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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.

Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Sonshiners: 4:45pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon: When Heathens Rage

(Psalm 2:1-4)

PM Sermon

Elijah's challenge to Ahab (1 Kings 18)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

Chuck Northrop

Wednesday Bible Class:

Summer Series – Paul Praschnik

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The Oologah Informer June 14th, 2020

Thoughts from the Preacher "Be the Light"

There are always events taking place that can cause the Christian great concern. However, we must never stop being the light for Christ. The world is full of darkness and sin.

We must remember the world will always need

An Ethiopian Changes

the light of the faithful Christian.

By Jesse Dickison

In **Acts 8** Philip was directed by an angel to go contact a soul in whom the God of heaven was interested --the man of Ethiopia. This man had been to Jerusalem to worship. The great distance he had traveled to worship is proof that he was very interested in pleasing God. Even though this man had been in Jerusalem to worship, he had not yet done the will of God. Isn't that interesting? This man

had been to worship God, but still needed to become a Christian in order to please God.

God sent a gospel preacher to this man to teach him the Truth. It takes the Truth to get people right with God and no man is made free short of obedience to the Truth, which is the Word of God (John 8:32; 17:17). This eunuch was investigating--he was reading God's Word as he rode along in his chariot. The Holy Spirit spoke to Philip and commanded him to "...Go near, and join thyself to this chariot" (v. 29). Notice that the Holy Spirit did not go directly to the man who was to be converted--He went to Philip and directed him to the man.

This Ethiopian man was reading the prophet Isaiah concerning Christ. Philip impressed the importance of understanding and "...beginning from this Scripture, preached unto him Jesus" (v. 35). "And as they went on the way, they came unto a certain water, and the eunuch saith, Behold, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" (v. 36). The inspired record does not say a thing about Philip preaching baptism. It just says that he preached unto him Jesus. How then can we account for the eunuch asking about baptism, seeing that Philip only preached unto him Jesus? The answer is quite simple: It is because in preaching Jesus baptism is also preached. In fact, no man can fully preach Jesus without preaching baptism. I know that Philip was not like many modern preachers. If Philip had been following some human creeds or teachings, he would have taken the man all the way back to Jerusalem and voted on him for baptism. Such practice is unauthorized and unscriptural. When the eunuch said, "Behold, here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized?", Philip answered, "If

thou believest with all thine heart thou mayest" (v. 37). Upon this confession, the chariot was stopped. They both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. In **Ephesians 4:5** we are taught that there is one baptism. And in **Romans 6:3-4** and **Colossians 2:12** we are taught that baptism is a burial from which we are raised to "walk in newness of life."

In **Acts 8** we have a clear-cut New Testament example of conversion. Have you done these things?