

## **Rewind – We Give Because He Gave Acts 8:1-8 – Found People, Find People**

### **We give because He gave.**

Christ gave Himself to bring His Father glory – John 17:1, 4 “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you... I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. “

Christ gave Himself to redeem us from all iniquity and purify us – Titus 2:14 “...waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.”

Christ gave Himself to pay the ransom price for our redemption- 1 Timothy 2:5-6 “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.”

Christ gave Himself to present us as holy and blameless – Eph. 5:25-27 “...as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.”

### **Because He gave, we give.**

We give ourselves out of gratitude to Christ.

We give ourselves through our stewardship of all life’s resources and opportunities!

### **Calvary’s Values & Two Deacons - Acts 8:1-8**

Stephen – a willing servant who cared for some forgotten widows

Philip – a deacon, not Jesus’ disciple of the same name

Jerusalem church – a difficulty hits big time

Hit #1 - Stephen accused, tried, and sentenced to die.

*Because Christ gave His life, Stephen gave his life.*

Hit #2 – Suffering and difficulties scattered the church.

*Found people, find people.*

God turned the setbacks into Great Commission triumphs.

*God purposed to get the salt out of the saltshaker.*

Persecution and difficulty brought joy! Acts 8:8

Since God is unchanging...

Since the gospel is unchanging...

Since our mission is unchanging...

Our scattered church can still use ‘found people to find people!’