

# ***Philip Did Not Preach...***

Acts 8:5-12

## ***I. ...That Sincerity Alone Will Save***

- Popular notion: It does not matter what you believe as long as you are sincere.
- The people of Samaria were sincere. (Acts 8:9-10)
  - Philip taught them the word of God, and exposed the error that they espoused. (Acts 8:6,12-14)
  - Others who were sincere. (Acts 23:1; 26:9; Rom. 10:1-3)
  - Sincerity alone not enough. (Jn. 4:24; Rom. 6:17-18)
- The Ethiopian was sincere. (A Bible reading man who had traveled a great distance to worship. (Acts 8:27-28)
  - God sent a preacher. (Acts 8:26,29)
  - Philip preached Jesus unto him. (Acts 8:35)

## ***II. ...That The Kingdom Was Postponed.***

- Premillennialism alleges that Jesus came to establish his kingdom but had to put it off, because he was rejected and crucified.
- Philip preached Christ to them:
  - Matt. 4:17
  - Matt. 16:18-19, 21,28
- When Philip proclaimed the good news about the kingdom, they were baptized. (Acts 8:12; Jn. 3:3-5; Col. 1:13)

## ***III. ...That Holy Spirit Baptism Is For Everyone***

- Pentecostals use this passage to teach that Holy Spirit baptism, tongues, etc. are for all.
- Truth:
  - Holy Spirit baptism is not mentioned in this text.
  - Those who received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit were the Apostles. (Jn. 14,15,16; Acts 2)
  - It was through the laying on of the Apostles hands that the Holy Ghost was given. (Acts 8:18)
  - There is one baptism for today. (Eph. 4:5)

## ***IV. ...Once Saved Always Saved***

- The last lethal leaf on the Calvinists' TULIP is "perseverance of the saints"; the false doctrine that once one has been saved, that it is impossible for them to fall from grace.
- Simon, a Christian, sinned, and was in danger of being lost. (Acts 8:13, 18-24)
  - He was not told to be re-baptized.
  - Peter instructed him to seek God's forgiveness as an erring child of God.
- Scriptures: Heb. 3:12; 4:11

## ***V. ...That Baptism Is Not A Part Of The Gospel***

- Baptists have argued for many years that "baptism is not a part of the gospel."
  - Philip "preached Christ unto them" (Acts 8:5; cf vv. 4, 12).
- V-12 → when they believed, they were baptized.
  - Philip preached Jesus to the eunuch. (8:35)
- His response: what hinders me to be baptized? (Acts 8:36)
- Why ask such a question? Inherent in preaching Jesus is the preaching of baptism. (Mk. 16:15-16; Matt. 28:18-20)