

CONVERSION OF THE ETHEOPIAN EUNUCH.

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INTRODUCTION:

- A. Read **Acts 8:26-39**.
- B. Biblical conversions are recorded for two reasons:
 - 1. To serve as a divine example.
 - 2. To show what is involved with obedience.
- C. The book of Acts contains several conversions.
 - 1. These conversions happened through the teaching of truth.
 - 2. **2 Peter 1:20-21**.
- D. Let us look at the details involved with this conversion.
 - 1. Note his words of the eunuch.
 - 2. The teaching of Phillip.

I. WHO WAS THIS EUNUCH?

- A. **Verse 27** "... of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship."
 - 1. He had attained an important position with the queen.
 - 2. He was either a Jew or a proselyte. He had been to Jerusalem to worship.
- B. He was interested in God's word.
 - 1. He was reading from **Isaiah 53** (**verse 30; Isaiah 53:7-8**).
 - 2. He was honest as he asked for help in understanding (**Verse 31**).

II. GOD WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE THIS EVENT.

- A. The eunuch had been to Jerusalem, yet he did not understand.
 - 1. He had not obeyed the gospel.
 - 2. **Romans 10:13-15**.
- B. Phillip was divinely directed to the eunuch (**8:26-27**).
 - 1. However, instruction did not come in a miraculous way. A man was sent to teach the divine message (**Mark 16:15-16; 1 Cor. 1:21**).
 - 2. God recognizes those who seek Him (**1 Peter 3:12**).

III. PHILLIP'S MESSAGE - TO PREACH JESUS (8:35).

- A. Gospel preachers do not change the message. What was preached to others was the message taught to the eunuch.
 - 1. In **Acts 8:5** Phillip preached Christ.
 - 2. **Acts 8:12** tells us what was involved in that message.
 - 1) "But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women."
 - 2) What was involved? What was to be understood?
 - a. Things concerning the kingdom (the church – **Ephesians 4:4; 1:22-23; Acts 20:28**).
 - b. The name of Jesus Christ (**Romans 10:9-10**).
 - c. Baptism (**Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21** "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us.")
- B. Also, it is important to note that in Phillip's message to the eunuch baptism was taught.
 - 1. **Verse 36** "... here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?"
 - 2. That question would not have been asked IF Phillip had not included it in his teaching.
- C. The eunuch was not interested in waiting.

IV. CONCLUSION:**A. Far too many do not have the mind-set of this eunuch.**

1. He wanted to learn what to do.
2. Much like those in **Acts 2:37** "... what shall we do?"
3. **Hebrews 3:15** "... today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts..."
4. **2 Corinthians 6:2** "For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

B. Is there anyone here who wants to have the same joy as the eunuch?

1. Joy awaits those who obey the gospel.
2. Eternal joy awaits those who will be faithful.

V. APPEAL: