

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is necessary on our part to receive God's call to witness? ^[SoF:15]
2. When should one make an effort to witness to someone?
3. Does God always tell people where to go to serve Him?
4. Is there a time when it is wise not to speak about Christ? When?
5. What is real witnessing? What should we give witness to?
6. What is the result of witnessing?
Do we always see such positive results as Philip saw? ^[SoF:8]

SUMMARY:

In any great accomplishment, someone sees a vision of a need and by much painstaking research and inventive genius a result is accomplished. So it is in our lesson. God showed Philip a vision to go. He followed the directions and the need became apparent. Philip applied himself to the work laid before him and the Spirit working through Philip accomplished the result that ultimately changed the life of the Eunuch. This, of course, led to his conversion and new life in Christ.

NOTES:

^[SoF8] We believe that a saving faith will result in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God without which there is no salvation. ^[SoF13] We believe that God now commands all men to repent and be baptized, and that immersion is the scriptural mode of water baptism. But we believe that baptism should be administered to those alone who have believed on Christ and have been converted by Him, who have indeed died to sin, and have experienced a spiritual rebirth. ^[SoF15] We believe that the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ is an invitation for everyone to live a life of abandonment to Him Who loved us and gave Himself for us surrendering our personal ambitions and possessions in an unreserved committal to take the proclamation of the Gospel throughout "all the world to every creature."

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #5

January 31, 2010

First Quarter

PERSONAL WITNESSING

LESSON TEXT: *Acts 8:26-40*

LESSON SETTING: South of Jerusalem in the desert in the vicinity of Gaza. The Eunuch was traveling from Jerusalem to Ethiopia.

TIME: Approximately 34-35 AD

- I. THE CALL TO WITNESSING.** ^[SoF:15] Acts 8:26-29
 - A. The Call to Go (vs. 26) Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15
 - B. Where to Go (vs. 26, 29) Acts 9:6; 9:10-11
 - C. Answering the Call (vs. 27) Genesis 12:1; Acts 9:17; 10:20-24
- II. THE WORK OF WITNESSING.** Acts 9:30-35
 - A. The Need (vs. 30, 31a) Micah 4:12; John 9:30
 - B. The Desire (vs. 31b, 34) Luke 11:1; John 9:36; Acts 9:6
 - C. The Work (vs. 35) Acts 8:5; 9:20; 2 Corinthians 4:5
- III. THE RESULT OF WITNESSING.** Acts 8:36-40
 - A. Receiving the Word (vs. 36) ^[SoF:8]
(c.f. Doctrines of Christ. Hebrews 6:1-2)
 - B. Conversion (vs. 37) Psalm 19:7; Acts 3:19 ^[SoF:8]
 - C. Baptism (vs. 38) 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:27 ^[SoF:13]

**GOLDEN TEXT: AS MANY AS ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD,
THEY ARE THE SONS OF GOD.**

Romans 8:14

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Acts 9:32-43

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: John 14:12-14; Ephesians 2:1-6;
1 Timothy 5:3-10; 1 Kings 17:8-24

QUARTERLY THEME: The First Church Officers

TOPIC: TWO MIGHTY MIRACLES

INTRODUCTION:

The healing of Aeneas by Peter is, though a supernatural feat, a normal healing of the New Testament record. In all cases Christ healed everyone that He confronted. Nor did the unbelief of anyone nearby hinder His healing. On the contrary, 23 times it is stated He healed “them all” and “everyone”.

Furthermore Christ demonstrated His power over death three times by raising up the widow’s son, Jairus’ daughter, and Lazarus. Now for the first time the apostle Peter is empowered by Christ to do the same by raising up Dorcas (Tabitha in Syriac).

All of these feats are in demonstration of the promise of Christ that believers in Him shall do the same works as He.

CENTRAL TRUTH: The church and the individual believer have access to the power of God. ^[SoF:9]

GOLDEN TEXT: *IF YE SHALL ASK ANYTHING IN MY NAME, I WILL DO IT.* John 14:14

The basis of empowered believers is that our glorified Christ is able and willing to perform His works in us and through us according to our prayers of faith. And He finds great pleasure in doing so!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 1 – 7

- M. Escape through a Miracle. Exodus 14:10-22
- T. Food through a Miracle. Exodus 16:10-18
- W. Water through a Miracle. Exodus 17:1-7
- T. Victory through a Miracle. Joshua 6:8-20
- F. Life through a Miracle. 1 Kings 17:8-24
- S. First through a Miracle. 1 Kings 18:25-39
- S. *Two Mighty Miracles. Acts 9:32-43

^[SoF:9] We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling the believer is empowered to live a Godly life in a spiritual unity with Christ.