The Conversion Of The Ethiopian Treasurer
Acts 8:26-39

Introduction:
A. Story of begins with two religious men — one in Jerusalem, the other in Samaria
   1. The treasurer, a devout Jew or proselyte, had gone to Jerusalem to worship.
   2. Philip, the evangelist, had gone to Samaria to preach the gospel of Christ.
B. Story of the transformation of a religious sinner into a rejoicing saint.
C. Story climaxes at some water along a desert road south of Jerusalem.
D. Story illustrates several insights as to what is important to our Lord:

Discussion:
I. It Shows That Each Person Is Important To The Lord.
   A. Consider the effort to convert this one man.
   B. Consider who this man was: Powerful, devout Jew — not many called.
   C. Consider one woman at the well. (John 4).
II. It Shows That Truth In Religion Is Important To The Lord.
    B. Worshiping according to commandments of men never been truth religion (Matt. 15:9).
    C. Worshiping according to truth is the only way to go. (cf. Cain, Nadab and Abihu).
III. It Shows That The Old Testament Is Still Important To The Lord.
     A. As prophesy. (Isa. 53).
     B. As example. (1 Cor. 10:1-13)
     C. As encouragement. (Rom. 15:4).
IV. It Shows That Preaching Jesus Is Important To The Lord.
    A. It is God’s way of saving man. (Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 1:21).
    B. It is God’s way of producing saving faith. (Rom. 10:17).
    C. It includes preaching “the man” and “the plan”; baptism and the kingdom (v.12)
V. It Shows That Faith In Jesus Is Important To The Lord.
   A. One must believe to be baptized. (vv. 36,37).
   B. One must believe to be saved. (Mark 16:16).
   C. One must believe to go where Jesus has gone. (John 8:21-24).
VI. It Shows That Confessing Jesus Is Important To The Lord.
    A. Verse 37 disputed by some, but is natural response to question in verse 36
    B. Confession with mouth the faith in heart is unto salvation. (Rom. 10:10).
    C. Confession is needed to know that we are baptizing believers.
VII. It Shows That Baptism Into Christ Is Important To The Lord.
    A. It is important that it be done in water. (v. 36, cf. Acts 10:47; 1 Pet. 3:20,21).
    B. It is important enough to do immediately without a church vote.
    C. It is important to salvation and good conscience — a reason to rejoice. (1 Pet. 3:21)

Conclusion:
A. Do you believe in your heart what this man came to believe?
B. Have you done what this man did?