



Acts 8:26-40; The Ethiopian Eunuch

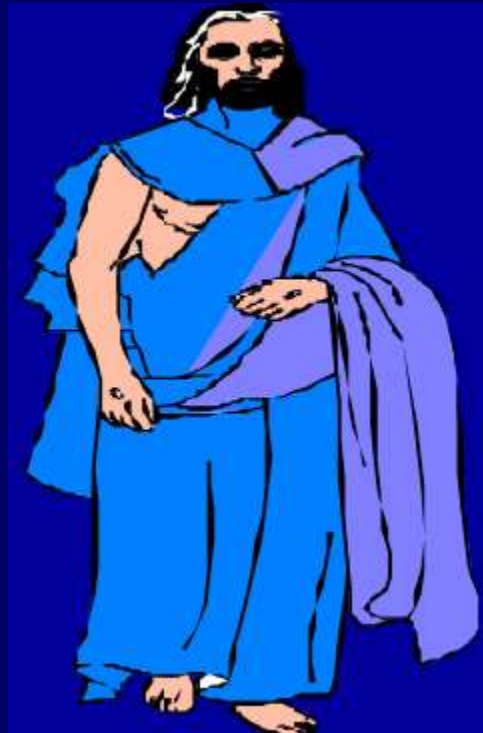
Acts 8:1-25; remember!

Scattered abroad / except apostles.

Simon the Sorcerer.

Now we continue with Philip Acts 8:26-40;

The Ethiopian Eunuch.



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Philip preached the gospel to the Ethiopian treasurer. An angel directed Philip. (v 26)

Travelling on the same road to Gaza was a man of Ethiopia. (v 27-28;)

An angel told Philip to go to the chariot. Philip asked the man if he understood what he was reading. (vs 29-33;)

Philip taught the man about Jesus. (v 34-35;)

The man asked to be baptized. (v 36-38;)

The Spirit caught Philip away and the man from Ethiopia “went on his way rejoicing.” (v 40;)

Acts 8:26-29; Question?

Why didn't
the angel or the spirit
talk to
the Ethiopian Eunuch
instead of sending Philip?



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Note that it is a heavenly being who tells the preacher, in this case Philip, to go teach a man the gospel.

There is a principle introduced here that will be further developed in this chapter and the next.

The principle is that an unsaved man will be taught the gospel by man, not by visions of Jesus, not by an angel and not by the Holy Spirit directly.

There is NO instance in the New Testament of ANYONE being SAVED by a heavenly vision.

26. "But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying."

**After Peter and John have left, the MINISTRY
OF PHILIP TAKES A REMARKABLE TURN.**

Bear in mind what is happening.

**He is enjoying a marvellously successful; work
among the SAMARITANS - the kind of success
that would delight any preacher of the Gospel.**

'There is 'great joy' in Samaria.

**Imagine the sort of report that he could have sent back
to the assembly- newspapers in JERUSALEM,
if they had had them in those days.**

**"SAMARIA'S BIGGEST CONFIDENCE TRICKSTER
CONVERTED!**

**PEOPLE FLOCKING TO BE SAVED.
NEED MORE HELP WITH THE BAPTISMS.
REVIVAL CONTINUING!"**

26. "But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying."

I can well imagine that Philip expected to stay a long time in SAMARIA to continue the harvesting of SOULS! No preacher that I know would have wanted to leave - or even THOUGHT about leaving!

'BUT'! There is that word again!

We can see a contrast coming because the word underlines CHANGE!
In this case, A CHANGE OF DIRECTION.

The message was one which Philip might very well have been disappointed to receive, Because it contained NEW INSTRUCTIONS!

'LEAVE SAMARIA!' Leave your successful work!

Stop baptising people here and go! Head off to the SOUTH! To the road from JERUSALEM to GAZA.'

26 “Now **an angel** of the Lord **said to Philip**, “Go south to -the desert road- that goes down from **Jerusalem to Gaza**.”

WHAT will Philip FIND there?

He is not told. - He doesn't **KNOW!**

WHO will Philip MEET there?

He is not told - he doesn't know!

WHAT IS HE TO DO THERE?

He does not know - because he is not told!

Then WHY SHOULD HE GO ?

Because he has been told to go!

And he WENT! He did not argue; or protest at what might have appeared an unreasonable order - after all, to leave **a flourishing ministry** to go off to - who knows what ? **But Philip OBEYED without question!**

The road from Jerusalem to Gaza?



26 “Now **an angel** of the Lord **said to Philip**, “Go south to -the desert road- that goes down from **Jerusalem to Gaza**.”

As Philip journeyed to the place where he would meet the Ethiopian, he would travel the **"ridge road"** which passes west of Jerusalem and which intersects the Jerusalem-Gaza road somewhere southwest of the city of Jerusalem.

Archaeology has shown that there was a road built by the Romans that led from the south western corner of Jerusalem in a westerly and southerly direction toward Gaza, some traces of which are still visible, though the route for the most part is impassable for modern vehicles.

Some five or six miles from Jerusalem the road begins to descend from the central ridge, which it follows that far, through a rough and narrow ravine known in the Old Testament as the Valley of Elah.

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After traversing this valley a few miles nearly due south, the road turns west, and rises through another waddy, i.e., creek, to the level of the Philistine Plain, which it follows the rest of the way to Gaza.

Today, visitors to the Holy Land are led to believe the Eunuch travelled south to Hebron, and thence westerly to Gaza.

Gaza is one of the oldest cities in the world (Genesis 10:19;). Travellers to and from Egypt used to supply themselves with provisions there.

Joshua could not subdue it. (Joshua 10:41;)
It was assigned to Judah, but even that warlike tribe was unable to subdue it. (Joshua 15:47;)

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It passed into the hands of the Philistines, and became one of their chief cities. (Judges 16:21; 1 Samuel 6:17;) Then about 300 B.C., it took Alexander the Great five months' siege to take it; and when he finally took it, he did not destroy Gaza.

This is a desert road:- marginal reading,
"This city is deserted."

Either is a possible translation.

"Desert" means "uninhabited."

Many have said (before men knew the geography of Palestine) that the Eunuch could not have been immersed because he was in a dry, arid region where there was no water. But this is a misunderstanding of the word "desert." here.

**8:27; “So he got up and went; And behold,
there was an Ethiopian eunuch ”**

It would take some faith on the part of Philip to leave the promising field in Samaria and go to a road which did not even pass through any villages in its whole length from Jerusalem to Gaza. But God had spoken, and off he went

Nubia was one of the great kingdoms of Africa. It lay south of Egypt, on the Nile River. It was bounded on the north by Egypt, on the east by the Red Sea and Indian Ocean, on the south by the (then) unknown regions of the interior of Africa, and on the west by Libya and the great Libyan deserts.

This kingdom was north of the land that is today known as Ethiopia. The Ethiopia of New Testament times stretched from modern Aswan to modern Khartoum, and the principal cities were Maroe (the Sheba of the Old Testament) and Naphta.

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**Today, EGYPT ends at what is called THE FOURTH
CATARACT OF THE NILE - where, in the days of PRESIDENT
NASSER, the Russians built the GREAT ASWAN DAM.**

**Below the town of ASWAN is the country
from which this man came, NUBIA.**

**In N.T times, this KINGDOM stretched from ASWAN
to KHARTOUM, and its capital was called MERGE.
It was ruled by a KING. But, since he was regarded
as THE CHILD OF THE SUN - something of a god –
the day to day running of a Kingdom
was considered to be beneath his dignity.**

**THE CANDACE
probably the Queen Mother,
who wore that title.**

**8:27; “So he got up and went; And behold,
there was an Ethiopian eunuch ”**

**You see, she was NOT "QUEEN CANDACE" that is,
her name was NOT CANDACE. That was a title like,
PHAROAH, or EMPEROR, OR CAESAR. 'CANDACE'
was an hereditary title, not a proper name.**

**If you say 'QUEEN CANDACE',
it is rather like saying 'QUEEN QUEEN'.**

**She WAS the Queen - but her title was THE CANDACE- and
she was the **actual ruler** of what today is called NUBIA.
THAT is where this man came, and he was going home!**

**NUBIA is, today, a MOSLEM country. The people never
had the scriptures in their own language. The reason.?
Nubia STILL does not have a written language of its own.**

Acts 8:26-40; The Ethiopian Eunuch!

Why didn't the angel or the spirit talk to the Ethiopian Eunuch instead of sending Philip?

**First an angel, then the Spirit told Philip what to do.
But **it was Philip who told the Eunuch what to do.****

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People of many nationalities had converted to the Jewish religion through the centuries. These people were called **“proselytes.”**

Some say that this eunuch, Treasurer for the Ethiopian Queen, was a Gentile, a native Ethiopian who had converted to Judaism.

The language used to describe him is interesting. He is called an Ethiopian, not an Israelite or Jew of Ethiopia. Compare this description with Acts 2:5;

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Others say No- Ethiopian “**Jews**” (a misnomer) have been accepted back into Israel as the Biblical tribe of Dan, one of the so-called “**lost**” **tribes** of the Northern Kingdom that was scattered into the nations.

According to THEIR tradition, they have called themselves “**Beit Yisrael**” for at least 3000 years.

They brought with them a strict form of Torah obedience, First Temple practices, and little knowledge of the later prophets.

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There was a Jewish colony in Ethiopia. There seems reason to believe that in the time of Manasseh, who (according to the statement in the narrative of Aristeeas as to the LXX translation) formed an alliance with Psammetichus, king of Egypt, a considerable body of Jews were sent off to protect the outposts of his kingdom.

Thus Jews had been in Ethiopia for some centuries, and considering the Jewish proclivity to be adept at handling money, it is not out of character for one to have become a government official in the treasury department.

This man had taken a very long trip to Jerusalem to worship. There is a probability that he had been up to Jerusalem for one of the great pilgrimage festivals, perhaps Pentecost (34 A.D.?)

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**Can we understand the Bible on our own
or do we have to have someone
explain its meanings to us?**

**NEW
TESTAMENT**

**OLD
TESTAMENT**

History

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Joshua
Judges
Ruth

1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles

EZRA
NEHEMIAH
ESTHER

Poetry

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Songs of Solomon

Laws of Moses

Prophecy

ISAIAH
JEREMIAH
LAMENTATIONS
EZEKIEL

DANIEL
HOSEA
JOEL
AMOS
OBADIAH
JONAH
MICAH
NAHUM
HABAKKUK
ZEPHANIAH
HAGGAI
ZECHARIAH
MALACHI

Major Prophets

Minor Prophets

Biography History

Paul's Letters

MATTHEW
MARK
LUKE
JOHN

ACTS

ROMANS
1 CORINTHIANS
2 CORINTHIANS
GALATIANS
EPHESIANS
PHILIPPIANS
COLOSSIANS
1 THESSALONIANS
2 THESSALONIANS
1 TIMOTHY
2 TIMOTHY
TITUS
PHILEMON

(The Gospels)

Other Letters

Prophecy

Hebrews
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude

REVELATION

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We can understand the Bible ourselves because we now have the whole story in the completed Bible.

The Eunuch didn't know the facts about Jesus' birth, life, teachings, death and resurrection until Philip told him.

Having this new information he could then understand Isaiah's prophecy.

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Philip taught the man of Ethiopia beginning with an Old Testament prophecy concerning Jesus.

Philip asked the man if he understood what he was reading.

Do we know enough to ask such a question to a stranger whom we see reading the Bible?

**The Old Testament is important to understanding the death of Jesus Christ.
(Cf. Romans 15:4; Galatians 3:23-25;)**



Prophecies are Understood in Retrospect.

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**Prophecies are Understood in Retrospect!
Prophecies were not given to forewarn or to give information that will enable men to change history.**

There is always an element of mystery about a prophecy until it has been fulfilled so that God’s enemies cannot thwart His plan.

Prophecies were to serve as proofs of the inspiration of the prophet so people would believe that he spoke for God. Therefore they are understood fully only after their fulfillment.



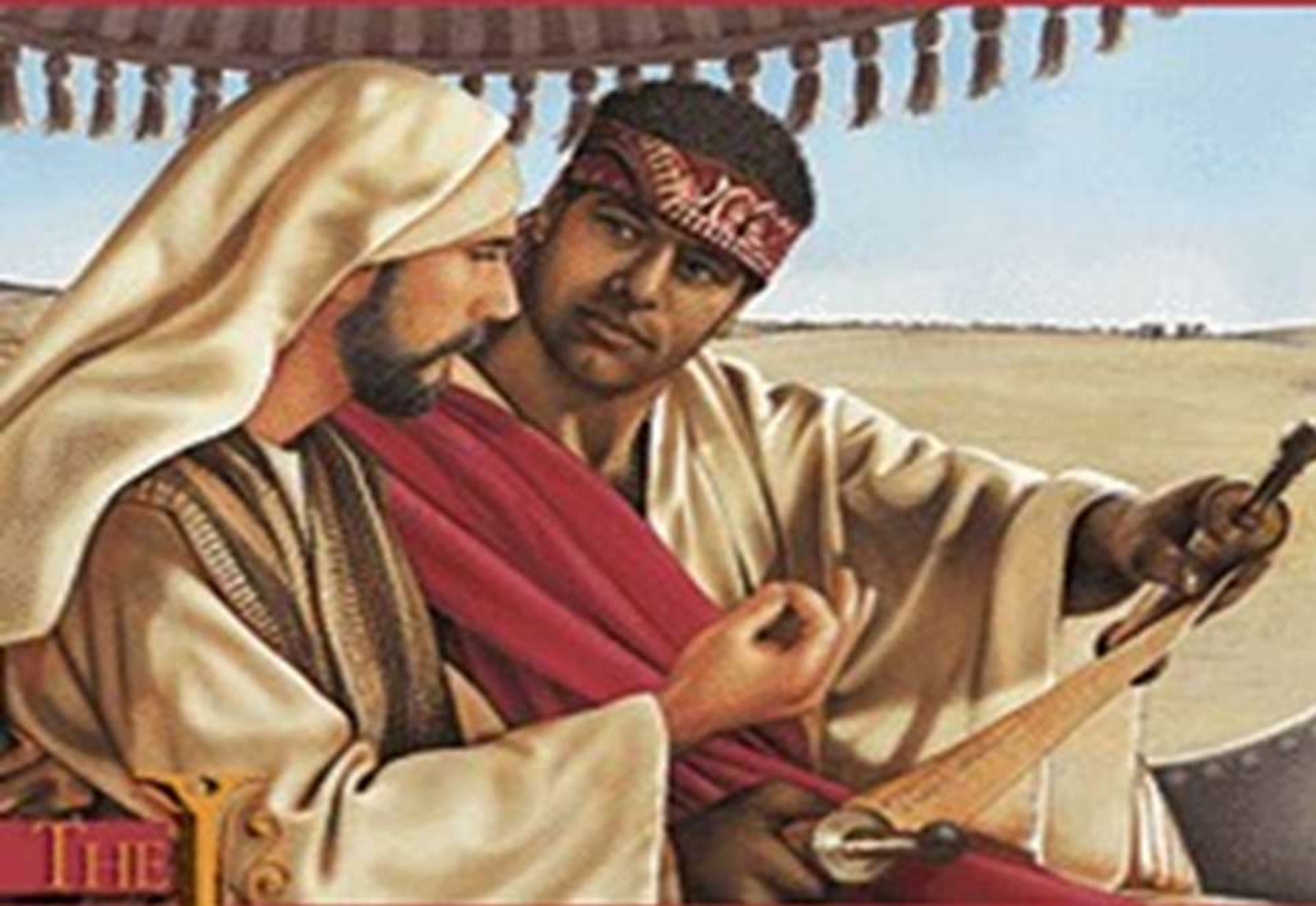
Acts 8:32-33; The Ethiopian Eunuch!

