

Acts 8:1-8

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8 <sup>1</sup> And Saul approved of their killing him.

### **Saul Persecutes the Church**

That day a severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria. <sup>2</sup> Devout men buried Stephen and made loud lamentation over him. <sup>3</sup> But Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison.

### **Philip Preaches in Samaria**

<sup>4</sup> Now those who were scattered went from place to place proclaiming the word. <sup>5</sup> Philip went down to the city<sup>[a]</sup> of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah<sup>[b]</sup> to them. <sup>6</sup> The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did, <sup>7</sup> for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed, and many others who were paralyzed or lame were cured. <sup>8</sup> So there was great joy in that city.

This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. Amen