

EVANGELISM IN ACTS 8.

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Read text: Acts 8:26-40.

B. Regarding the text:

1. I wonder just how many times the gospel has been preached?
 - 1) Many have heard the truth & many have rejected the saving message.
 - 2) Ever wonder why many will not believe & obey?
2. This passage is often used to prove the necessity of baptism. (Rightfully so!)
3. But other lessons can be learned.
4. The passage outlined: Truth: sought, taught, received, and obeyed.

DISCUSSION: WHAT IS NECESSARY FOR A GOOD OUTCOME?

I. TRUTH.

A. The eunuch before meeting Philip. (Acts 8:27-28-31)

1. He was diligent in his pursuit of God.
 - 1) Honest searcher. (Matt. 7:7 “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.”)
 - 2) Luke 8:15 “But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.”
2. The eunuch’s acceptance of Philip (30-31).
 - 1) “Invited” him to come sit (31).
 - 2) Desired = to call near, invite, exhort.
3. Many today do not have this same desire.

B. Desire is the first thing one must have in obeying the gospel. (This indicates the set of one’s heart.)

II. A MESSENGER (26-35).

A. Philip was sent. A teacher was required. The Holy Spirit was not the teacher.

1. No direct operation of the Spirit.
2. Notice the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16).

B. Paul’s message to Timothy: 2 Tim. 2:1-2 (teach).

1. Rom. 10:14-15 (A teacher was needed).
2. 1 Cor. 1:18, 21 (No direct operation).

C. Teachers are needed today to teach those who are unlearned.

III. THE RIGHT MESSAGE (35).

A. Jesus was preached (Isa. 53).

B. Teaching about Jesus requires the entire picture.

1. Acts 8:35-36 Baptism was taught.
2. John 1:17 “For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus.” John 14:6 “...I am the way...” John 8:24 “...if ye believe not that I am he...” John 8:32 “Ye shall know...”
3. Acts 8:5, 12.
4. Acts 20:27 “For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.”

C. The right message was and is required for one to obey the truth.

IV. THE RIGHT REACTION (36-38).

- A. He desired to know. He heard the truth taught. He was willing to obey what was required of him.**
- B. Obedience involved:**
 - 1. Hearing truth (**Rom. 10:17**).
 - 2. Believing (**Rom. 10:39** “But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.”)
 - 3. Repentance (**Acts 2:38**).
 - 4. Confess (**Rom. 10:9-10; John 8:24**).
 - 5. Baptism (**Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16**).
- C. Without obedience, salvation is impossible.**

V. SALVATION PRODUCES JOY (39).

- A. Joy comes when we realize sins are gone (**Acts 22:16; 2:41, 47; 16:34** “And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.”)**
- B. Salvation truly is a joy!**

VI. CONCLUSION:

- A. Please take note... Evangelism needs us!**
- B. Will we have the right reaction to God’s word?**
 - 1. Baptism or restoration is the right reaction to the Lord’s invitation.
 - 2. Why would anyone wait?
- C. What will be our reaction?**