The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture:-

**"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before the shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth."**

**In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.
Who can speak of his descendants?
For his life was taken from the earth."**

The Eunuch did not Know the Fulfillment; We Do!



Acts 8:34-35; The Ethiopian Eunuch!

The Eunuch did not Know the Fulfillment; We Do!

**The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please,
who is the prophet talking about,
himself or someone else?"**

**Then Philip began with that very
passage of Scripture and **told him
the good news about Jesus.****

**When the Eunuch learned the fulfillment,
then he understood the meaning.**

Acts 8:32-33; “Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this: “HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER; AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH.”

33. "IN HUMILIATION HIS JUDGMENT WAS TAKEN AWAY; WHO WILL RELATE HIS GENERATION? FOR HIS LIFE IS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH."

In response to the Ethiopian's question as to who Isaiah was talking about, Philip began at that scripture and preached Jesus to him.

Although it just says in this verse that Philip "preached Jesus", this was much more than just saying the name of Jesus, as we saw earlier in this chapter, as we will see in the next several verses.

Where is Jesus mentioned in that passage?

A Messianic Prophecy!

The **JEWISH view** of this passage is that it refers to **TWO servants of God**. (The DUAL SERVANT theory). They do not accept it as a prophecy referring to Jesus. Isa 52:13; is really the beginning of the passage.

JEWISH teachers said that there TWO SERVANT of God;
One who would suffer and die, as the passage states.
But the MESSIAH would not - COULD NOT ever die!
Yet. Philip preached JESUS from ISAIAH 53!

Where Philip began we must all begin if we are going to truly preach Jesus. To leave out the vicarious suffering of Jesus is to leave out the gospel from our preaching.
Repentance, confession and baptism mean very little, if anything, without a deep seated knowledge and faith in Jesus as the Lamb of God slain for the sins of the world.

Acts 8:36-38; The Ethiopian Eunuch!

“As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?”

“he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.”

If what Philip told him was the good news about Jesus, how did he find out about baptism, that it was a command to be obeyed? Is baptism a part of the gospel?



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Acts 8:34-35; The Ethiopian Eunuch!

If sprinkling a few drops of water on the head is baptism, why didn't Philip use a little water from the Eunuch's water jug to baptize him? Was it because the Eunuch couldn't afford to lose any of his water?

“Baptize” is a Greek word transliterated by English spelling.

Its true translation is **“immerse.”**

They both “went down into the water.”

Scriptural baptism is putting the whole body under water, then bringing it up again. It is identifying with the burial and resurrection of Jesus Rom 6:4-6;



This is NOT baptism.

37.[And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart,
38. you may." And he answered and said,
"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."]

Some Bibles leave out v 37;

But a similar thought is found in other passages.

“Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of eternal life to which you were called, and **you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.** I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, **Who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate,** that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ...”(1Tim 6:12-13)

1 Tim 3:16; “**By common confession,** great is the mystery of godliness: **He** who was revealed in the flesh, was vindicated in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.

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1John 4:2-3; “Beloved, do not believe every spirit,
but **test the spirits** to see whether they are from God,
because many false prophets
have gone out into the world.

“By this you know the Spirit of God:
every spirit **that confesses that Jesus Christ
has come in the flesh is from God;**”

2 John 1:7; “There are many deceivers at large
in the world, **refusing to acknowledge Jesus Christ
came in human nature.**

They are the Deceiver; they are the Antichrist.

