

Scripture: Acts 8:25-40

Sermon: Imitate Philip the Evangelist!

5 May 2013

I. THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST

A. PHILIP THE EVANGELIST (Acts 6:5(8ff); 8:4-13,26-40; 26:8)

B. SPECIAL OFFICE OF EVANGELIST (Acts 26:8; Eph.4:11(1Cor.12:28; Philip//Elijah); see 2Tm.4:5)

C. COMMON COMMISSION TO EVANGELIZE (Mt.28:18f(Lk4:18f); Acts1:8; 8:4,etc; Col.4:2-6; 1Pt.:15 /2Tm.4:5)

D. SPECIAL GIFTS IN COMMON DUTIES (see Rom.12;3-8; note: Billy Graham / F.F. Bruce)

II. PHILIP WAS A MODEL EVANGELIST

A. FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (6:3,5; see {4:29f; Gal.5:22f; Eph.4:30,25f; 5:18f} and {Eph.4:11; 1C.12; Rom.12})

B. FAITHFULNESS IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE (8:4f; 26,27; 29,30; see 1:8; Mt.28:18f)

C. DIVINE DIRECTION TO SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS (8:26,29; see 16:6f)

D. SURPRISING PROVIDENCES (8:26f; see 9:15,etc.)

E. DIVINE PREPARATIONS (8:27f; see Mt.1:2; 1Cor.3:6)

F. BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING (8:30-35 /7:1f; Lk.24:44,13f /2Tm3:14f; Heb5:12f; 1Pt.3:15 /1C4:16; 11:1; Phil.3:17)

G. THE PERSON & WORK OF CHRIST (8:35b; 32&33(Is.53:4f,10f; 56:3-5); see 2:22f,36; 3:13f; 4:10f, 25f; 5:30f)

H. THE SPOKEN WORD (8:35,4f; see 2:14f; 4:29f; Eph.6:20; Col.4:4)

I. PURPOSE DRIVEN EVANGELISM (8:36,38; see 2:36f,41; 3:19,26; see Mt.28:19)

J. INSTRUMENT IN THE HAND OF GOD (8:39a,40; see 1Cor.3:6)

K. LASTING FRUIT (8:39b; see Lk.8:38,39)

III. IMITATE PHILIP THE EVANGELIST! (see II. above; see {Acts8:4; Col.4:5,6} and {Acts8:5f; Eph.6:20; Col.4:3,4; 2Tm.4:5; 2Th.3:1} and {Rom.12:3f})

Discussion questions:

Brethren, what shall we do? (see Acts 2:37f)