



Tough Times Clarify Character of Early Church

Acts 8:1-3; James 1:2-4

- Who is Saul?
- Where did the early church meet?
- Are there some healthy examples to follow?
Acts 6:5; 8:5

A healthy church is characterized by...

1. A willingness to _____.

Acts 8:4-8; 2 Timothy 4:5

"preached the Word "

"with the Samaritans"

2. An experience of _____.

Acts 8:14-17;

- When does a Christian receive the Holy Spirit?
Ephesians 1:13-14; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:13
- Why would God sovereignly withhold the Holy Spirit from the Samaritans in Acts 8:14-17?
Galatians 3:28

3. A commitment to _____.

Acts 8:9-13, 18-25; James 2:14-19; Proverbs 5:22

“syncretism”

“simony”

Isaiah 55:1

4. A passion for _____.

Acts 8:26-40; Isaiah 42:6

- Without
- Without

5. A _____.

Acts 8:26, 29, 39; Eph. 1:13-14