

The Treasurer's Journey to Jesus

(Acts 8:26-39)

In the verses above, we find one of the great cases of conversion in the book of Acts. It has to do with the story of a man who was a treasurer for the queen of Ethiopia. He was traveling back home after spending some time worshipping in Jerusalem, reading his Bible, when God led Philip (a preacher) to him to help understand what he was reading. Philip and this treasurer would actually have a Bible study about Jesus, and after their study, he was converted to the Lord.

This man from Ethiopia had a remarkable journey to Jesus! In fact, notice a few important things that were involved in his journey.

I. **Hearing preaching about Jesus (Acts 8:34-35)**

- A. The scripture specifically says that Philip “preached Jesus” to this man. This involves...
 1. Preaching the **word** (Acts 8:4).
 2. Proclaiming **Christ** (Acts 8:5).
 3. Preaching the **good news** of God (Acts 8:12).
 4. Preaching the **Kingdom** of **God** (Acts 8:12).
 5. Preaching about **the** life found in Jesus (Acts 8:34-35).
- B. Who was your Philip? We all have been blessed to have one!

II. **Baptism (Acts 8:36-39)**

- A. Notice how baptism was an urgent thing for the treasurer.
 1. It was urgent because Philip told him so!
 2. Philip taught him the truth about baptism (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21).
- B. Unfortunately, so many preachers don't preach the truth about baptism.
 1. Many teach sprinkling or pouring of water. Notice how this treasurer was immersed!
 2. Many teach “faith only” salvation. Notice how that is not what Philip taught!
 3. We must have the courage and love to continue teaching the truth about baptism.

III. **Rejoicing (Acts 8:39)**

- A. Why did he do this?
 1. Because he knew that after he was baptized, his soul was right with God!
 2. He knew that after he was baptized, his sins had been washed away by the blood of Jesus.
- B. Have you experienced this same joy?
 1. If not, it is time to experience it this morning.
 2. It is time to understand that being right with God is the most **important** thing you could ever do in your life.

Conclusion: Do you need to need to follow in the footsteps of this treasurer??