

A PROTOTYPICAL REVIVAL

“Evangelist Philip and the Samaritan Revival”

1. INTRODUCTION.

1. *Definition of “prototype.”*

1. The original or model on which something is based or formed; pattern.
2. Someone or something that serves as a typical example of a class; model. Something analogous to a thing of a later period.
3. A first or experimental working model of something to be manufactured, usually on a large scale.

2. *Seek credibility of modern revivals by recalling history.*

1. Comparing to great revivals of the past.
2. What greater comparison than that of the Word of God?

3. *Philip’s Samaritan revival as a prototype.*

2. PERSECUTION LEADS TO SPREADING OF WORD OF GOD.

1. *A Holy Ghost visitation brought great boldness.*

1. Persecution was not going to stop these men who had walked with Jesus and were filled with the Holy Ghost.
2. Persecution was turned into something positive; because it was the means of scattering for the purpose of furthering the gospel.

2. *Philip went to Samaria to preach.*

1. This was off limits to the Jews.
2. Jesus had already prepared the way. A seed had already been planted.
3. Perhaps Samaria was ready for a full-fledged revival.

3. CHRIST IS PREACHED.

1. *Good news of the kingdom of God.* (Acts 8:12 NIV) But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

1. Associated with power over evil spirits.
 1. (Acts 8:7 NIV) With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed.
 2. (Luke 11:20 NIV) But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you.
2. Associated with healing.
 1. (Luke 4:40 NIV) When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. (Luke 4:41 NIV) Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ. (Luke 4:42 NIV) At daybreak Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving

them. (Luke 4:43 NIV) But he said, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."

2. (Luke 10:9 NIV) Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'

2. ***The name of Jesus.***

1. Hope. (Mat 12:21 NIV) In his name the nations will put their hope."
2. Life and forgiveness of sins.
 1. (Luke 24:45 NIV) Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. (Luke 24:46 NIV) He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, (Luke 24:47 NIV) and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. (Luke 24:48 NIV) You are witnesses of these things.
 2. (John 20:31 NIV) But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
 3. (Acts 10:43 NIV) All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."
3. Healing. (Acts 3:16 KJV) And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

3. ***The essence of the gospel is Jesus crucified, buried, and resurrected.*** (1 Cor 15:2 NIV) By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. (1 Cor 15:3 NIV) For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance : that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, (1 Cor 15:4 NIV) that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

4. PREACHING OF WORD ACCOMPANIED BY MIRACULOUS SIGNS.

1. ***Philip.***

1. (Acts 8:6 NIV) When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said.
2. (Acts 8:13 NIV) Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

2. ***These signs.***

1. (Mark 16:17 NIV) And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;
2. (Mark 16:20 NIV) Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

3. ***Jesus accredited by miracles and signs.*** (Acts 2:22 NIV) "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.
 4. ***Gospel confirmed by signs, wonders, and miracles.*** (Heb 2:3 NIV) how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. (Heb 2:4 NIV) God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.
5. FAITH.
1. ***Faith comes by hearing.*** (Rom 10:17 NIV) Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.
 2. ***The people believe Philip.*** (Acts 8:12 NIV) But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
 3. ***Simon believes Philip.*** (Acts 8:13 NIV) Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.
6. HEALINGS AND DELIVERANCE FROM EVIL SPIRITS.
1. ***Samaritan revival.*** (Acts 8:7 NIV) With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed.
 2. ***Jesus gives disciples power.*** (Luke 9:1 NIV) When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, (Luke 9:2 NIV) and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.
7. MANIFESTATION OF JOY.
1. (Acts 8:8 NIV) So there was great joy in that city.
 2. Great joy when Paul and Barnabas told about conversion of Gentiles.
8. WATER BAPTISM.
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 2. ***Simon.*** (Acts 8:13 NIV) Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.
9. BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT.
1. ***Samaria.*** (Acts 8:14 NIV) When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. (Acts 8:15 NIV) When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit,

(Acts 8:16 NIV) because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. (Acts 8:17 NIV) Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

2. **Ephesus.** Received ye the Holy Ghost since ye believed?

10. SIDE ISSUES.

1. **Interest in supernatural.** The city had already been exposed to the supernatural through the working of sorceries. Had great deal of interest in Simon the soccerer.
2. **False conversion.** Simon apparently did not experience true conversion.
3. **Revealing of impure motives.**
 1. Scriptures.
 1. (Acts 8:19 NIV) and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."
 2. (Acts 8:20 NIV) Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!"
 3. (Acts 8:21 NIV) You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God.
 4. (Acts 8:22 NIV) Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. (Acts 8:23 NIV) For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."
 2. Self-centeredness.
 3. Desire for personal control and power.
4. **Misuse of money.**
 1. (Acts 8:18 NIV) When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money
 2. (Acts 8:19 NIV) and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."
 3. The blessings and gifts of God cannot be purchased.
5. **Fear.**
 1. (Acts 8:24 NIV) Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me."
 2. (Acts 5:11 NIV) Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.
 3. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.