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**Acts 8:9-24**

*Simon - a True or False Convert?*

Intro

**A. THE REALITY OF DEFECTIVE FAITH.**

 1. Three elements of true faith.

 *a. Knowledge*

 *b. Assent*

 *c. Trust*

 2. Defective faith confirmed. *Titus 1:16; Heb. 6:4-6; Mt. 13:18-30.*

**A. SIMON THE MAGICIAN (Acts 8:9-11).**

 1. Magician.

 2. Claiming to be great (Acts 8:9).

 3. Revered by the people (Acts 8:10-11).

**B. SIMON THE BELIEVER? (Acts 8:12-13).**

 1. The gospel of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ.

 2. Simon believed and was baptized (Acts 8:13).

 3. Continued on with Philip, constantly amazed at the miracles of Philip (Acts 8:13).

**C. SIMON THE FALSE PROFESSOR?**

 1. Defective mind (Acts 8:13).

 2. Defective theology (Acts 8:17-19).

 3. Defective heart (Acts 8:20-22).

 a. Peter’s judgment #1 (Acts 8:20).

 b. Peter’s judgment #2 (Acts 8:21).

 c. Peter’s exhortation to repent (Acts 8:22-23).

 4. Defective repentance (Acts 8:22-24).

 a. Peter indicates that his forgiveness is uncertain (Acts 8:22).

 b. Simon does not pray nor repent (Acts 8:24).

*Conclusion*

 *Beware of defective churches and defective faith.*