

Why Stop the Chariot?

Acts 8:26-40

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Sometimes when we travel, we are forced to come to a stop but we do not always know why.
- B. Let's look at this account and ask the question, "Why did the chariot stop?"

There is Value in One Soul

- A. Philip left a large crowd for one soul (Acts 8:4-5; 12).
- B. Philip ran over to the chariot and began preaching the good news about Jesus (v. 35; 2 Cor. 4:7).
- C. The kingdom of God advances one soul at a time.
 - 1. Jesus wanted His disciples to follow Him and become fishers of men (Matt. 4:18-20).
 - 2. What will it profit a man to gain the whole world but lose his soul? (Mk. 8:36-37).

Being Religious and Good Doesn't Equal Salvation

- A. The eunuch was an important person in the court of the queen of Ethiopia; he would have been both trusted and respected.
- B. This good man traveled over 1,000 miles to Jerusalem to worship even though he would have been denied access to the assembly (Deut. 23:1).
- C. Salvation is found through Jesus and being buried with Him in baptism (Acts 4:12; 2:38; Mk. 16:16).

Nothing Should Stop a Person from Obeying the Truth

- A. The eunuch commanded the chariot to stop. He knew what he need to do.
- B. What prevents me from being baptized? This man wasn't going to allow anything to keep him from obeying the truth.
 - 1. Some people allow inconvenience to get in their way (Acts 24:25).
 - 2. Some people allow pride to get in their way (Prov. 16:18).
 - 3. Some people allow the past to get in their way (I Tim. 1:15).
 - 4. Some people allow family to get in their way (Lk. 14:26).
- C. We miss great blessings when we fail to obey.

CONCLUSION:

- A. The chariot stopping that day was the greatest blessing in the life of the man from Ethiopia (v. 39).
- B. Psa. 32:1 – Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!