

ACTS 8; October 9, 2011; Philip Baptizes the Ethiopian Eunuch

ANALYSIS:

1. As the Jerusalem Church was persecuted, what happened to the members, except the apostles? _____
2. To what city did Philip go, and what happened there?

3. What did Peter say about Simon the sorcerer who had been baptized?

4. Who was the man from Ethiopia? _____
5. What did Philip do for him? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

We love Acts 8:37 because it states a specific requirement for N. T. baptism. The candidate for baptism must confess that Jesus is the Son of God. The Ethiopian eunuch gave this confession and Philip baptized him. As they came up out of the water, the Lord caught away Philip, and the eunuch went on his way rejoicing. This single verse by itself rules out infant baptism, since infants cannot give such a confession. Modern Bible perversions (RSV, ASV, NIV, etc) all omit verse 37 and number verses 36 to 38 in this chapter. Why didn't the editors of the above modern versions renumber the rest of the chapter if they believed verse 37 was not scripture? Were they hoping their deletion would not be noticed as they removed this requirement for baptism?

Offer your thanksgiving to the LORD God for giving us the KJV Bible! Then demonstrate your faith and love by reading it regularly. We can be totally confident that we have all the preserved words of God (Ps 12:6-7; I Pet 1:25; Isa 30:8; John 10:35; Mt 5:18; II Tim 3:16; II Pet 1:21). Praise His Name!

HELP:

1. The members were all scattered abroad through out Judea and Samaria (v 1). They that were scattered went everywhere preaching the word (v 4).
2. Samaria. The people with one accord gave heed to the things Philip spake, many miracles accompanied the preaching, resulting in great joy in that city (vs 5-8).
3. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God, thou art in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity (vs 21-23).
4. An eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians in charge of her treasure who had come to Jerusalem to worship was returning and reading Isaiah (vs 27-28).
5. Philip preached Jesus from Isa 53:7-8, heard his profession of faith in Jesus, baptized him (vs 35-38).