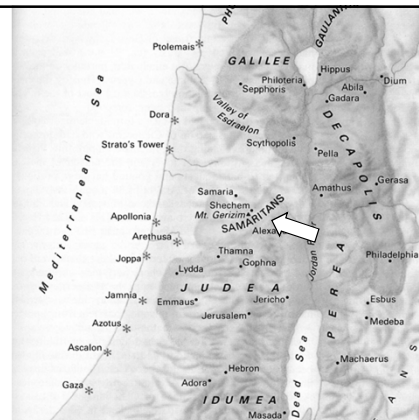
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The Power & Perversion of the Gospel

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- the gospel overcomes false religion based in demonic/occultic activity

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2. Delay of the Spirit

- the apostles came as a sign of fellowship and solidarity – affirmed that the Samaritans were part of the church
- the reception of the Spirit is the undeniable evidence of salvation and inclusion into the community of believers

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3. Reality of False Conversion

- Simon had every outward appearance of being a Christian but his true, unconverted condition was exposed
- Simon continued to crave power and recognition and saw Jesus as a means to both

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➤ Lesson: *there is a faith in Jesus that does not save*

- No acknowledgement of sin and guilt
- No need of repentance
- No love for the glory of Jesus as Savior and Lord