The Conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch
Acts 8:26-39

Introduction:
A. Modern preachers tell of cases of conversion.
B. Ancient preacher tells of cases of conversion in apostolic days.
   1. Differ from modern stories in credibility.
   2. Differ from modern stories in contents.
C. Ethiopian's conversion story illustrates three important relationships involved in saving sinners:

Discussion:

I. The Sinner and the Preacher.
A. Brought together by divine intervention. (vs. 26, 29).
   1. Philip among select few to receive direct revelation and miraculous power. (v. 16; Eph. 3:1-5).
   2. Philip, not the eunuch, was instructed from heaven.
B. Brought together for a great purpose.
   1. Eunuch needed salvation though great in politics and religious.
      a. God chose to save men through human instrumentality. (Rom. 10:14-17)
      b. Not even a divine messenger overrules the preached word. (Gal. 1:8,9).

II. The Sinner and Jesus.
A. Philip begins by correctly applying the Scriptures. (vs. 30,31).
   1. Eunuch was eager to learn - was reading his Bible.
   2. Philip was eager to preach.
B. Philip preached Jesus unto him.
   1. To preach Jesus involves many details.
   2. To preach Jesus without baptism is absurd - leaves out both ends of His story. (Matt. 3; 28:19).
   3. To preach Jesus includes "things concerning kingdom of God" (8:12).

III. The Sinner and Obedience.
A. The Ethiopian was eager to obey. (v.36).
   1. Gave none of the excuses we hear so often today.
   2. Given none of the answers we hear so often today.
B. The Ethiopian obeyed by confessing his faith. (v. 37) - If not in text a break in story.
C. The Ethiopian obeyed by being baptized in water. (Vs. 38-39).
   1. He was baptized (immersed) in a desert?? (cf. Mk. 6:35,39 KJV).
   2. He rejoiced after baptism (v. 39)
D. The Ethiopian began his obedience to the gospel that day, not completed it. (Matt. 28:18-20).

Conclusion:
A. Suppose we met this man wet and rejoicing, what would he tell us about his conversion?
B. Does you "conversion" story correspond to this story?