

WHAT HINDERS ME FROM BEING BAPTIZED? Pt. 2 (Acts 8:26-40)

A. The HISTORICAL CONTEXT of this IMPORTANT QUESTION.

1. Jesus Christ had already _____ for the _____ of the world and been _____ from the dead as proof that God had been _____.
2. The _____ had already descended from Heaven upon believers on the Day of Pentecost as promised by Jesus Christ to _____ spiritually believers into the Body of Christ – the Church.
3. This event happened in approximately _____ AD as the Gospel was spreading and Jesus Christ was building His Church just as He had predicted and promised in _____.
 - What had Jesus Christ commanded His disciples just prior to His ascension into Heaven?
 - Was water baptism being practiced in the early church? Why?
 - What had already transpired in the Book of Acts leading up to this passage?

B. The IMMEDIATE CONTEXT Surrounding this IMPORTANT QUESTION. (8:26-35)

1. The CONTACT. (8:26-27)

- a. It was a _____ directed by the Lord. (8:26)
- b. It involved a Spirit-sensitive _____ believer named _____ (8:27a) who was already _____ by the Lord and who _____ this man. (Acts 6:3-7)
- c. It involved a religious but _____ unbeliever who was reading the _____. (8:27-28)
 - What can we learn about this unsaved man? (Also remember 1 Cor.2:14)

2. The CONVERSATION. (8:28 – 35)

- a. The conversation began with a _____ initiated by the _____ whether he understood what he was reading in Isaiah. (8:29-30)
- b. The conversation involved _____. (8:30-31)
- c. The conversation turned to the _____, and in particular _____. (8:32-33)
- d. The conversation focused on _____, not some secondary issue. (8:34-35)

C. The EXEGETICAL CONTENT and CONCLUSION of this IMPORTANT QUESTION. (8:36-37)

1. The eunuch asked: "*See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?*" (8:36)
2. Then Philip answered: "*If you believe with all your heart, you may.*" (8:37a; 10:43-48; 16:30-34; 18:8; 19:1-5)
3. The eunuch replied: "*I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.*" (8:37b)
4. The eunuch was _____ by immersion as a _____ of his _____ and _____ with Jesus Christ. (8:38-40)

What can you learn from this passage regarding water baptism?

- 1) Receiving God's gift of salvation by faith alone in Christ alone must _____ it. (Acts 10:43-48; 16:30-34; 18:8; 19:1-5)
- 2) Every believer has the privilege to _____ in it and should _____ so after they understand the Gospel and what water baptism represents.
- 3) Water baptism is not a means of salvation, nor progressive sanctification, but is a _____ to others of your identification with Christ, _____ by immersion.
 - What hinders you from being baptized? Is it ...