

MAYBRIDGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

EVERYONE *EVERYWHERE*

Following the book we call 'Acts'

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PART FIFTEEN

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DISCUSS



If you could guarantee one thing about your future, what would you choose?

Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, “This man is rightly called the Great Power of God.” They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery.

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But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptised, both men and women. Simon himself believed and was baptised. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

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Jesus

A man from Nazareth - a human, like us.

Christ

*A 'Messiah' promised in the Old Testament -
someone special.*

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

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Peter answered: “May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin.”

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You need to do this because
bitterness and sin rule you.

Then Simon answered,

“Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me.”

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DISCUSS



Jesus is presented as the Messiah, our saviour, yet His path ultimately involves giving Himself away and dying. How does that challenge normal ideas about power?

If God cannot be bought, impressed or manipulated, what does He actually want from us?

What is the difference between being amazed by Christianity and actually becoming a follower of Jesus?

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