

THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH & ISA 53



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Acts 8:36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

Acts 8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Acts 8:38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

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Acts 8:40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

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Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, Yet he opened not his mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, So he openeth not his mouth.

Isaiah 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: And who shall declare his generation? For he was cut off out of the land of the living: For the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Isaiah 53:9 And he made his grave with the wicked, And with the rich in his death; Because he had done no violence, Neither was any deceit in his mouth.

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The salvation of the Ethiopian Eunuch:

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**Pastor Warren, has an angel ever spoken to you?
How about the Holy Spirit?**

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, **GO ye into all the world, **and preach the gospel** to every creature.**

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Pentecost: God brought the world to Jerusalem
Acts 3-7: Jews from Judea & Galilee + Jews from the diaspora
Acts 8: Samaritans
Acts 8: A proselyte / God-fearer
Acts 9: Paul / Saul saved
Acts 10-11: Cornelius a God-fearer is saved
Acts 13: into ALL the world

Thoughts:

- **I already have a command (repeated 5x in different forms)**
- **No one & no kind of person is off limits!**

➤ **Plus salvation itself is a great miracle!**

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Galatians 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, **but a new creature**.

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**No one can be saved apart from Scripture!
We can't worship people into salvation!**

This is a consistent teaching:

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

James 1:18 Of his own will begat he us **with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.**

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1 Peter 1:24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

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Strange as it may seem:

- **God chose to use people → as guides!**
- **People already engaged with evangelism**

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- People not afraid of opposition+++
- People who are willing & available to serve
→ that is, God and someone other than...
- People who are quick to respond
Psalm 119:60 I made haste, and delayed not To keep thy commandments.

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ς: σωτήρος → saviour