

Philip preaching the things concerning the Kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ." This is something of which we do not hear at the Jerusalem meeting on the occasion of Peter's preaching. Not a word said about faith ! But at Peter's meeting, while there is nothing said about faith, there is something said about repentance ; and in Samaria, there is something said about believing, but nothing said about repenting. Still there was faith and repentance in both instances ; for Peter's audience asked what they should do, which they would not have done without faith, and Philip's hearers must have determined to forsake their sins, else they could not have shared so much joy. Yet our friends, the Baptists, may take courage, for baptism is mentioned in both instances.

An interesting question comes up just here. When did the Holy Spirit visit the city of Samaria ? or rather when was the Spirit granted to these gospel pupils of Philip ? Let us attend to the narrative. The introduction of the truth into Samaria, and the success of Philip, came to the ears of the apostles in Jerusalem, who, notwithstanding the fearful persecution, were by the protecting hand of God permitted to remain in that city. When the good news came to them that many Samaritan citizens had owned the Saviour and bowed to the claims of the gospel, they sent to them Peter and John.—For what ? To pray for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit ; for as yet he was fallen upon none of them ; only they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. These same persons, thus receiving the Holy Spirit, had been made partakers of the blessings of the Gospel, and had received and enjoyed the Spirit of Christ in the gospel, previous to Peter and John's visit ; for the great joy they had was a fruit of the Spirit. In those days was the ordinary and the extraordinary reception of the Spirit ; and those who in these days desire to be full grown men in the gospel of the grace of God, would do well " to rightly divide the word of truth " in relation to the times and places of the ordinary and the extraordinary power of the Spirit of God as manifested and enjoyed in the history of the apostles' labours. We respectfully submit these hints to our fellow citizens and friendly readers.

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A TRUE MAN.—After speaking of the evils of a false man, an author says—" A true man is the focal point of an innumerable number of telegraphic wires, and at every pulsation of his heart, the electric current, still and silent, but swift as thought, starts in every direction, and trembles along those spiritual wires, on its mission of mercy, through the wide domain of mind. He has established a communication with universal mind. He lives to bless all who inhabit the wide universe."