

A Sorcerer Turns To Christ

“But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized ...” Acts 8:12 (ESV)

For Simon to give up _____ for Christ surely _____ his world.

Turning From Magic To Christ’s Power

A. The background to Simon’s conversion:

1. Acts 8:5-8 - Philip went to _____ to proclaim _____.
2. John 4:9 - This was _____, for Jews had no _____ with Samaritans.
3. Acts 6:5 - Philip was one chosen to serve the _____.

B. Luke’s description of Simon’s conversion:

1. Acts 8:9-11 - Simon practiced _____ and was regarded as somebody _____ by _____ the people.
2. Acts 8:12 - But the people turned to _____ when they heard of the _____ of God and the _____ of Christ.
3. Acts 8:13 - Even Simon _____ and was _____.
4. Keener: “_____ displays of power can overwhelm rival _____ powers.”

The New Testament Pattern Of Conversion

A. Saved by faith?

1. This is a _____ view in Protestantism.
2. John 3:16 - Whoever _____ can have _____ life. But is that _____ there is?
3. Romans 10:10 - _____ is mentioned as necessary for salvation, along with _____. Is that all?

B. Examples of conversion in the New Testament:

1. Acts 8:12,13 - Both the _____ and _____ are said to have _____ and then were _____.
2. Mark 16:15,16 - This follows exactly what _____ said would lead to being _____.
3. Acts 16:14,15a - _____ paid _____ to Paul and then was baptized.
4. Acts 16:30-33 - The _____ was told to _____, and after more was taught he was baptized at _____.
5. Acts 18:8 - Many in _____ heard Paul, then believed and were _____.

1 John 1:7 - We only need to be baptized (properly) _____.

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