The Conversion of a Bible Reader
Acts 8:26-28

Introduction:
A. A high government official reading the Bible — how rare!
   1. A practicing Jew — over 1,000 miles to worship.
B. Let us notice three parts of this story:
   1. The Scripture that was read.
   2. The Application that was made.
   3. The Action that was taken.

Discussion:
I. The Scripture Read (vv. 28-33)
   B. The great Old Testament chapter being read by this man (Isaiah 53).

II. The Application Made (vv. 34-35).
   A. Began “at the same Scripture” — explained Isaiah 53.
   B. Likely went on tell all about Jesus as the Christ.
      1. His baptism and temptation.
      2. His life and ministry.
      3. His suffering and death.
      4. His resurrection and ascension
      5. His teaching and authority.

III. The Action Taken (vv. 36-39).
   A. A question was asked (v. 36).
      1. How did he know of baptism? — Jesus was preached!
      2. How did he know baptism was in water? — Jesus was preached!
      3. How did he know he needed baptism immediately? — Jesus was preached!
   B. An answer was given (v. 37a).
      1. Not “if you have had an experience of grace, you may.”
      2. Not “if the church votes you in, you may.”
   C. A confession was made (v. 37b)
      1. Not “I believe that God for Christ’s sake has pardoned my sins.”
      2. But a simple confession of faith in Christ (cf. Rom. 10:10).
   D. A baptism was administered (vv. 38-39)
      1. An emersion in water — both went down into water. (Cf. Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; John 3:23).
      2. Water baptism done in obedience to God saves (1 Pet. 3:20-21; Mark 16:15,16).

Conclusion:
A. Let us read our Bibles.
B. Let us accept help in our study.
C. Let us follow where the application leads.