

## **What God Brings Out of the Flood**

Acts 8; Coast Community Church; Pastor Earl Miles; 8-28-2022

### **Good News**

The good news is: *God created us to be holy and happy.*

The good news is: *Jesus is an able and willing Savior for sinners.*

The good news is: *The Spirit is at work to enable sinners to trust and love.*

### *Connections:*

1 Corinthian 7: 'this present distress'

Revelation 12: 'to be swept away with the flood'

Acts 8: 'a great persecution began against the church'

### **The Waves of Persecution (1-3)**

The Martyrdom of Stephen (Acts 7)

A Great Persecution led by Saul

The Scattering of the Church

### **The Field of Ministry (4-25)**

The Ministry of Philip in Samaria

The Baptism of Simon the Magician

The Ministry of Peter and John in Samaria

The Rebuke of Simon the Magician

### **The Treasure of Transformation (26-40)**

The Witness of Philip to the Ethiopian Eunuch

The Baptism of the Ethiopian Eunuch

The Planting of Philip by the Spirit

The Transformation of Saul into Paul (Acts 9)

## **Trust and Love**

1. Trust God when the waves of trouble (persecution/sore trial) come because He has promised that they will come. (1)  
– John 16:33; 1 Peter 4:12; 1 John 3:13; Acts 7:54-60; 8:1
2. Trust God when the waves of trouble (persecution/sore trial) come because the waves are meant to carry us to fields white for harvest and souls in need of care. (7)  
– Acts 28:1, 7-9
3. Trust God when the waves of trouble (persecution/sore trial) come because the waves are meant to produce life transformation in saints and sinners. (8, 39)  
– Acts 16:22-34
4. Love by remembering in your relationships that you could be confidently, passionately and sincerely, but terribly, wrong! (1, 3)  
– Acts 9:1-9
5. Love by affirming a person's profession of faith until something serious calls it into question. (12-13)  
– Isaiah 42:1-4
6. Love by embracing the goal of being better than being free. (4)  
– 1 Peter 4:1-2; Hebrews 12:4
7. Love by rejoicing in the reality that you have all you need and desire in the gift of God: God Himself! (19-20)  
– Psalm 73:25-28

*I have learned to kiss the waves that throw me up against the Rock of Ages! – Charles Spurgeon*

## **Conclusion**

How do you need to trust?

How do you need to love?

