

THE CONVERSION OF AN ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH

Acts 8:26-40

His conversion involved an:

1. Open door

- Vss. 26-28
- Door = opportunity
- One soul = opportunity. Luke 15:10
- God opens doors. Acts 14:27. 2 Corinthians 2:12
- May not be according to our expectations. Acts 8:6. Luke 5:5
- Does not mean no adversary. 1 Corinthians 16:9
- Obedient and eager. 8:27
- Prepare for. Ezra 7:8-10. 2 Timothy 2:15, 21
- Pray for. Colossians 4:3

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2. Open book

- Vss. 28-33
- Value of Old Testament
 - For the Jew. Acts 2:25-35; 17:1-2
 - For all. 1 Corinthians 10:11
- Acceptance of the truth of Scripture. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Power in the gospel, spoken or written. Romans 1:16
- Need to go to the Book of books. 2 Timothy 4:2
 - Book, chapter, verse

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3. Open heart

- Open heart, open mind
- Seeking. v.34
- Humble, willing to be taught. v.30-31
- Having ears to hear. Matthew 13:9
- Hearing to produce faith. Romans 10:17
- Honest and good heart receives. Luke 8:15
- Closed heart cannot receive. Matthew 13:5
- Without prejudice toward teacher. Acts 22:18, 21

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4. Open mouth to teach

- Philip preached Jesus. v.35
 - Holy Spirit worked through the agency of the Word
- Preaching Jesus involves preaching His kingdom and His authority. 8:5, 12
 - Involves preaching obedience, what to do to be saved
- Devil wants closed mouths. Acts 4:18; 5:28-29
- God needs
 - Open mouths. Acts 8:4. Romans 10:14
 - Unashamed mouths. Romans 1:16
 - Mouths that teach the whole counsel. Acts 20:26-27
 - Mouths that cannot stand to hold back truth. Jeremiah 20:8-11
 - Bold mouths. Ephesians 6:19

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5. Open mouth to confess

- Vss. 36-37
- Proceeding from faith. v.37
- What he confessed. v.37
- Necessary to be saved. Romans 10:9-10
- Unashamed and willing to do before men. Matthew 10:32. John 12:42
- May one day cost your life. 1 Timothy 6:12-13. Revelation 2:13

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6. Open joy

- Vs. 39
- Connected with salvation, and salvation connected with obedience
- After being baptized. Vs. 38-39
 - Baptism following belief, repentance, and confession.
 - Involved the element of water
 - Involved much water. “Into”. “Out of”
 - Like John 3:23
 - Because baptism is a burial. Romans 6:4
 - Objection: Desert?
 - Deserted place

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6. Open joy

- Why *after* being baptized?
 - Because he was still in his sins before being baptized. Acts 2:38; 22:16
 - Because when he was baptized,
 - His sins were washed away in the blood of the lamb. Revelation 1:5
 - His conscience was cleansed from dead works. Hebrews 9:14
 - He was brought into Christ, in His body. Galatians 3:27. Colossians 1:13
 - He was raised to a new life. 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - Having obeyed the gospel, he could now...
 - Live for Christ instead of for self and the vain things of life. 2 Corinthians 5:15
 - Live in hope of eternal life instead of fear of death and eternal torment in hell. 1 Peter 1:3. Hebrews 2:14-15. 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

The conversion of the Ethiopian official involved an:

1. Open door for Philip
2. Open book – the Scriptures
3. Open heart
4. Open mouth to preach the gospel
5. Open confession of Jesus
6. Open joy after being baptized