

A Genuine Salvation **By Greg Rangel**

Many today ask themselves, „how can I find happiness? How can I have peace with God?“ Too often people are searching for love in all the wrong places, as the song goes.

In Scripture we see a genuine salvation that took place in someone who was searching. In Acts 8:26-39 we see that the Lord sent Philip to share with a man that had traveled over 200 from his home town to Jerusalem to worship God. This Eunuch so was concerned about his spiritual life that he traveled such great lengths. But regardless how far he went his heart was still not satisfied. He knew that his happiness would not come through riches, after all he was the treasurer. He knew that happiness would not come through position, because he had one. And he definitely knew that his happiness was not through religion because he was already a religious individual. Regardless of what he did, he was still spiritually unsatisfied.

Unfortunately this Ethiopian represents many people today who are religious, who read the Scriptures, and seek the truth, but yet are still spiritually unsatisfied. They are sincere in their religion and in their quest for God, but they are still lost! And they will be empty hearted until they repent of their sins and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior!

As the Ethiopian, they go to church week after week to try to fill the void that is in them and they still come out of church empty hearted. They perhaps ask themselves, „why do I feel so empty inside? Why do I feel so alone and so afraid to die? What else is there for me? Is this the only thing that life has to offer?“ But the inner peace they search for will not come because it cannot be found in religion, or in anything else but Jesus.

The Lord said in Jeremiah 29:11-13 *“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.”* He also said in Jeremiah 33:2-3 *“Thus saith the LORD ... Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”*

The place where this Eunuch was reading was Isaiah 53 which was written 750 before the death of Jesus, but speaks about the crucifixion of Jesus in precise detail. And as Philip began to expound the Scriptures to him, his mind began to open up to the truth of the Word of God. That resulted the Eunuch believing “...that Jesus Christ is the Son of God” (vs. 37).

The Eunuchs life was drastically changed. He was now born again (John 3). And this Eunuch no longer felt alone, or spiritually unsatisfied. He went back home as a new man.

Are you in that same position? You too can be drastically changed. Jesus said, *“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light”* (Matt. 11:28-30).

The reason that you feel alone and separated from God is because of your sins. Isaiah 59:1-2 says *“Behold, the LORD’S hand is not shortened that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”*

Receive Jesus today as your Lord and Savior. The Bible also says to *“Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts”* (Isaiah 55:6-9).

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