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NOTES

...So Philip got ready and went. Now an Ethiopian eunuch was on his way home. This man was an important official in charge of the treasury of the Queen, or Candace, of Ethiopia. He had been to Jerusalem to worship God, and was going back in his carriage. As he rode along he was reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and stay close to that carriage.” Philip ran over and heard him reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah; so he asked him, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

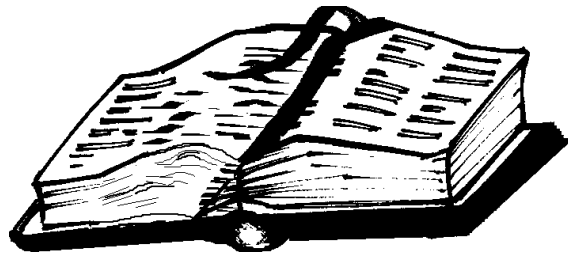
“How can I understand,” the official replied, “unless someone explains it to me.”

And he invited Philip to climb up and sit in the carriage with him. The passage of Scripture that he was reading was this, “He was like a sheep that is taken to be slaughtered; He was like a lamb that makes no sound when its wool is cut off; he did not say a word.

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PRACTICAL WORK

- Explain the meaning of baptism to your family (our sins are forgiven, and we are united with Christ - dying to a life of sin, and rising to begin a new, holy and eternal life in Him).
- Tell your family about Philip and the Ethiopian.



Study and Practical Work Done

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He was humiliated, and justice was denied him. No one will be able to tell about his descendants, because his life on earth has come to an end.” The official said to Philip, “Tell me, of whom is the prophet saying this? Of himself or of someone else?”

Philip began to speak; starting from this very passage of Scripture, he told him the Good News about Jesus. As they traveled down the road they came to a place where there was some water, and the official said, “Here is some water. What is to keep me from being baptized?”

The official ordered the carriage to stop; and both of them, Philip and the official, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

(Acts 8:27-38)

In the passage that the Ethiopian was reading, who was being taken as a sheep to be slaughtered?

Who convinced the Ethiopian that Jesus Christ was the Savior?

How did the Ethiopian show that he really had believed?

Baptism means that we are united with the Lord Jesus Christ in his death, and resurrection. We die to a life of sin, and begin a new life, holy and eternal.

Who gives us this life? _____

Baptism stands for the washing away of our sins. The water itself does not take away sin. In 1 John 1:7 we read: “the blood of Jesus, his Son, makes us clean from every sin.”

What is the only thing that takes away sin? _____

Why does God not send us to hell, if we have believed in Christ?

Colossians 2:12 says: “*For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and through baptism you were also raised with Christ through your faith in the active power of God, who raised him from death.*”

Baptism has two aspects: the physical (the water), and the spiritual (the work of the Holy Spirit). We are united to Christ by the Spirit of God, through our faith.

Who unites us with Jesus? The _____ Spirit.

Do you want God’s forgiveness and the new life he offers?

☐ Yes.

☐ No.

LEARN BY HEART

“*Here is some water. What is to keep me from being baptized?*”
(Acts 8:36)