

# The Conversion Of The Ethiopian Treasurer

Acts 8:26-39

## Introduction:

- A. Story of begins with two religious men — one in Jerusalem, the other in Samaria
  - 1. The treasurer, a devout Jew or proselyte, had gone to Jerusalem to worship.
  - 2. Philip, the evangelist, had gone to Samaria to preach the gospel of Christ.
- B. Story of the transformation of a religious sinner into a rejoicing saint.
- C. Story climaxes at some water along a desert road south of Jerusalem.
- D. Story illustrates several *insights* as to what is important to our Lord:

## Discussion:

### **I. It Shows That *Each Person Is Important To The Lord.***

- A. Consider the effort to convert this one man.
- B. Consider who this man was: Powerful, devout Jew — not many called.
- C. Consider one woman at the well. (John 4).

### **II. It Show That *Truth In Religion Is Important To The Lord.***

- A. Worshiping according old law no longer true religion. (cf. John 4:20-24; Col. 2:13-14).
- B. Worshiping according to commandments of men never been truth religion (Matt. 15:9).
- C. Worshiping according to truth is the only way to go. (cf. Cain, Nadab and Abihu).

### **III. It Shows That *The Old Testament Is Still Important To The Lord.***

- A. As prophesy. (Isa. 53).
- B. As example. (1 Cor. 10:1-13)
- C. As encouragement. (Rom. 15:4).

### **IV. It Shows That *Preaching Jesus Is Important To The Lord.***

- A. It is God's way of saving man. (Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 1:21).
- B. It is God's way of producing saving faith. (Rom. 10:17).
- C. It includes preaching "the man" and "the plan": baptism and the kingdom (v.12)

### **V. It Shows That *Faith In Jesus Is Important To The Lord.***

- A. One must believe to be baptized. (vv. 36,37).
- B. One must believe to be saved. (Mark 16:16).
- C. One must believe to go where Jesus has gone. (John 8:21-24).

### **VI. It Shows That *Confessing Jesus Is Important To The Lord.***

- A. Verse 37 disputed by some, but is natural response to question in verse 36
- B. Confession with mouth the faith in heart is unto salvation. (Rom. 10:10).
- C. Confession is needed to know that we are baptizing believers.

### **VII. It Shows That *Baptism Into Christ Is Important To The Lord.***

- A. It is important that it be done in water. (v. 36, cf. Acts 10:47; 1 Pet. 3:20,21).
- B. It is important enough to do immediately without a church vote.
- C. It is important to salvation and good conscience — a reason to rejoice. (1 Pet. 3:21)

## Conclusion:

- A. Do you believe in your heart what this man came to believe?
- B. Have you done what this man did?