




"He's running the wrong way. Let's see how far he can go."
Georgia Tech head coach Bill Alexander

< Roy Riegals
1929 Rose Bowl


Jim Marshal >
1964 Vikings



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9 Now there was a man named Simon, who formerly was practicing magic in the city and astonishing the people of Samaria, claiming to be someone great;


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10 and they all, from smallest to greatest, were giving attention to him, saying, "This man is what is called the Great Power of God."


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11 And they were giving him attention because he had for a long time astonished them with his magic arts.


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12 But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.

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Wrong View of Self
9-12

- Special?
- Substitute?

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“Greed is a bottomless pit which exhausts the person in an endless effort to satisfy the need without ever reaching satisfaction.”

Erich Fromm


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13 Even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip, and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.


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14 Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John,


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15 who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.


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16 For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

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17 Then they began laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.


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18 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money,


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19 saying, "Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

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Wrong View of Salvation
13-19

- Message of the Truth – the Word of God
- Message of the Trade

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Grace-Based and Faith-Appropriated!

“For by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is a gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Eph 2:8,9


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20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!


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21 "You have no part or portion in this matter, for your heart is not right before God.


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22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.


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23 "For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity."


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24 But Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me yourselves, so that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."

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Wrong View of the Spirit
20-24

- Bought? – not for sale
- Used? – not for personal use
- Equal? – not like one of us

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