

Acts Chapter 8 Con't

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[0 : 0 0] All right, if I'm not mistaken, this is the last Thursday in October, is it not? Hard to believe that the next time we meet together it's going to be November.

I cannot imagine, but it is going to be upon us. And one good and glorious thing about that is it won't be long until all the political stuff will be behind us.

Things can get back to normal, whatever that is. My wife, I bet this will be about the last time we'll be here in shirt sleeves. You're probably right about that. Except your hearty variety will still be here in short-sleeved shirts probably into January.

So we'll see. We'll separate the men from the boys as time goes on, won't we? Okay, if you'll look at your sheet for today, down in the corner, page 482, we are in Acts chapter 8, dealing with a very intriguing situation regarding a certain man by the name of Simon.

And we are told that he was confronted by Philip, reminding you that Philip was one of the deacons appointed to care for the material needs of the unfortunate back in Acts chapter 6.

[1 : 1 6] And Stephen was not only a deacon, but he turned out to be a very powerful preacher and an evangelist. And he went to Samaria, which was an area that was somewhat suspect, to say the least, in the minds of most of the Jews, because the Jews and the Samaritans had no dealings one with another.

It was kind of like the Hatfields and the McCoys kind of situation. And it was a volatile thing. But the gospel knows no limits, no geographical limits.

So Philip went down, we are told in verse 5, to the city of Samaria and preached Christ unto them. And the essence of that had to be...