



#### **Convert; Converted**

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#### transitive verb

- 1 a: to bring over from one belief, view, or party to another b: to bring about a religious conversion in
- 2 a: to alter the physical or chemical nature or properties of especially in manufacturing b (1): to change from one form or function to another (2): to alter for more effective utilization



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#### Matthew 18:3-4 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.



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#### **Acts 3:19 (NKJV)**

19 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,



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**James 5:19-20 (NKJV)** 19 Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, (convert him KJV) <sup>20</sup> let him know that he who turns (converteth – KJV) a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.



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- Not merely a change in actions –
- → A change in knowledge –
- A change in conviction -
- → A change in allegiance –
- A change in thinking & will —
- A change in commitment resulting in a change in relationship & identity -
- A change in who we are –
  how we talk where we go
   what we do -



# Psalm 19:7 (NKJV) <sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple;

#### Brief Analysis of Acts 8:26-40





- ◆Verses 26-29 Phillip instructed by an angel and the Holy Spirit -
- ◆Verses 30-35 Phillip preaches Christ to the Ethiopian from the OT scripture – (Is. 53)
- ◆ Verses 36-39 The Ethiopian responds to the preaching of Phillip by believing and obeying the gospel.



# THE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF THE ANGEL & HOLY SPIRIT

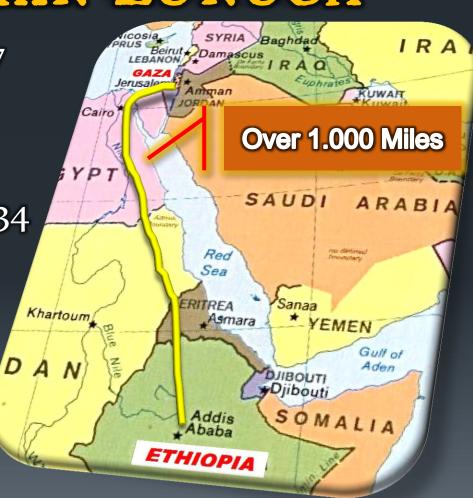
- ♦ Verse 26 "an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, arise and go . . ."
- ♦ Verse 29 "Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go near and overtake . . ."
- ◆ No direct operation upon the one being converted – vss 30,31,34-37
- ◆The Spirit worked through the message preached – vs 35; 1 Cor. 1:18





# THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH

- ♦ An honorable man vs. 27
- ♦ A religious man vs. 27
- ♦ A truth seeker vs. 28
- ♦ A humble man vs. 30,31,34
- ♦ A "ready" man vs. 36
- ♦ A convicted man vs. 37
- ♦ An obedient man vs. 38
- ♦ A joyful man vs. 39





### THINGS THAT DID NOT OCCUR



- ♦ Not told to tell experience
- ◆ Not told to pray –
- ♦ Not voted on –
- Not told to confess being a sinner -
- Not told to join a denomination
  - Not sprinkled -



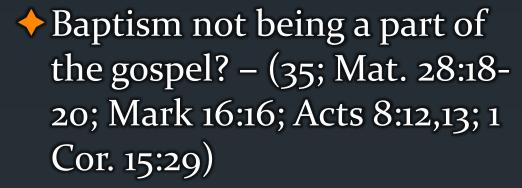
# Errors Refuted

◆ Direct operation of the Holy Spirit upon the heart of the sinner? – (30-37; John 16:13; Acts 2;3;8:12,13; 1 Cor. 1:18-23)

Holy Spirit must directly enlighten one in order for them to understand the scriptures? – (31,35; Ps. 119:97-104; Acts 17:11,12; Eph. 5:17; 3:3-5)



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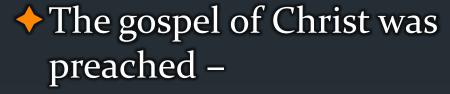


Sprinkling for baptism? – (38,39; Rom. 6:3,4; Col. 2:12)

Baptism is to enter a local church, [voting]? – (Acts 2:41,47; Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:26,27; 1 Cor. 12:13)



# THINGS THAT DID OCCUR



◆ The Ethiopian believed the gospel –

He changed religions –

He confessed Christ –

🐈 He was baptized –

He went on his way rejoicing

## Conversions In Acts

Examples	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Baptized
Pentecost – 2:14-41	Implied	<b>√</b> 37,38	Implied	<b>√</b> 38,41
Samaria – 8:5-13	<b>√</b> 12	Implied	Implied	<b>√</b> 12,13
Eunuch – 8:35-39	<b>√</b> 36,37	Implied	<b>√</b> 37	<b>√</b> 38
Saul – 9,22,26	Implied	Implied	Implied	<b>√</b> 22:16
Cornelius - 10:34-48	<b>√</b> 43	Implied	Implied	<b>√</b> 48
Lydia – 16:13-15	<b>√</b> 14	Implied	Implied	<b>√</b> 15
Jailor - 16:30-34	<b>√</b> 31	Implied	Implied	<b>√</b> 33
Corinthians - 18:8	<b>√</b> 8	Implied	Implied	<b>√</b> 8
Ephesians - 19:3-5	Implied	Implied	Implied	<b>√</b> 5

#### HAVE YOU BEEN CONVERTED?

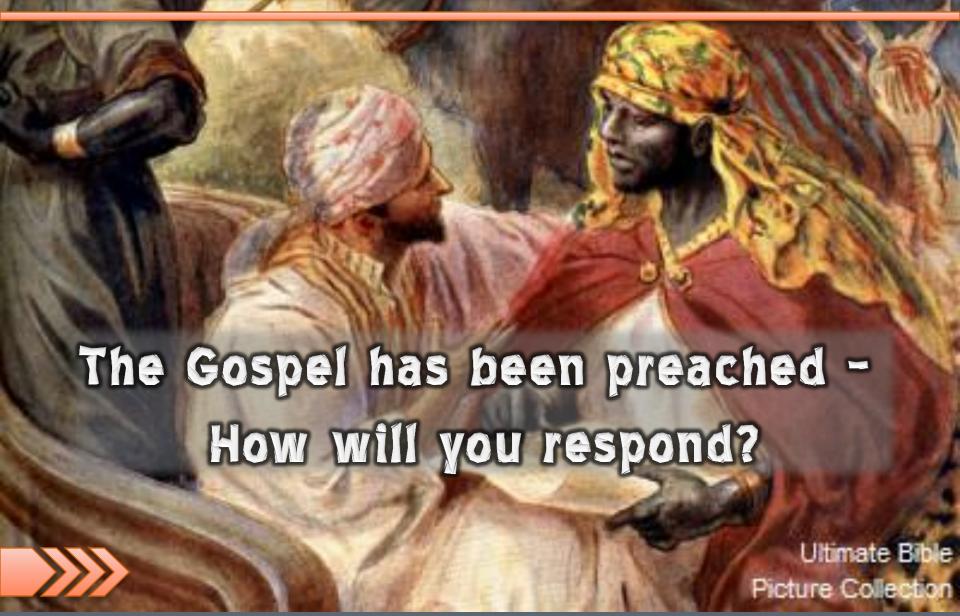
- Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God?
- → Have you confessed Jesus as the Christ?
- Have you repented and been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins? (Acts 2:38)
- Are you rejoicing in the Lord? (Phili 4:4-8)

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