“He Went on His Way Rejoicing”
Acts 8:26-39

Introduction:
A. Philip goes to Samaria. (v. 5)
   1. The scattering (vv. 1-4; cf. 1:8)
   2. Successful preaching.
      a. Multitudes responds. (v. 6).
      b. Simon responded.
   3. Holy Spirit by apostles.
B. Philip called from Samaria (v. 26).
   1. To preach to one man.
   2. Leaves man rejoicing (v. 39) — Why?
      a. Can not look into his heart as to why he was rejoicing.
      b. Can look at the circumstances and know reasons he had to rejoice.

Discussion:
II. He Had Found The Answer.
A. To his question. (v. 34).
B. To all his needs — Spiritual and material (Eph. 1:3; Matt. 6:33).
C. Not to all his troubles. (John 16:33).
   2. Could still have physical problems (Sickness and death).
   3. Could still have some sadness and unhappiness. (cf. 2 Cor.2:4; 7:5; Acts 20:19,31)

III. He Had Found Relief.
A. From the burden of sin. (John 16:8).
   1. One must come to realize the sinfulness of his sin.
   2. One must come to realize the penalty of his sin. (cf. Rom. 6:23).
   3. One must come to realize the personal guilt of his sin.
B. From the sorrow of repentance.
   1. Mourn in repentance, before rejoicing salvation. (2 Cor. 7:8-11; cf. Mt. 5:4)
   2. Pass from pleasures of sin, to sorrow of repentance, to joy of salvation. (Jas. 4:8-10).

IV. He Had Found Salvation.
A. Could now rejoice in the possession of his present salvation.
   1. Had confessed faith. (v. 37; Rom. 10:10).
   2. Had been buried in baptism and raised to new life. (v. 38, 39; Rom 6:4).

Conclusion:
A. Suppose he met a stranger who asked, “Why are you so happy?”
   1. Would his experience of salvation be like many today?
   2. Happy because he was saved, not saved because he was happy.
B. Am I speaking to one who is burdened by sin? Could leave here rejoicing.