

# “He Went on His Way Rejoicing”

Acts 8:26-39

## Introduction:

- A. Philip goes to Samaria. (v. 5)
  - 1. The scattering (vv. 1-4; cf. 1:8)
  - 2. Successful preaching.
    - a. Multitudes responds. (v. 6).
    - b. Simon responded.
  - 3. Holy Spirit by apostles.
- B. Philip called from Samaria (v. 26).
  - 1. To preach to one man.
  - 2. Leaves man rejoicing (v. 39) — Why?
    - a. Can not look into his heart as to why he was rejoicing.
    - b. Can look at the circumstances and know *reasons* he had to rejoice.

## Discussion:

### II. He Had Found The Answer.

- A. To his question. (v. 34).
- B. To all his *needs* — Spiritual and material (Eph. 1:3; Matt. 6:33).
- C. Not to all his troubles. (John 16:33).
  - 1. Could still have financial problems. ( cf. Jas. 2:15).
  - 2. Could still have physical problems (Sickness and death).
  - 3. Could still have some sadness and unhappiness. (cf. 2 Cor.2:4; 7:5; Acts 20:19,31)

### III. He Had Found Relief.

- A. From the burden of sin. (John 16:8).
  - 1. One must come to realize the *sinfulness* of his sin.
  - 2. One must come to realize the *penalty* of his sin. (cf. Rom. 6:23).
  - 3. One must come to realize the *personal guilt* of his sin.
- B. From the sorrow of repentance.
  - 1. Mourn in repentance, before rejoicing salvation. (2 Cor. 7:8-11; cf. Mt. 5:4)
  - 2. Pass from pleasures of sin, to sorrow of repentance, to joy of salvation. (Jas. 4:8-10).

### IV. He Had Found Salvation.

- A. Could now rejoice in the possession of his present salvation.
  - 1. Had confessed faith. (v. 37; Rom. 10:10).
  - 2. Had been buried in baptism and raised to new life. (v. 38, 39; Rom 6:4).
- B. Could now rejoice in the hope of his eternal salvation. (cf. Rom. 12:12; 13:11).

## Conclusion:

- A. Suppose he met a stranger who asked, “Why are you so happy?”
  - 1. Would his experience of salvation be like many today?
  - 2. Happy because he was saved, not saved because he was happy.
- B. Am I speaking to one who is burdened by sin? Could leave here rejoicing.