

# **The changing power of the gospel**

Acts 8.9-13

## **The Pride of Simon (9-11)**

1. Sorcery: Dt 18.9-12; Lev 20.6; Ex 7.11; 2 Chron 33.6; Jer 27.9-10; Acts 19.19; Rev 18.23
2. Boasting (about himself): Ps 5.5; Prov 6.17; 2 Chron 26.16; Jms 4.6; I Jn 2.16
3. Deception: Ex 20.16; Prov 6.17; 12.22
4. Repetition: Rm 1.18ff
5. Convinced: I Tim 4.1-2; Rm 1.32!

## **The Preaching of the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ (12-13)**

- People believed and were baptized: men and women. They became Christians.
- Even Simon was baptized (implies belief for him too, and repentance). Evidence of this is seen in that he followed Philip and was astonished at his miracles and signs.
- Mt 28.18-20; Mk 16.15-16; Acts 2.41; 8.36-38; 10.48; 16.31ff; 19.5; I Cor 12.13; Col 2.13; Gal 3.26-27

## **The Preaching of good news can change Prideful hearts today**