

# **God's Kingdom is Built on the Authentic Gospel & an Authentic Faith**

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**Acts 8:5-25**

## **The Authentic Message**

**Philip, Peter & John preached that Jesus, the Christ, is the only way to enter God's Kingdom.**

*"proclaimed the Christ" v.5*

*"preached the Good News of the Kingdom of God" v.12*

*"and the name of Jesus Christ" v.12*

*"the Word of God" v.14*

*"Repent of this wickedness" v.22*

*"testified and proclaimed the Word of the Lord" v.25*

*"preaching the Gospel" v.25*

## **An Authentic Faith**

**Many Samaritans believed in their hearts & were baptized as Christians. Simon Magus believed in his head & was baptized for show. 2 Timothy 3:1-9**

**We don't get baptized to become Christians, we become Christians so we can get baptized. Your baptism is only as authentic as your faith.**

**Authentic faith requires spiritual certainty, not just mental assent. Hebrews 11:1, Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 22:37**

**Those who genuinely trust Christ only, experience the filling of the Holy Spirit, & freedom from the bondage of sin. vv.7 & 17 (21-23)**