

Bible Study- Wheat Street Baptist Church- Dr. Ralph Basui Watkins- Servant Pastor, Leader

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Title: Don't Get It Twisted! Text: Acts 8: 9-25

Don't Get It Twisted

In our 21st century experience there are a plethora of popular expressions, sayings, adages, clichés and the like. One of them, which happens to be a favorite of mine is: “don't get it twisted”. Has anyone heard that one? Has anyone used it?

“Don't get it twisted” according to the urban dictionary could mean several things: don't get it wrong, don't get mixed up, be clear, or keep your facts straight. But the best definitions according to urban dictionary are: don't misunderstand and don't be confused about it.

“Don't get it twisted”: There will always be consequences for your actions, two wrongs still don't make a right, what's done in the dark will come to light, you will reap what you so, what goes around will come around, The Lord will make a way somehow! “Don't get it twisted”!

Brothers and sisters have you ever gotten it twisted? Are there any grey areas, or misperceptions in your spiritual walk? For most of us the answer is “yes” if we are honest. There are times when we misunderstand God's will for our lives, there are times when our priorities are not in order, there are times when we don't love our neighbors as we love ourselves, there are time we play church instead of being the church, there are times when we don't see things as they clearly are, there are times when we **do** get it twisted!

In our text we will encounter a “so called” believer who has unquestionably gotten his spiritual self and his worldly self a little twisted. Simply put this brother is confused.

It is my prayer that as we take a look at Simon the Sorcerer that we will also take a critical look at areas in our lives as followers of Christ that perhaps we have gotten a little “twisted”. Let us recognize these twist, rectify them, and move forward as mature disciples, who make mature disciples, who make a real difference in the world. Amen!

- I. **A Practice (vs. 9-11)**
- II. **A Proclamation (vs. 12-13)**
- III. **A Prayer (vs. 14-17)**
- IV. **A Proposition (vs. 18-21)**
- V. **A Prayer (vs. 22-25)**

Simon the Sorcerer

⁹Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. **He boasted that he was someone great,** ¹⁰and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, “This man is rightly called the Great Power of God.” ¹¹They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery. ¹²But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.¹⁴When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. ¹⁵When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.¹⁸When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money ¹⁹and said, “Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.” ²⁰Peter answered: “May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! ²¹You have no part or share in this ministry, **because your heart is not right before God.** ²²Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. ²³For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin.”²⁴Then Simon answered, “Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me.”²⁵After they had further proclaimed the word of the Lord and testified about Jesus, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages.
