



**International Bible Lesson**  
Uniform Sunday School Lessons Series  
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## **Salvation for All Believers!**

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### **Acts 8:26-39**

*“As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?’” (Acts 8:36).*

In the Book of Acts, we learn that there are no national, physical, or racial barriers to receiving the forgiveness of God and the gift of eternal life. If anyone in the Church thought that a person with a physical deformity, or someone of a different color, or a Gentile, or someone whose nationality was not Judean, could not be a Christian and a member of the Church, then the story of the Ethiopian eunuch contradicts their thinking. The Lord Jesus Christ sent an angel to Philip, a leader in the New Testament Church, to put Philip on the road to meet and specifically lead an Ethiopian eunuch to saving faith. Walking along the road, Philip heard the eunuch reading from the Book of Isaiah as he rode in his chariot back to Ethiopia; then, the Holy Spirit led Philip to ask the eunuch if he understood what he read. After Philip explained to the Ethiopian eunuch how the teaching in the Book of Isaiah applied to Jesus the Messiah as the Suffering Servant who died to save sinners, and after the Ethiopian saw some water at the side of the road, he asked Philip if anything prevented him from being baptized. Philip told him that because he believed in Jesus nothing prevented him from being baptized, and they both went into the water where Philip baptized the eunuch. The New Testament and the gospel of Jesus Christ makes clear in many ways that forgiveness for sins and the saving grace of Jesus Christ is available to all who will believe.

### **Thinking Further**

1. Before Philip met him, in what ways did the eunuch indicate that he wanted to obey God?

2. In what ways did Philip prepare himself to help the eunuch come to faith in Jesus Christ and be baptized?

3. In what ways did the angel and the Holy Spirit help Philip and the eunuch?

4. How important is reading and studying the Bible for both believers and unbelievers in Jesus Christ? Give a reason for your answer.

5. When the eunuch returned to Ethiopia, do you think he taught others in Ethiopia about Isaiah the prophet and that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and about the importance of repentance and baptism? Give a reason for your answer.

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