Acts 8:37; The Ethiopian Eunuch!

**“That if you confess with your mouth,
"Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God
raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”**

**For it is with your heart that you believe
and are justified, and it is with your mouth that
you confess and are saved.” Romans 10:9-10;**

**1 John 4:15; “ Whoever confesses that Jesus is
the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.**



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The Ethiopian comes into
a new relationship with Christ.

The Eunioch **heard** the **message of the gospel**
which **describes the grace of God revealed through**
Christ's death burial and resurrection for all men.

The text **does not say He believed** what Peter said
but he must have done in order
to then ask to be baptised.

The text does not say He repented of his sins
yet again he must have done
as is obvious by his response.

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Despite v37 not appearing in some manuscripts
it is the **one question Peter had to ask** before
he could immerse the Ethiopian Eunuch.

Does he truly believe after all that Philip had taught
him that **Jesus is the Christ the son of God.**

Upon the confession that He believed in Jesus
as the Christ He went down into the water
and was immersed to receive the forgiveness
of his sins and the indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit.



Acts 8:38 Then the officer gave a command for the chariot to stop. Both Philip and the officer went down into the water, and Philip immersed him.

This reminds us of what **Jesus said in Matt 28:18-19;**

“And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father & the Son and the Holy Spirit.”

Also what **Peter describes in Acts 2:38;** “Then Peter answered, `Change your hearts and each one of you must be immersed by the authority of Jesus the Messiah, so that your sins may be forgiven.

Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Also similar to what **Paul describes in Acts 22:16;** about his own conversion.

6. 'Now why do you delay? Get up and be immersed, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'

Book of Acts	Sinner's Prayer	Heard	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Baptised
Pentecost	NO	Yes		Yes		Yes
Five thousand	NO	Yes	Yes			
Philip	NO	Yes	Yes			Yes
The Eunuch	NO	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Saul to Paul	NO	Yes				Yes
1 st Gentiles	NO	Yes	Yes			Yes
Greeks	NO		Yes	Yes		
Proconsul	NO	Yes	Yes			
Jews/Greeks	NO	Yes	Yes			
Lydia	NO	Yes				Yes
Jailer	NO	Yes	Yes			Yes
Crispus	NO	Yes	Yes			Yes
Other People	NO	Yes	Yes			Yes
Paul's story	NO	Yes	Yes			Yes

IMPORTANT QUESTION

AT WHAT POINT ARE SINS FORGIVEN?

Washed in the BLOOD

be baptized

confess

repent

believe

hear

SINS FORGIVEN

RECEIVE

INDWELLING

HOLY SPIRIT

SAVED

NEW MAN

**(REBORN
IN CHRIST)**

**OLD MAN
(LOST IN SIN)**

**Saved by God's Grace
Through the Blood of Jesus**

An interesting principle!

Jesus started at water for the woman at the well.

Paul started with an altar in Acts 17;

Philip started at the verse the man was reading.

Great Preachers and teachers of the Bible
started where people were.

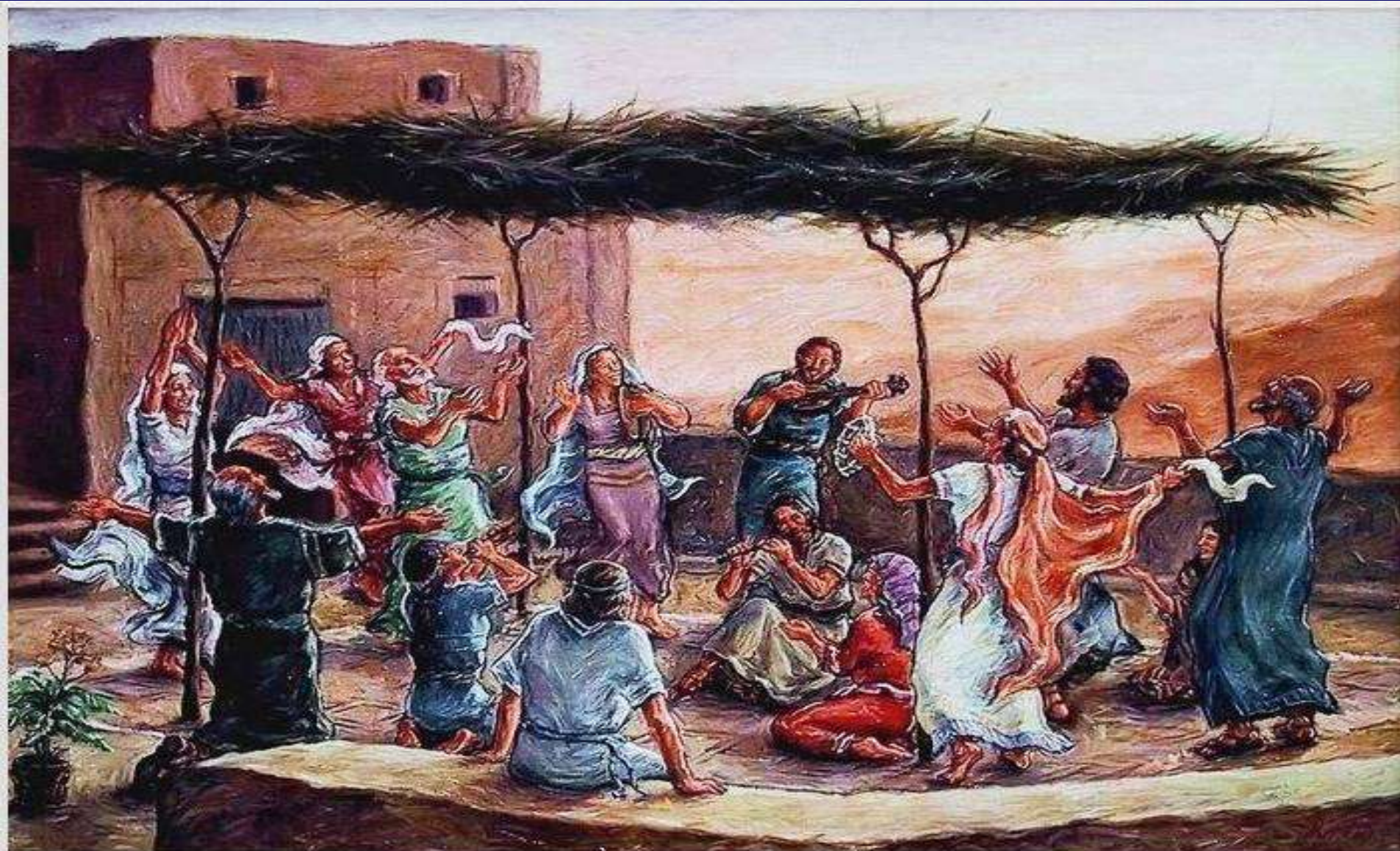
**Both Jesus in John 4 and Philip started also
with a question instead of a statement!**

An interesting principle!

**We should also note however,
that all of these great personal evangelists
also **all ended up speaking the gospel.****

**Sometimes people and churches
start where people are and just stay there.
That is a mistake.**

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Rejoicing is the natural response to having been born again.

In his book “Waking the Dead” John Eldridge reminds us that we love stories of transformation!

Beauty’s love turns the beast into a handsome prince.

Pinocchio becomes a boy.

The **Ugly Duckling** becomes a swan.

Luke Skywalker becomes a Jedi Warrior.

Strider becomes King Aragorn.

Neo becomes the One.

**Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him,
that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should
no longer be slaves to sin; 7 for he who has died
is freed from sin. (Romans 6:6-7).**

There is an identification truth here.

**When Christ died on the cross,
we were legally considered to have died with Him.**

**When He was buried and the tomb
was sealed with the stone, we were
Reckoned to be in the grave with Him.**

**When He arose from the grave, we were
declared to have risen with Him into a new life.**

8:39; "When they came up out of the water."

