

Acts 8

Simon was genuinely converted

- Vs 13: “Even” links Simon with the previous group of genuine converts (could be translated “also”)
- Vs 13: Simon “believed”
- Vs 13: Simon “was baptized”
- Vs 13: Simon “continued with Philip”
- Vs 19: Simon wasn’t asking for the Holy Spirit for himself, but he was asking to purchase the power to *give* the Holy Spirit to others
- Vs 24: Simon asks for Peter to pray for him

Simon was a false convert

- Vs 13: Simon's belief was based on signs
- Vs 13: Being "amazed" at signs and miracles is similar to how Luke described people who believed Simon and his magic
- Luke never tells us that Simon received the Holy Spirit
- Vs 20: Peter says Simon may "perish" without repentance
- Vs 21: Peter says Simon has "neither part nor lot in this matter"
- Vss 21-22: Peter says Simon's "heart is not right before God" and calls him to "repent"
- Vs 23: Peter applies Deut 29:18 and Isa 58:6 to Simon, two passages that speak of people who think they are righteous but are really under God's judgment
- Vs 24: Simon does not pray as Peter recommends