

“PHILIP... PREACHED JESUS”

Acts 8:26-39

When “Philip... preached Jesus,” he taught us several important lessons.

I. THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN CONVERSION

A. Acts 8:29

The fact that the Holy Spirit sent a preacher shows that the Spirit does not operate in conversion apart from gospel preaching.

B. Acts 8:35

Faith is the product of God’s word being preached.

1. Romans 10:14, 17

2. 1st Corinthians 1:21

C. Ephesians 3:1-5

The Holy Spirit revealed God’s will to the apostles who wrote it for us to read.

II. “THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST”

A. Acts 8:35

The fact that Philip preached Jesus from the scriptures shows what the work of an evangelist is.

1. Acts 21:8

Philip was an evangelist.

2. 2nd Timothy 4:2

“The work of an evangelist” is to “preach the word.”

B. 2nd Timothy 3:16-17

The scripture that God inspired must be the basis of all preaching.

1. Luke 24:27

2. Acts 17:2; 18:28

C. Acts 20:20

Preaching doesn't always have to be public. It can often be done privately.

D. Acts 8:30, 32-35

Because he listened well, Philip was able to begin where the eunuch was.

III. BAPTISM INCLUDED IN PREACHING JESUS

A. Acts 8:36

The result of preaching Jesus to the eunuch was that he asked, *“what hinders me from being baptized?”*

B. Matthew 28:19

Jesus commanded that teaching in His name should be followed by baptism.

C. Acts 2:38; 8:12; 22:16

Other New Testament sermons ended in commands to be baptized.

IV. NECESSITY OF FAITH

A. Acts 8:36-37

A legitimate hindrance to baptism would be a lack of faith.

B. Hebrews 11:6; John 1:12; Mark 16:16

Faith is essential to salvation.

V. NATURE OF CONFESSION

A. Acts 8:37

The eunuch confessed Christ to be the Son of God; he did not confess his sins or anything else.

B. Romans 10:9-10

1. According to Philip, prerequisite to the eunuch's baptism was a confession of the belief in his heart (**Acts 8:36**), *“for with the heart one believes unto righteousness”* (**Romans 10:10**).
2. *“With the mouth confession is made unto salvation”* (**Romans 10:10**), which is why the eunuch *“answered and said...”* (**Acts 8:37**).

C. **Matthew 10:32**

The confession, according to Christ, must be before men and the eunuch confessed at least to Philip.

VI. **“HE BAPTIZED HIM”**

A. **Acts 8:36-39**

The nature of baptism involves coming to water, going into water, and coming up out of water.

B. **John 3:5**

Watery birth is necessary for salvation.

C. **1st Peter 3:20-21; Acts 10:47-48**

Water is certainly included in the baptism that saves.

D. **Matthew 14:13**

Sufficient water for immersion can be found in a desert.

VII. **“HE WENT ON HIS WAY REJOICING”**

A. **Acts 8:39**

Joy is an appropriate reaction to salvation.

B. **Philippians 4:4; Galatians 3:27**

We should rejoice in the Lord, and we get in the Lord through baptism.

C. **Luke 15**

When others are saved, we should rejoice, as well.