Death on cross/Blood shed

Death

Raised-new life

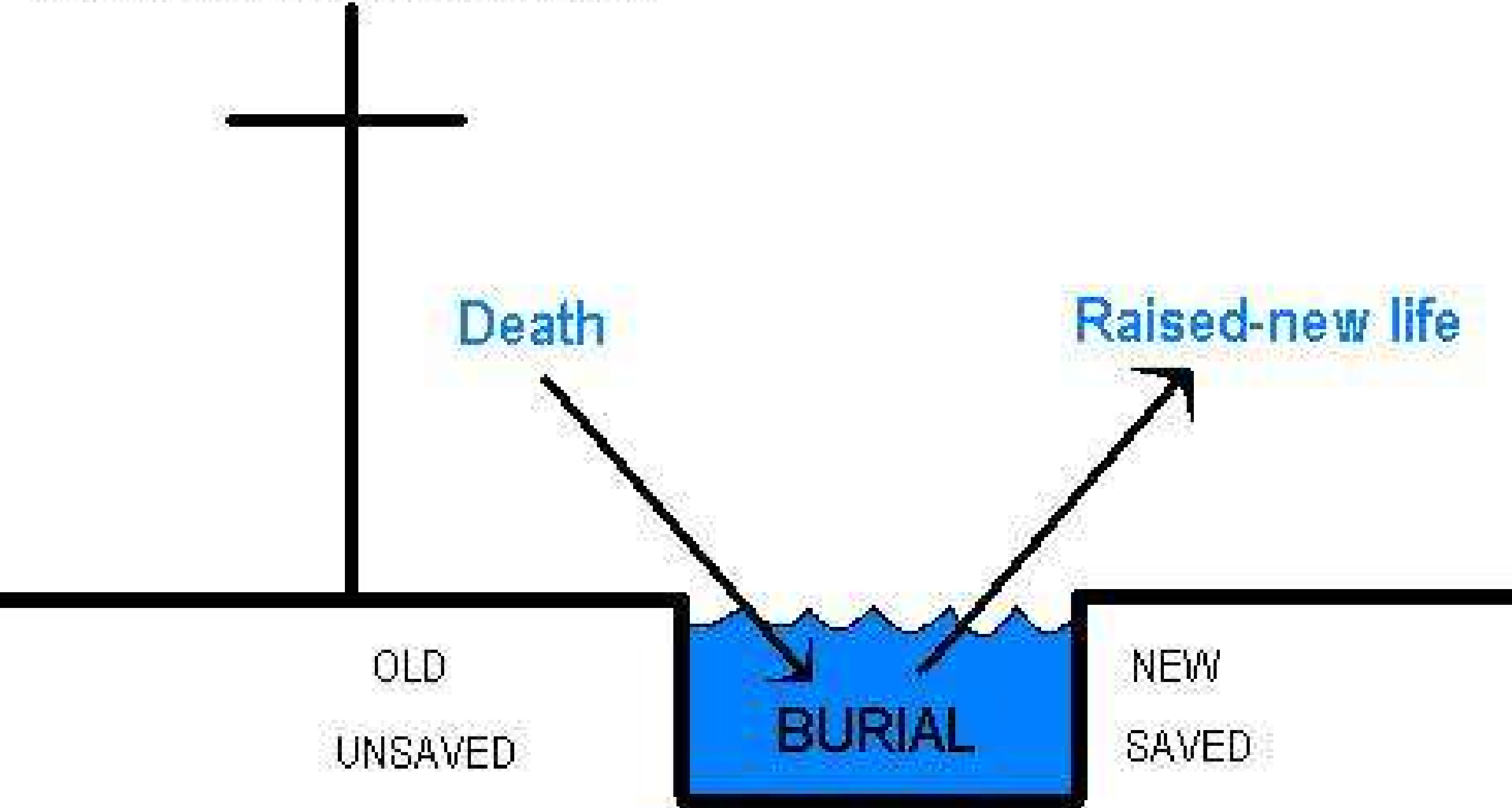
OLD
UNSAVED

NEW
SAVED

BURIAL

Waters of baptism

Grave

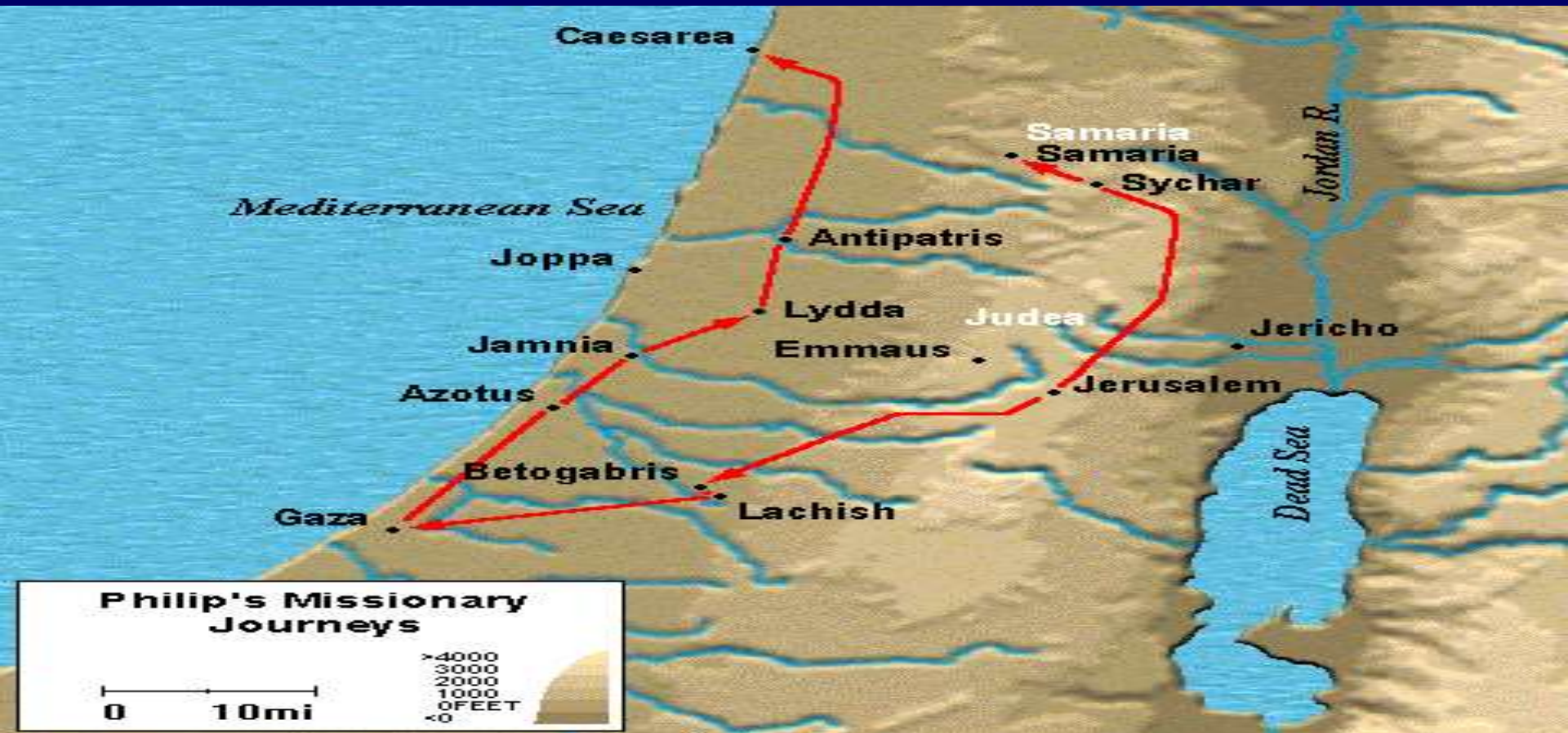


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**This is why Peter says that our new birth
is “through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”**

**Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according
to His great mercy has caused us to be born again
to a living hope through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3;)**

8:40; “Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.”



We learn from Acts 21:8; that Philip the evangelist lived at Caesarea on the Sea and that he had four unmarried daughters who prophesied.

Acts 8:26-40; The key points seen in our study:-

Persecution led to the scattering
of the saints in Jerusalem.

Multitudes in the city of Samaria believed
and were baptized. There was great joy in the city.

Simon the sorcerer was converted to the truth.
He then put his soul in jeopardy by sinning.
Simon later repented of his sin.

Philip taught **the man of Ethiopia** beginning
with an Old Testament prophecy concerning Jesus.
The man of Ethiopia was converted.

Acts 8:26-40; the key points seen in our study:-

This chapter is primarily about the work of **Philip** who is called “**the evangelist,**” meaning one who announces good news.

The **good news Philip announced** or preached was the **good news about Jesus.**

He was **directed by an angel** and **by the Holy Spirit.** An **apostle had laid his hands on Philip** enabling him to perform signs and wonders **to confirm** the divine source of the message he preached.

Acts 8:26-40; the key points seen in our study:-

Because of Philips work many souls were saved and made to rejoice that their sins were forgiven and they could now possess eternal life.

We learned that the gift of miraculous powers could NOT be given by a person who was not an apostle only by an Apostle laying his hands on a person.

We learned that an unsaved man will only be taught by man, not by an angel, the Spirit or a vision of Jesus.

This last one, the vision of Jesus, will be seen in chapter 9. Note when we get there that Jesus did not tell Paul what to do to be saved, a man, Ananias, did.

