

## **The Conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-30)**

Ethiopian eunuch as a man in search of God – God in search of a man

Jesus' promise: the Gospel preached to Samaria and the ends of the earth

Philip saw great fruit in Samaria, Holy Spirit now sends him to the eunuch

### I. The Gaza Road

Vs 26 “Angel sends Philip down south: road from Jerusalem to Gaza

Ethiopian eunuch – conversion in remote desert will impact history

Philip, part of important Samaritan ministry, this was just as important

God's providence: takes us from a revival to a desert to see one soul saved

### II. An Astonishing Conversion

First occasion in Acts where one conversion is very specifically described

*Preparation:* “a man in a chariot” “court official” “eunuch” (Deut 23:1)

*Providence:* A man burdened by his sin, reading Isaiah 53, meets Philip

*Profession:* “If you believe with your heart you may...I believe Jesus” (37)

### III. The Ends of the Earth

Samaritans: considered half-breeds, Ethiopians were seen as true Gentiles

As a native of Cush (*Ethiopia*) several OT prophecies Isa 11:11; 53; 56:3-

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### IV. The Heart of an Evangelist

Philip was a man filled with “faith and the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5)

Philip obeyed the command to witness & has the courage to seize it

Philip explained the good news about Jesus Christ from the OT (8:35)