

INTRODUCTION:

1. Geographical setting.
2. Who is Philip? ACTS 6:1-5
3. Read the account.

I. PART PLAYED BY THE ANGEL:

- A. Spoke to Philip, not to the Eunuch. Why? 2 COR. 4:7
"...treasure in earthen..."
- B. Word then in inspired men; today it is in written form.
- C. Miracles, special circumstances, in getting the sinner in touch with the inspired preacher did not become a part of the law of pardon:
 1. See ACTS 2 Holy Spirit Baptism
 2. See Saul, ACTS 9:1-6; Saul told to go into Damascus and wait to be told what to do. His experience on the road was not conversion.

II. THE PART PLAYED BY THE SPIRIT:

- A. Spoke to Philip, not the Eunuch.
- B. Special miracles in perfecting and completing the law of pardon did not become a part of the law of grace.
- C. The Spirit had influence on the apostles that we do not now have.
- D. He had special influence on the church which we do not now have;
 1. Apostles and those on whom they laid their hands given special gifts of the Spirit; ACTS 2; ACTS 8:17-18
 2. Another measure of the Holy Spirit given to all obedient; ACTS 2:38-39
 3. Once the written word was completed, the extraordinary gifts of the Spirit ceased; MARK 16:20; HEBREWS 2:4; 1 CORINTHIANS 13:8-10

III. THE PART PLAYED BY THE PREACHER:

- A. Preached unto him Jesus; ACTS 8:35
- B. In every case of NT conversion a man preached; See 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7 again and ROMANS 10:14 and 17
- C. Result of Philip's preaching.
 1. The Eunuch demanded baptism the first time he came to water.
 2. When preachers get through today, people are avoiding water! What makes the difference?

IV. THE PART PLAYED BY THE EUNUCH HIMSELF:

- A. Heard, believed, confessed Christ as Son of God, and was baptized; ACTS 8:36-39
- B. They came to a "certain water"
- C. Then went into the water. Does "into" mean "unto"? If so what does the "into" of verse 36 mean? They ran into the water before the chariot stopped?
- D. No voting to see if he could be baptized. No hesitation on the Eunuch's part. No waiting for a particular Sunday when all the brethren were gathered together for that particular purpose.

V. THE PART PLAYED BY THE LORD:

- A. The Lord did the saving. HEBREWS 5:9; ACTS 2:47
- B. Faith, repentance, confession, baptism are the terms on which the Lord saves.
- C. The saved, the Eunuch, was added to the church, the one body of Christ.