

What Saved the Eunuch?

Acts 8:26-40

What Did Not Save Him?

- ▶ His religious devotion did not save him.
 - ▶ Appears to be deeply committed.
 - ▶ 8:27, 28
 - ▶ Travelled 200+ miles.
 - ▶ Likely had been to Jerusalem for a feast.
 - ▶ Takes a temporary leave of work.
 - ▶ Reading Isaiah on way home.
- ▶ Still needed the Gospel. 8:29
 - ▶ Matthew 7:21-23



What Did Not Save Him?

- ▶ His efforts to keep the law did not save him.
 - ▶ Likely a Jewish proselyte.
 - ▶ Had gone to Jerusalem to worship.
 - ▶ Reading from the OT.
- ▶ Appears to be a devout a law-keeper.
- ▶ Law will not save anyone.
 - ▶ Romans 3:20
 - ▶ Galatians 3:23-26



What Did Not Save Him?

- ▶ Angel nor Holy Spirit saved the eunuch.
- ▶ God was active.
 - ▶ Angel. 8:26
 - ▶ Spirit. 8:29
 - ▶ Spirit. 8:39
- ▶ All God did was bring preacher and listener together.
- ▶ God did nothing upon the heart of the eunuch apart from the word.



What Saved the Eunuch?

- ▶ God's gift of His Son, Jesus.
 - ▶ 8:32, 33. Cf. Isaiah 53:7, 8
- ▶ "Beginning at this Scripture..." 8:35
- ▶ Death and glorification are the essence of Scripture.
 - ▶ 1 Corinthians 15:1-5
 - ▶ John 3:16



What Saved the Eunuch?

- ▶ God's grace in arranging this meeting.
- ▶ God did not have to arrange this meeting.
- ▶ God's pattern.
 - ▶ 10:1-6
 - ▶ 10:19-23
- ▶ God has shown the same grace to you and me.
- ▶ Will we extend that grace to others?



What Saved the Eunuch?

- ▶ Eunuch's willingness to listen contributed to his salvation.
- ▶ Acts 8:30, 31
 - ▶ Indicates humility.
 - ▶ Indicates an eagerness to learn.
- ▶ Acts 8:34
- ▶ Eunuch had the right heart.
 - ▶ Matthew 13:3, 8, 23



What Saved the Eunuch?

- ▶ His penitent faith that led to obedience.
- ▶ A brief description of Philip's lesson is given in Acts 8:35.
- ▶ Necessary inferences from Acts 8:36:
 - ▶ Eunuch accepted teaching regarding sin.
 - ▶ Eunuch believed on Jesus and His sacrifice.
 - ▶ Eunuch believed teaching about baptism.
- ▶ Eunuch desires to be baptized. 8:36, 37
 - ▶ Genuine belief will obey. Hebrews 3:17-19



What Saved the Eunuch?

- ▶ God working through the Eunuch's baptism.
 - ▶ Acts 8:38
 - ▶ Colossians 2:12
 - ▶ Baptism is not something we do. Baptism is an act of God.
 - ▶ God cleanses our soul. We don't earn it through baptism.
 - ▶ 2 Corinthians 5:17
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- ▶▶ Acts 8:39

How Was the Eunuch Saved?

- ▶ God gave His son Jesus.
 - ▶ God brought message and listener together.
 - ▶ Eunuch was willing to listen and learn the message.
 - ▶ Ethiopian had a genuine faith that led him to act.
 - ▶ As the Eunuch was baptized, God brought forth a new creature.
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Conclusion

- ▶ Do you know the same joy the eunuch had after submitting to God?
- ▶ Would you like to have that sense of joy and peace?
- ▶ Why not submit to God?
- ▶ Why not allow God to raise you up to a new life?

