



THE GOSPEL EXPLAINED

Scripture Reading: Acts 8:26-38

INTRODUCTION

- The Ethiopian treasurer of Queen Candace, a proselyte worshipper of Jehovah, was reading Isaiah 53
 - **Philip:** “Do you understand what you read?”
 - **The Eunuch:** “How can I, except someone guide me?”
 - **Philip** “...began at the same Scripture and preach unto him Jesus”

INTRODUCTION

- In Acts 16, Paul and Silas in responding to the jailer's plea, "What must I do to be saved?" answered, "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, and your house(hold)."
- Acts 16:32 says, "...and he spoke unto him the Word of the Lord and to all that were in his house"

INTRODUCTION

- Whenever anyone hears the ‘good news’ for initial salvation (how to enter God’s family), they need to know the essential details of that ‘good news’
 - **God gave His Son, I Cor 15:3-4:**
 - **To die for our sins, and**
 - **Rise bodily from the dead**
- What is the meaning of ‘GOOD NEWS’?

Jesus called God His very own Father - Jn 5:17-18

Jesus exercised His authority to forgive - Mk 2:5-11

Jesus' claim of sitting on the right hand of power and coming upon the (glory) clouds of Heaven = Matt 16:64-65

Testimony of Mosab Hassan Yousef (author "Son of Hamas")

The testimony of Ira Bidwell ("He IS God!")

**THAT
JESUS
IS
GOD!**

The Reason Christ Died

Christ died as my substitute, for my sins – I Cor 15:3, cf - Matt 28:18

- The Jews knew that God was going to provide a substitute who would pay for their sins – Isa 53:5-12 (substitution mentioned 9x)

Christ died willingly for our sins - Jn 10:17-18

The Factual Evidence of Christ's Bodily Resurrection

He was seen alive (and gazed upon) – I Cor 15:5-8



His risen body was felt and held

Thomas – Jn 20:24-29

The other disciples – Matt 28:9



The necessity of His bodily resurrection

To defeat the effects of sin (death)

To provide half of our salvation: our position in Him - Rom 4:25, II Cor 5:21

The Only Application of this GOOD NEWS

**Must be
received by
FAITH in these
facts**

**Must be
received by
one's own self**

CONCLUSION

- You can know that the gospel for salvation is real to you by a new **LOVE** (agape) that you never had before, which includes **FONDNESS** (phileo):
 - Experiencing a fondness for Jesus Christ as your personal Savior
 - Experiencing a fondness for others who have this new fondness for Jesus Christ
 - Experiencing a fondness for God's Word