

Introduction: Our theme today is “Rejoicing in the Lord...”

I. God’s People Rejoice Always... Philippians 4:4

A. *It’s an act of faith...*

B. *It’s reality runs throughout the Scriptures...*

Psalm 95:1; 100:1-2; Zechariah 9:9; Luke 2:10

Observations: *Christians rejoice in the Lord even in trouble and difficulty... I Peter 1:16; James 1:2-3 cf. Matthew 5:11-12*

II. The Things, which the Ethiopian Man Rejoiced in Identified...

A. *That God’s Mercy brought the Gospel to him personally...*

Note: We see God’s hand at work...

1. He was a man of substance... *Acts 8:27*
2. He was a sincerely religious man... *Acts 8:27b-28*
3. He was an honest man... *Acts 8:30-31*
4. He was a very needy man...

Observation: We can rejoice that the Gospel has come to many of us...

B. The Gospel itself... Jesus is the essence and sum of the Gospel...

1. Philip preached Christ, *Acts 8:5, 12, 35*
2. He preached Christ from the Scriptures as:
 - a. The gift of the Father’s love... *John 3:16; II Corinthians 9:15; I John 4:10*
 - b. The fulfillment of Scripture...
 - c. The spotless Lamb of God... *II Corinthians 5:21*
 - d. The substitute for sinners... *Isaiah 53:5-6*
 - e. The all sufficient Savior...

C. That He Obeyed the Word of Christ...

1. Christ is to be confessed in baptism...
2. The Ethiopian man desired to be obedient...

Application: