

The Ethiopian Eunuch

The Faith That Saves, Part 2

Acts 8:29-40

Introduction:

We are observing the faith among the Gentiles.
We've seen the faith that does not save in Simon Magus
and now in the Ethiopian the faith that does.

A divine appointment has been arranged by God.

v 29. "join this chariot" Philip is to make a social contact

v 30. Isaiah 53 is being read. The enigma of Israel's Messiah.
How can He be ruler of all and yet the Suffering Servant
But what Israel could not grasp, Philip understands

- There are 2 dimensions to the Christ
- 2 appearances in time to die and to rule
- With a mystery in between, the age of the church

v 31. A significant question is asked – "do you understand...?"
And a significant response – "I need help"
The word "guide" means "to lead through"

So he invited Philip in. He trusted a Christian before he trusted Christ.

v 32-33. The Christ was a sacrifice
a willing sacrifice
a wronged man, done unjustly

"who will tell of this life?"
or "who will tell of His innocence?"

v 34. "who is this man?"

v 35. Philip "leads through" the life of Jesus

v 36. And lightning falls

1. Philip's response invokes the question "what prevents me...?"
2. The Ethiopian gives the altar call. Such is divine calling.
3. He will make an intelligent individual choice. Such is conversion.
4. His question implies, "must anything be done by me in order to be saved?"

(v 37.)

v 38. The eunuch says "stop the carriage"
Such is efficacious grace "I will deal with God *now!*"

v 39. "snatched" The eunuch is given the assurance that he has heard a divine message from a divine messenger.

"rejoicing" All the Ethiopian needed was God
An individual relationship has been established.

v 40. "Ashdod" from there he will pass on to Caesarea and discover his life's work.

Conclusion: