Seeing Some Things Simon Saw
Acts 8:14-24 (v. 18)

Introduction:
A. Gospel preached in Samaria.
   1. A result of God's plan (Acts 1:8).
   3. Involved preaching:
      a. The word. (v. 4, 14)
      b. Christ. (v. 5)
      c. Things of kingdom of God. (v. 12)
      d. Things of name of Jesus Christ. (v. 12)
      e. The gospel (v. 25).
B. Gospel converts many. (v. 12)
C. Gospel converts Simon a Sorcerer (v. 13).
D. Simon saw some things that all need to see (v. 18).

Discussion:
I. He Saw How The Miraculous Power Of The Holy Ghost Was Given (v. 18-19).
   A. Two ways miraculous power given.
   B. Holy Spirit without miraculous power to all. (Rom. 8:9-11; Acts 5:32)
      1. One can have H.S. and do no miracle. (cf. Lk. 1:15; Jno. 10:41).
      2. Relationship between spirit and word dwelling in us. (Eph. 5:18,19; Col. 3:16).
   C. Spiritual gifts ceased with completed revelation.
      1. Promised. (1 Cor. 13:8-13)
      2. No one to impart after apostles.
      3. No need after completed revelation. (cf. Heb. 2:3,4; Jude 3; cf. "They have Moses & Prophets...").
II. He Saw A Need To Be Baptized (v. 13)
   A. Baptism saves. (Mk. 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21)
   B. Baptism to remove sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 22:17)
   C. Baptism not H.S. baptism. (v. 16)
III. He Saw That Money Can Not Buy Everything (vv. 18,20).
   A. Many think money solves everything.
      2. Crime problem
   B. Love of money root of all kinds of evil. (1 Tim. 6:10)
   C. Religion has become to commercial oriented.
IV. He Saw That A Child Of God Can Fall (v. 23)
   A. Must take heed lest fall. (1 Cor. 10:12,13).
   B. Must beware lest depart from God. (Heb. 3:12)
   C. Can fall from grace. (Gal. 5:4).
   D. Can fall so as to be lost. (Heb. 10:26-29)
V. He Saw That A Fallen Child Can Be Forgiven (vv. 22,24)
   A. Forgiveness conditional with God. (1 John 1:8-10).
   B. Forgiveness conditional with us. (Luke 17:3,4)

Conclusion:
A. Wouldn't it be great if all could see what Simon saw - without experiencing some things he did?
B. Do you see a need to be baptized?
C. If you have sinned as child, do you see a need to be forgiven?