

CLASHING KINGDOMS

ACTS 8:9-17

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: The Samaritans had their own man-made religious customs to reach God. However, through faithful witnesses they accepted Christ. (I Timothy 2:3-6, fn 2:5, 6)

SATAN-LED KINGDOM—As is the case even today, the glitz and glamour and Simon’s persuasive personality made the kingdom of this world seem attractive to people. This kingdom lacks any substance of redeeming value. (Acts 8:9-11, fn 8:9-11, Deuteronomy 18:10-13, fn 18:10-13, II Corinthians 11:14, 15, fn 11:14, 15[2nd], Acts 26:18, Ephesians 2:1-3, fn 2:2, fn 2:3, I John 2:15-17, fn 2:15, 16) *How could you lead your family to avoid entrapment into Satan’s kingdom?*

GOOD NEWS KINGDOM—Philip preached the good news, “the gospel” which has the power of salvation. Jesus came as Messiah, not to reform the world, but to rescue his people from the kingdom of darkness. (Acts 8:12, 13, Luke 4:42-44, fn 4:43, Romans 1:16, 17, Colossians 1:9-14, fn 1:13, I John 3:8, 9, fn 3:9[2nd], James 4:7, 8, fn 4:7) *How have you experienced the Holy Spirit’s power giving you victory over the schemes of Satan?*

SPIRIT-LED KINGDOM—This is “phase two” of the spreading of the gospel, which enabled the Samaritans to have a personal relationship with Christ. (Acts 8:14-17, fn 8:15-17[1st], fn 8:15-17[2nd], John 4:19-26, fn 4:21-24, John 16:5-15, fn 16:8-11, Romans 8:14-17, fn 8:14-17[1st], Acts 1:8, fn 1:8[4th]) *Do you have a personal relationship with Christ? Explain.*

Pray for one another’s needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?