

The Way

*A RADICAL NEW TEACHING
From 1st Century Israel*



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EP 6.1

**The Way of the Church
Outside the walls Acts Ch 8:2-8**

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Acts 8

¹And Saul approved of their killing him. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. ²Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. ³But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.





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Acts 8

⁴ Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. ⁵ Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. ⁶ When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. ⁷ For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was great joy in that city.





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Acts 8

Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 and Acts 8:1 go hand in hand



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Persecution was the catalyst to get the early believers out of the comfort zone of Jerusalem and ultimately expand the church



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Who is Saul?



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Philip in Samaria



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***'And there was great
joy in the city'***

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The church as a national movement

Acts 8



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1. How many Christians are there projected to be in the world by mid 2024?

A. 2.6 billion

or

B. 3.4 billion



Quiz

Answer: A 2.6 billion

From 2020- mid 2024, the world's population is expected to grow from more than 7.84 billion people to more than 8.11 billion, a 0.87% growth trend,

The number of Christians worldwide is expected to climb from more than 2.52 billion to 2.63 billion- a 1.08% growth (Life way research- BRN)



Quiz

2. How large is the Christian population projected to be by 2050?

Is it projected to top?

A. 4.3 billion

or

B. 3 billion



Quiz



Quiz

Answer: B

3 billion



Quiz

3. Throughout history, how many Christians have been Martyred?

A. 40 million

Or

B. 70 million



Quiz

Answer: B 70 million (CSGC)



Quiz

4. How many Christians were martyred for their faith in the last year?

A. 2598

or

B. 4998



Quiz

Answer: B 4,998 (Open Doors UK)

One main perpetrator is growing violence in sub-Saharan Africa. The region accounts for 90% of the total believers martyred for their faith worldwide, with the highest number of Christians killed in Nigeria (4,118)

5. Open Doors have a World Watch list in which they rank the top 50 countries where Christians face the most extreme persecution

Who do you think are the top 5 countries on this list?

List A.

- 1. North Korea**
- 2. Somalia**
- 3. Libya**
- 4. Eritrea**
- 5. Yemen**

List B.

- 1. North Korea**
- 2. Iran**
- 3. Eritrea**
- 4. Libya**
- 5. Syria**



Quiz



Quiz

Answer: A

- 1. North Korea**
- 2. Somalia**
- 3. Libya**
- 4. Eritrea**
- 5. Yemen**



Quiz

6. In 1900 more than half of the world (54%) didn't have access to the gospel, what do you think the statistic is now?

A. 27.8%

Or

B. 35.4%

Answer: A 27.8% (BRN)



Quiz



Quiz

**7. In 1900 227 languages had
New Testament translations.
What do you think the number
is projected to reach this
year?**

A. 1,800

Or

B. 2,400



Quiz

Answer : B. 2,400

**By 2050 it projected to have
doubled to 4,200!**

(BRN)



Quiz

8. What two areas of the world are growing the fastest in Christianity?



Quiz

Answer: Asia and Africa (BRN)

- **Asia is home to more than 415 million Christians and growing at a rate of 2.11%**
- **Africa is home to 734 million Christians and faith is growing at 2.64%.**
- **At the turn of the 20th Century Africa was home to less than 10 million Christians.**
- **By 2000, the Christian population has exploded to more than 383 million.**
- **In 2020 more Christians lived in Africa than any other region of the world**



Mainland China

Acts 8



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Iran



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The National Church

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The Local Church

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Response

- 1. Courage to scatter the seed of the gospel***
- 2. Supporting the local Church projects?***
- 3. Short term or long term missions?***
- 4. Praying for the international/national
church***



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