

OPEN CONVERSION



Acts 8:26-40

Here is an example of a man who hears the gospel and is baptized.

It is a case of OPEN CONVERSION.



Opportunity

- **Acts 8:26-27** 26 Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. 27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship



Opportunity

- **Acts 8:28-30** 28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." 30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"



Opportunity

- We must “jump” at every opportunity.
- PROBLEM: We fail to realize the opportunity until it has passed.
- ANSWER: Just keep jumping.



Mind

- **Acts 8:30-31** 30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.
- Would you be insulted?
- How would you respond?
- He was open and willing to learn.

Bible



- **Acts 8:32-33** 32 The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. 33 In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth."
- He was reading.
- He was seeking to understand.
- He knew he needed help.



Mouth

- **Acts 8:34-35** 34 So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.
- Philip opened his mouth.
- **Matthew 5:2** Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying
- Philip preached Jesus to him.



Water

- **Acts 8:36** Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"
- Preaching Jesus includes baptism.
- Baptism requires water.
- Baptism is part of preaching the gospel of Christ.



Baptism

- **Acts 8:38-39a** So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. 39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away
- Water – Much water – Both into the water
- Baptism – immersion, burial
- Both came up out of the water

Life



- **Acts 8:39** Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.
- The joy came after his baptism.
- We know nothing of this man after this verse – BUT within 50 years – Ethiopia became a major center of Christianity.



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