



## Repentance Tabernacle Church

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### Anyone Anywhere!

**Focus Verses:** Acts 8:36-38 - <sup>36</sup>And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? <sup>37</sup>And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

**Lesson Text:** Acts 8:26-39

**Truth About God:** The miracle of God's salvation is for anyone anywhere.

**Truth For My Life:** I believe and want to receive the miracle of salvation.

The most significant miracle is a spiritual transformation through the power of new birth, and that miracle is available to everyone everywhere. We would be hard-pressed to find more encouraging words than these: *"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely"* (Revelation 22:17). This miracle is not found in an exclusive club; it is founded on an inclusive invitation.

The foundational principle that salvation is not limited to a select group of people is essential to a biblical belief structure. Jesus did not die for the sins of a select few; He died *"for the sins of the whole world"* (1 John 2:2). A beautiful demonstration of this truth can be found in the eighth chapter of the Book of Acts, and it involves a man commonly known as the Ethiopian eunuch. A man *"of great authority"* in the direct service of Candace, the Ethiopian queen (Acts 8:27). He was excluded from traditional Jewish worship. Because God cared so much for this religious outcast, He sent Philip to meet the man on his journey home from Jerusalem back to Ethiopia. When Philip arrived, the Ethiopian eunuch was reading from what we know as Isaiah 53.

God went to great lengths to arrange this conversation between Philip and the Ethiopian for a reason both simple and profound: the man was hungry after God. After Philip's preaching of Jesus convinced the eunuch, they looked up to see a rare pool of water in the desert. The eunuch asked, *"Here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God"* (Acts 8:36-37). Only two prerequisites for baptism exist—**belief** and **repentance**—and they cannot be separated from one another.

The promise of New Testament salvation knows no social, educational, ethnic, gender, or fiscal boundaries. *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved"* (Romans 10:13). God paid the ultimate price on Calvary so everyone who chooses to do so may repent and be baptized both in water and in Spirit. This is the will of God. *"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance"* (2 Peter 3:9).

The choice is ours. If we choose to put our faith in Jesus Christ, the miracle of salvation is ours for the asking. We can choose to repent, to be baptized in Jesus' name, and to open ourselves to receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost. There are manifold stories of the grace of God. Because of that grace, it is often hard to imagine our fellow worshipers as they were before they knew Christ and before we knew them. **Drug addiction, lascivious immorality, anger, and hatred—these were the hallmarks of lives we sit with each Sunday.**

But the wonder of salvation is this: *"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God"* (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). The gap between **"such were"** and **"but ye are"** is the measure of grace. **The miracle of salvation is available to everyone everywhere.**