

“How Does God Make Me Part of His Eternal Family by Pouring Water on My Head?”

BAPTISM: AMAZING GRACE

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace

Acts 8:26-40

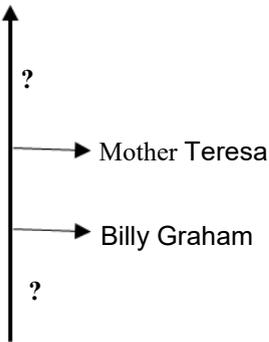
²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the desert road that leads to Gaza.”

²⁹ The Holy Spirit says to Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” ³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot... He asks him, “Do you understand what you are reading?” [Isaiah 53] ³¹ “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him in the chariot.

³⁵ Philip began with that very passage of Scripture; he kind of explained what that imagery was all about and how it was foretelling Christ and then the Scripture says—and told him the good news about Jesus.

God (Perfect)

Righteousness



For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 3:23

Mankind (Sinful)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Embraced and Seized by Amazing Grace

³⁶ As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptized?” [Some manuscripts add all or most of verse 37] And Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he replied, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” ³⁸ He gave orders for the chariot to be stopped. They went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

³⁹... the eunuch ... went on his way rejoicing.

Thank your Philips. Be a Philip. Be seized by amazing grace.

(Next week: “What’s God really doing when we take the Lord’s Supper?”)

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