

“Magicians, Samaritans, Apostles and the Holy Spirit”



Acts 8:9-24





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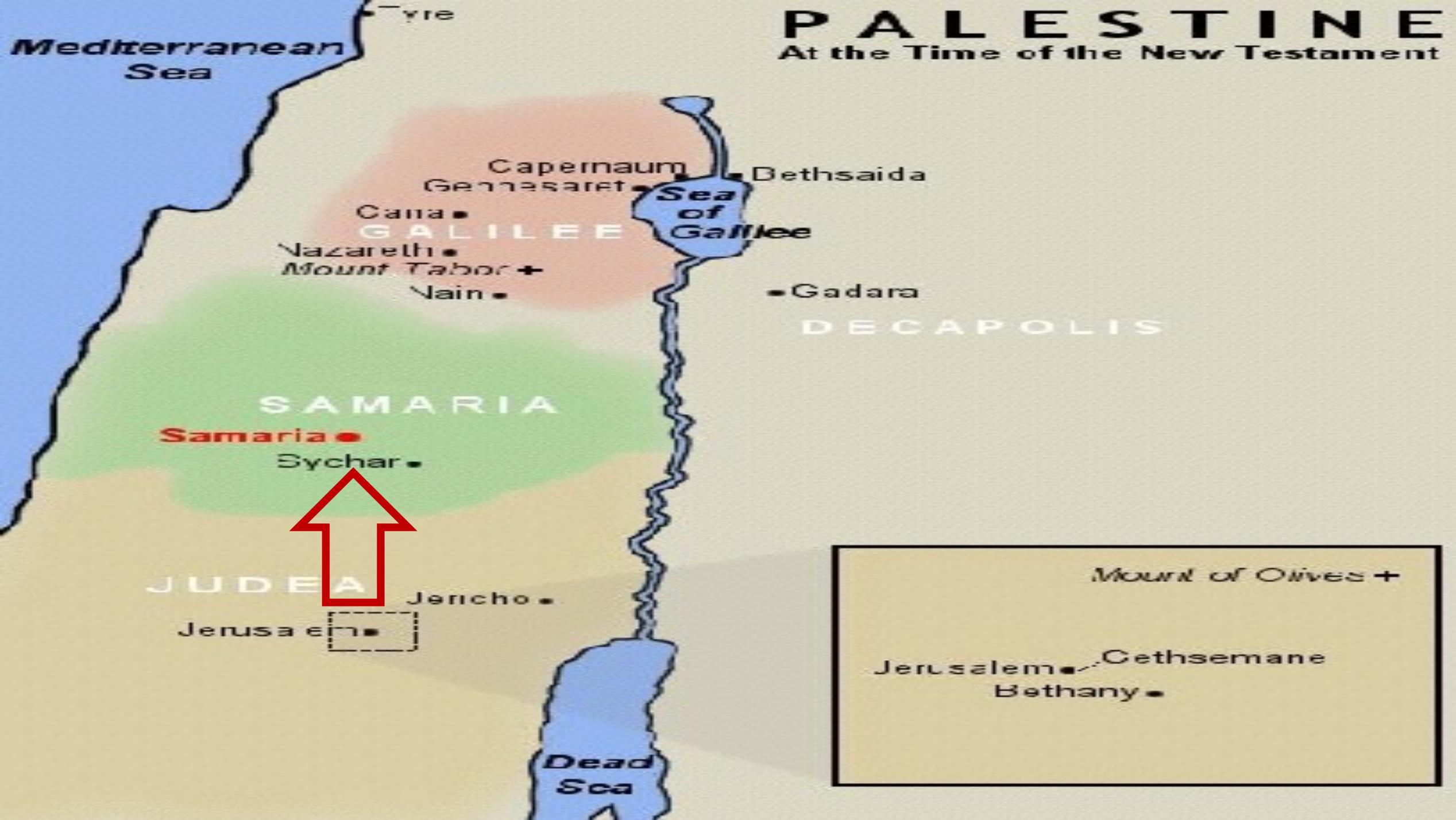
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At the Time of the New Testament





