

Acts 8 - Philip

1. According to **Acts 6:5**, Philip, like Stephen, was one of the seven deacons chosen to help the apostles run the church's food-distribution program. Also like Stephen, Philip soon started to preach the gospel. Read **Acts 8:4-13**. Where did Philip minister? And what did he accomplish?
2. Describe Simon the magician. What did he do before he was baptized?
3. According to **Acts 8:14-25** (especially verses 18-19), Simon obviously did not understand what baptism was all about. How can you tell?
4. What exactly is baptism all about?
5. What do you think happened to Simon?
6. Now read **Acts 8:26-35**. Where was Philip now? Whom did he encounter? What was his position? His race? And why had he gone to Jerusalem?

7. Philip helped him understand **Isaiah 53:7-8**. In what ways does Jesus fit the picture of the one described here? How is he different?

8. Finally read **Acts 8:36-40**. What did the man ask for? And what did Philip do?

9. Once again, what is baptism all about?

10. And what do you think happened to the Ethiopian treasurer?

11. To review, compare and contrast the two men.

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