Acts 8:26-40; the key points seen in our study:-

We also saw that baptism is a necessary part of the message about Jesus and that it involves going down into the water and coming up out of the water.

It is immersion of the whole body under water and coming up again out of the water.

As the Eunuch did, a person born of water and the Holy Spirit will “go on his way rejoicing,” knowing his sins are forgiven and that he possesses eternal life in Christ.

In the next chapter we will read the story of Saul's / Paul's conversion.



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The Lord our Righteousness

Saved by a Work? (of Faith.)

by Ellis Jones

**The LORD is our righteousness;
Without Him we're not right.
Would you be a slave to sin,
And live in sin's dark night?**

**There's a form you can obey,
To re-enact His death.
By it your soul can live again,
By the Spirit's "breath."**



**By “water and the Spirit,”
You can be born again.
And it is the only way,
To rid your soul of sin.**

**Salvation cannot be of works.
No sinful man may boast.
But a “dead man” cannot work,
As some may have supposed.**



**But he must be “buried,”
And in water must be lowered.
And thus united in Christ’s death,
The Spirit comes aboard.**

**Then from that “grave” of water,
To new life God will raise.
A work of God there is performed.
So God gets all the praise.**



Go Teaching! by Ellis Jones



**As we travel through this world
Let's tell folks as we go,
The blessed story of the Christ;
Just tell them what you know.**

**Just teach the same things
you were taught
For your conversion day.
If you can just remember that
Then you'll know what to say.**



**Let the story of God's love
Slide smoothly from your tongue.
Point men to that Ladder
And help them find a rung.**

**Christ has no hands but your hands
A saying old but true.
He has no mouth but your mouth
That's how he speaks - through you.**



**In earthen pots His treasure
For mankind is entrusted.
What if the pot is cracked?
What if it should be "busted"?**

**The rule must still be followed,
"By man must man be taught."
It's by our life and teaching
The fight of faith is fought.**

Acts 8:1 to 8:40;

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