

Conversion Of The Ethiopian

ETHIOPIANS

VI WHAT THE PREACHER DID

Acts 8:30.

Ran To Chariot.
Heard Man Reading.
Question.

Answer. Acts 8:31.

Preaches. Acts 8:32-33.

Man's Question.

Acts 8:34.

Jesus Preached.

Acts 8:35.

Second Question.

Acts 8:36.

Philips Answer. Acts 8:37.

Eunuch Baptized. Acts 8:38.

Five in Conversion

I GOD Acts 8:26.

II ANGEL Acts 8:26.

III PHILIP Acts 8:27.

IV ETHIOPIAN Acts 8:27.

V HOLY SPIRIT Acts 8:29.

CONVERSION OF THE ETHIOPIAN

Acts 8:26-40

INTRO: Philip preached the Gospel in Samaria. Christians were given spiritual gifts by the laying on of the Apostles' hands. When the church was strong enough to be left to its own edification and growth, Philip was called to another field of labor.

Luke was inspired to write a detailed account of the conversion of the Ethiopian. Why do preachers not preach it today?

Ethiopia was a region of Africa inhabited by the descendants of Ham. They were black people. Much is said in the Bible about Ethiopians. Ethiopia is the land of Cush. The people had black skin. Jer. 13:23. Moses married a Cushite. Num. 12:1.

Zerah the Ethiopian had an army of one million soldiers and 300 chariots. The army of Judah and the army of Benjaminites numbered 580,000. They killed every soldier of Zerah. 2 Chron. 14:1-13.

This Ethiopian was of high rank. Acts 8:37. He was a proselyte. He had been all the way to Jerusalem to worship. It was from 700 to 1000 miles each way. He was returning home. He was on the road to Gaza.

I. THERE WERE FIVE PERSONS INVOLVED IN HIS CONVERSION.

A. God sent an angel. Acts 8:26.

B. Angel

1. The angel was sent to Philip. Notice the angel's message. Acts 8:26.
2. Angels are messengers. 1 Kings 19:5; Num. 22:23, 22:31. Note 2 Thess. 1:7.
3. The angel told Philip where to go.

C. Philip

1. He was an obedient preacher. Acts 8:27.
2. He was like Abraham. Heb. 11:8.
3. He was like Paul. Acts 26:19. He went where angel told him.

D. The Ethiopian. Acts 8:27.

1. He was very religious. He had been to Jerusalem.
2. He was going home, reading his Bible. Acts 8:28.

E. The Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit spoke to Philip. Acts 8:29. The Holy Spirit did not speak to the Ethiopian. He did not shake him, cause him to speak in an unknown tongue, or cause him to fall on the ground. The Holy Spirit never told anyone directly how to be saved. He never pardoned anyone. The Holy Spirit operates through the Word. John. 6:63.
2. Holy Spirit brought the preacher to the sinner. The preacher preached the Word. Rom. 10:17.

II. WHAT DID THE PREACHER DO?

A. Ran to the chariot. Acts 8:30.

- B. Heard the Ethiopian reading. He asked if he understood what he was reading. Acts 8:30.
 - C. The Ethiopian answered. Acts 8:31.
 - D. Philip preached Jesus. Acts 8:32-35.
 - E. The Ethiopian asked a question? Acts 8: 34.
 - F. Philip preached Jesus. Acts 8:35.
 - G. The Ethiopian asked a second question. Acts 8:36.
 - H. Philip answered. Acts 8:37.
 - I. The Ethiopian was baptized. Acts 8:38. Baptism is immersion. Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12. Baptism is for forgiveness of sins. Acts 2:38, 22:16.
 - J. After the Ethiopian became a Christian, he went on his way rejoicing. Acts 8:39.
- CONCL: If we preached the message today that Philip preached, we should expect people to respond the way that Ethiopian responded (immediately confessing Christ and being immersed in water).