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Acts 8:26–40, NASB95 -²⁶ But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, “Get up and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a desert road.)²⁷ So he got up and went; and there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he had come to Jerusalem to worship,²⁸ and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah.²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go up and join this chariot.”³⁰ Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?”³¹ And he said, “Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.³² Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this: “HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER; AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH.”³³ “IN HUMILIATION HIS JUDGMENT WAS TAKEN AWAY; WHO WILL RELATE HIS GENERATION? FOR HIS LIFE IS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH.”³⁴ The eunuch answered Philip and said, “Please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else?”³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.³⁶ As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?”³⁷ And Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”³⁸ And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing.⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he kept preaching the gospel to all the cities until he came to Caesarea.

Things That Matter

Acts 8:26-40

1. The Sinner

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2. The Soul-winner

Acts 8:26, NASB95 -²⁶ But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, “Get up and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a desert road.)

3. The Scripture

Acts 8:35, NASB95 -³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.

4. The Salvation of the Lost

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Life Application Section

“So you’re thinking about joining the church?”

- Nothing is more important than your salvation.**
- Baptists are known for their emphasis on baptism.**

Where there are groups who believe baptism is essential for salvation; we believe salvation is essential for baptism.
Baptism is NOT essential to salvation; however, baptism is essential.
- The mode and timing of baptism is very significant.**

Baptism must happen in the right way—*Baptizō* (Greek) means “to sink.” (It’s symbolic!)
Baptism must happen at the right time—it must happen AFTER you are saved.
- If you want to join this church, we will welcome you, but you must be saved and must be scripturally baptized.**

The local church is made up of baptized believers in Jesus Christ!

