

## “IT TAKES TWO!”

### ACTS 8:9-25

*While there is no blood test for determining whether you will enter heaven, there is a biblical test. And of all the things you really should want to know, what happens after you die should be the most significant!*

### EXAMINING YOUR SALVATION

#### ① Profession (8:9-13)

##### A. Simon’s Works (8:9-11)

For the first time, \_\_\_\_\_ is confronted with superstition/magic. It becomes a pattern in Acts.

For too many, “\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.”

##### B. Simon’s Words (8:12-13)

Simon, as he watches the miracles and hears the words of Philip, \_\_\_\_\_ responds to the message with the words, “I believe!”

He professes Christ! Have you?

#### ② Possession (8:14-24)

##### A. Simon’s Test (8:14-17)

Profession is only one-half of the equation. There must also be possession.

The receiving of the Holy Spirit sets up the test of Simon’s faith. It prepares for Simon’s response.

##### B. Simon’s Grade (8:18-25)

Here’s the evidence to determine his eternal standing:

#### 1. He never \_\_\_\_\_ grace (8:18)

There are many today who are trying to earn their way to heaven through church membership, baptism, giving, prayers or other good works.

#### 2. He never \_\_\_\_\_ self (8:19-20)

Who’s on the throne?

Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!

#### 3. He never \_\_\_\_\_ heart (8:21)

The longest 18 inches is said to be between the head and the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 4. He never \_\_\_\_\_ repentance (8:22-23)

Because Simon never repented, he never broke the patterns of sin in his life. So too it is with many who still struggle with sin.

#### 5. He never \_\_\_\_\_ cost (8:24)

Have they kept you from responding?

### CONCLUSION

Will you move today from simply professing Christ to also possessing Christ? The case is closed for Simon, but it isn’t for you. Today, a new chapter of life can begin.