

# PURSUIING — OUR — MISSION

The Faith That Does Not Save

*Acts 8:9-25*



*How to Bring Joy to Your City*

# **Vibrant Witness**

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**the Christians lived and spoke  
their faith *(vv. 4-6)*.**



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# **Spiritual Power**

**spiritual and physical healing  
took place (vv. 6-7).**



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# **Transformed Lives**

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**cities and cultures are changed  
as people are influenced by the  
Gospel (vv. 7-8).**



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# **Churches Formed**

**as disciple-making, disciple-maturing, and disciple-multiplying centers *(vv. 12, 14-17).***





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# **The Gospel Travels**

**beyond that city into the  
surrounding territories and to  
new fields *(vv. 25-26)*.**



**If you are a Christian, God has called you to a scattering ministry of bringing the gospel to your city. Make sure that you are primed and prepared!**

***live the gospel.***

***love people.***

***share Jesus.***



**NEXTSTEPS**



# **There is a kind of faith that does not save.**

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- 1. Genuine salvation is not just belief in God or a profession of faith (*vs. 13*).**
- 2. Genuine salvation is not equated with public baptism (*vs. 13*).**

*Acts 8:9-25*



**Faith that does not transform  
the life is not saving faith.**

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**“Therefore if any man be in Christ,  
he is a new creature: old things are  
passed away; behold, all things are  
become new.”**

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

*Acts 8:9-25*

**Many will say to me in that day, “Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?” And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**

*Matthew 7:22-23*

**1. You have to be lost in order to be found (*vv. 9-11*).**



**Broken**

**Hopeless**

**Blind**

**SIN**

**Poor**

**Lost**

**Wandering**



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(vv. 9-11).**
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in God and knowing you need  
forgiveness and rescue (vv. 13-17).**
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bought. Nothing God has is for sale (vv.  
18-19).**

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*noun*

1. the buying or selling of church privileges or offices (*indulgences; bishop; arch-bishop; cardinal*)

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- 4. Salvation always involves repentance (*vv. 20-23*).**







# How do we know for sure?

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- ✓ Has God changed your life?
- ✓ Is the Holy Spirit dwelling within you?

***“The spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.”***

*Romans 8:16*

*Acts 8:9-25*

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- 3. If you would like to talk with someone about your relationship with God, please let us know at the link on this page.**



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