

GOD USES PHILIP TO ADVANCE THE GOSPEL BEYOND SAMARIA

(Acts 8:26-40)

I. THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (1-2)

II. THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (3-7)

III. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JUDEA, SAMARIA, AND SYRIA (8-12)

A. The Persecuted Church is on the Move (vv. 1-4)

B. Philip's Witness in Samaria (vv. 5-8)

C. Simon the Sorcerer Gets Saved (vv. 9-25)

D. Philip's Witness to the Ethiopian Eunuch (vv. 26-40)

1. The story is set in motion by an _____ command to Philip which took him away from the scene of successful evangelism and led him south to fulfill a _____. (v. 26)

2. Philip, being the Spirit-filled _____ believer that he was, immediately and _____ allowed himself to be _____ by the Lord. (v. 27a)

3. The Ethiopian eunuch is introduced and described as an important _____ in charge of all the _____ of Candace, _____ of the Ethiopians. (v. 27b)

4. On his way back from _____ the Lord in the city of Jerusalem, the Ethiopian was _____ from the scroll of Isaiah. (v. 28)

5. Philip was given further direction by the Lord to run to the chariot, and when he did, he heard the Ethiopian reading from the prophet Isaiah. (vv. 29-35)
 - a. The conversation began with a _____ by Philip to the Ethiopian as to whether he _____ what he was _____. (v. 30)

 - b. The eunuch _____ to his own _____, and asked for biblical guidance; which Philip happily obliged, and then joined him in the chariot. (v. 31)

- c. The conversation turned to the Holy Scriptures, and in particular _____ and the Messianic chapter, _____. (vv. 32-33)
- d. This discussion between a believer and unbeliever focused on _____ and His _____ death, not on secondary issues. (vv. 34-35)
6. After just spending some time in Jerusalem, the eunuch must have learned some things regarding water baptism or he witnessed Christians being baptized with his own eyes. (vv. 36-38)
- a. The Ethiopian wanted to be baptized but Philip's response included the _____, paramount statement, "If you _____ with all your heart, you may." (v. 37a)
- b. The eunuch gave the proper response, "I _____ that Jesus _____ is the _____ of God." (v. 37b, cf. John 20:31)
- c. The Ethiopian was water baptized by full _____ as a _____ of his faith and identification with Jesus Christ. (v. 38)

* What can you learn from this passage regarding water baptism?

-Receiving God's gift of salvation by faith alone _____ it.
(Acts 10:43-48; 16:30-34; 18:8; 19:1-5)

-Every believer has the privilege to _____ in it, and should _____ it.

7. The very moment both men came up out of the water, Philip was supernaturally _____ to a different location; and he kept on _____ (*imperfect tense*) in all the cities. (vv. 39b-40)

* What can you learn from this passage regarding personal evangelism?