

## **Saving Faith**

Acts 8:26-40

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The elements of saving faith:

1. Salvation begins with the sovereign work of the **Holy Spirit** (26, 29).
  - a. The Holy Spirit knows **where we are**.
  - b. The Holy Spirit knows **what is happening** in our life.
  - c. The Holy Spirit knows where **hearts are open**.
  
2. Salvation is communicated by the words of a **submissive witness** (27-30a).
  - a. A submissive witness **hears** God's voice (8:26)
  - b. A submissive witness **obeys** God's command- (8:26b-27) arise and go--- he arose and went!
  - c. A submissive witness recognizes a **spiritual opportunity** (8:27)
    - i. Philip ministered without **partiality**
    - ii. Philip ministered to a **eunuch**.
    - iii. Philip ministered without **intimidation**.
    - iv. Philip ministered **eagerly** (8:29-30a)
  
3. Salvation is received in the heart of a **humble seeker** (30b-40).
  - a. Salvation requires **hearing** God's word.
  - b. Salvation requires that we **understand** God's word.
  - c. Salvation requires a **human messenger**.
  - d. Salvation requires total trust in **Jesus**.
  - e. Salvation results in **eager** profession of your faith (36-38).
  - f. Salvation results in **joy** (39-40).