

# **Acts 8-14 Summary**

## **The church scatters under persecution**

After Stephen's death, Christians in Jerusalem scatter everywhere preaching the Word. From Jerusalem to Judea, then to Samaria, then into Syria, Cyprus Cilicia & Northward. Also Southward into Africa, Eastward into Mesopotamia, & Westward into Asia Minor & Greece.

In the process of this expansion Gentiles hear and respond to the message which the Jews thought would be theirs exclusively. Envy brings opposition to the universal gospel but it cannot be contained.

**Acts 8 :** Philip preaches in Samaria & Peter and John impart the gifts of the Holy Spirit there. Philip preaches to & Baptizes the Ethiopian Eunuch, & continues to preach northward.

**Acts 9 :** Saul, persecuting the church, is converted by Christ on the road to Damascus. Peter, at Lydda, heals Aeneas--a paralytic; at Joppa, he raises Tabitha--who had died.

**Acts 10 :** Cornelius, a Gentile, is told by God's angel to send for Peter. God informs Peter that he should go. As he preaches to Gentiles the Holy Spirit is given to the Gentiles.

**Acts 11 :** Peter tells the church that God has accepted Gentiles. The church expands to Phoenicia Cyprus & Antioch. Agabus foretells of a famine. The brethren send help to Jerusalem.

**Acts 12 :** Herod the king kills James & imprisons Peter--but God releases him. Herod accepts blasphemous praise & dies. Barnabas & Saul, having brought help for famine, return.

**Acts 13 :** The Holy Spirit commands the church at Antioch to send Barnabas & Saul on the 1st missionary journey--through Cyprus & into Asia Minor to Pisidian Antioch.

**Acts 14 :** The gospel is accepted & opposed. At Iconium a mob tries to stone the apostles. At Lystra they stone Paul--but he survives. They preach at Derbe & retrace their journey.