

Acts 8:26-35
The Christian Message

Introduction:

What we must be careful to observe is that many of our evangelistic endeavors concerning the gospel have come to us at the right time and right moment. There are no accidents in the life of God's people as we can see that the evangelist-deacon Philip came at precisely the right moment, the moment the Ethiopian had reached what most commentators regard as the very heart of Isaiah's prophecy.

- I. **THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE SPIRIT - V.29**
 - A. **Spiritually dead – Eph. 2:1; Acts 13:48; 6:44**
 - 1. Beyond human understanding – v.30
 - 2. The confidence of man – (Lloyd- Jones)
 - B. **Blinded by Satan – II Cor. 4:3-4**
 - 1. Life giving power of the Holy Spirit
 - 2. The Preparatory work of the Holy Spirit
- II. **THE SEEKING ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH – V. 31**
 - A. **Vast emptiness of his soul**
 - B. **God's Sovereignty does not negate man's responsibility – Jer. 29:13; John 6:37; Isaiah 55:6**
- III. **The SCRIPTURE'S CENTRAL MESSAGE – V.28**
 - A. **Isaiah speaks favorably of Eunuch's – Turn To: Isaiah 56:1-5 ; Deut. 23:1**
 - 1. Reading out loud and overheard
 - 2. Every Christian should be proficient in the Scriptures – I Pet. 3:15
 - B. **Centered on Jesus Christ**
 - 1. Philip does not interject his experiences
 - 2. What did Philip do? He started with the authority of Scripture
 - C. **The Scripture is the Authority:**
 - 1. Because it makes a unique claim – II Tim. 3:16
 - 2. Because its Biblical content came not by the will of man but by the Holy Spirit – II Pet. 1:21
 - D. **Content of Isaiah 53:**
 - 1. The passage spoke of the Lord Jesus Christ – v. 32-33
 - 2. The unjust trial – v.33a.
 - 3. Growth of the church – v. 33b; John 12:32; 12:24