Philip's message: **Acts 8**

v5 - *“proclaiming Christ
to them*

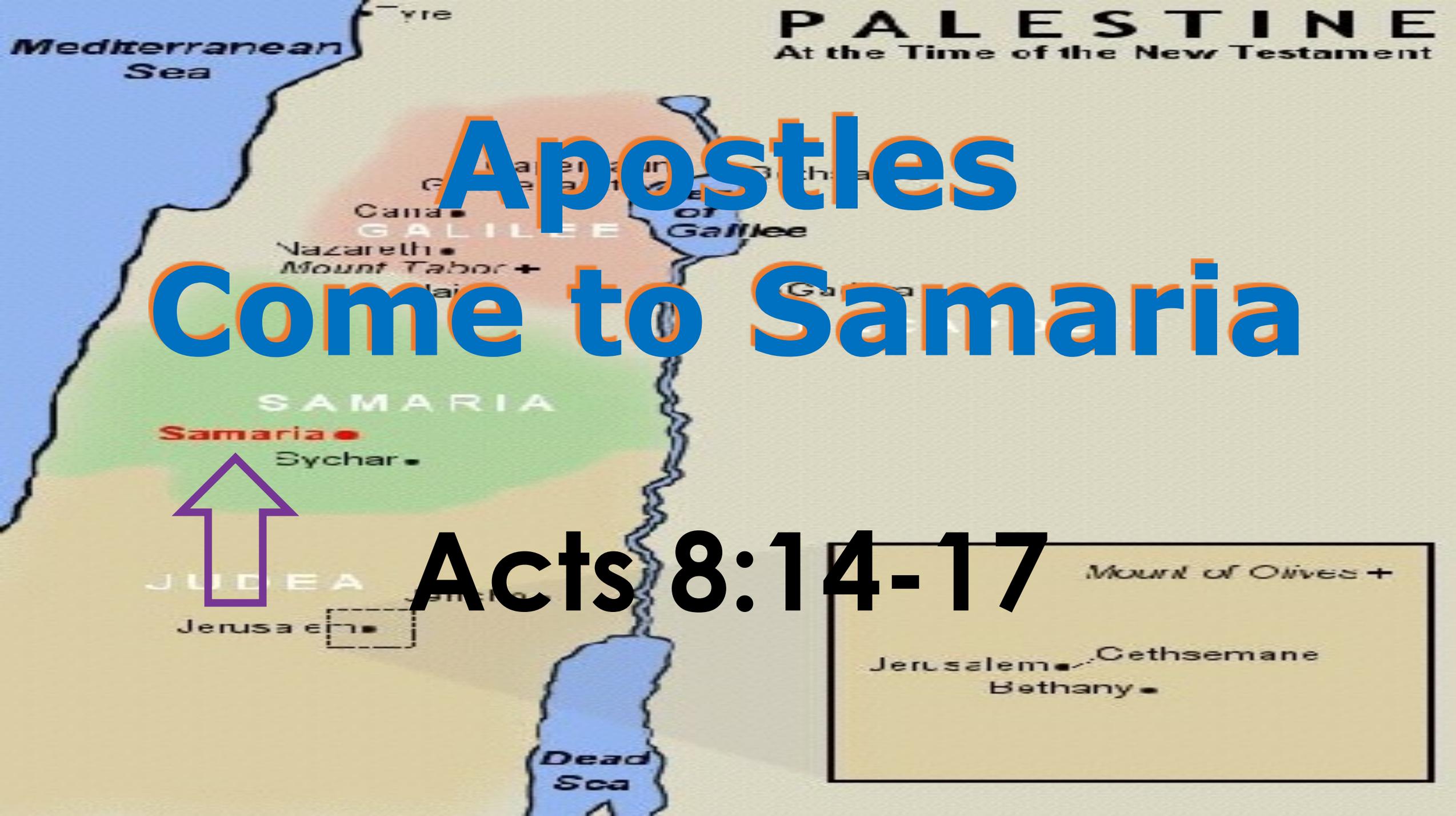
v12 - *“good news about
the kingdom of God”*

v12 - *“Name of Jesus Christ”*

Apostles Come to Samaria



Acts 8:14-17



Two questions arise from this passage...

Why did the Apostles feel they needed to send two of their number to Samaria?

Why did the Holy Spirit not come upon the Samaritans until Peter & John laid on hands?



**ANSWER #1: Why did the Apostles
have to visit the Samaritans?**

For the Apostles Benefit

Luke 9:51-56 v Acts 1:8

For the Samaritans Benefit

ANSWER #2: Why did the Holy Spirit fall upon the Samaritans only after Peter & John prayed for them?

Only instance where *believers* did not immediately receive Holy Spirit.

**The Analogy of Scripture
Scripture is its own best interpreter.**

ANSWER #2: Why did the Holy Spirit fall upon the Samaritans only after Peter & John prayed for them?

**Salvation is a work
of the Holy Spirit.**

Acts 2:38

John 7:37-39

Romans 8:9

1 Corinthians 12:3

see also **Ro 5⁵; 8⁹⁻¹¹; 1Co 6¹⁹⁻²⁰; 1Co 12³⁻¹³; Ep 1¹³; 4³⁰**

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Assuring the Fullness of the Gospel for All Peoples

Full Gospel Teaching

Discipleship Issues

Acts 8:18-25

Implication for the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit and the Church

Two wrong approaches to the Holy Spirit: neglecting and possessing.

A person has surrendered to Jesus but doesn't know the power of the Holy Spirit.

A person wants the power but without the surrender.

The Holy Spirit should be taught as part of the gospel package.



Luke 11:13

**“If you then, being evil,
know how to give good gifts
to your children,
how much more will your
heavenly Father give
the Holy Spirit
to those who ask Him?”**



Implication for the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit and the Church

Just because you are converted doesn't mean you know everything or are fully equipped for ministry or have immediately shed all your sinful failings and wrongs.

Just because someone has confessed belief and even gone through certain church procedures (e.g. baptism) doesn't mean they are really saved or mature.