

What Doth Hinder Me To Be Baptized?

Text: Acts 8:26-39

Introduction:

1. Bible teaching and preaching on the subject of baptism is plain. As a result, the question of the eunuch recorded in our text is one which often is asked.
2. The question comes from generally two sources – young folk who begin to consider their relationship with God and also older folk who make a like consideration. This lesson will seek to address the question for the benefit of both.

Discussion:

I. As We Look at the Eunuch's Conversion We Find...

1. A man of spiritual concern (27)
2. A man examining the Scriptures (28)
3. A humble man (31)
4. A man looking for answers (34)
5. A man who was taught of Jesus (35)
6. A man who come to knowledge of his personal need (36)
7. A man willing to act upon God's will (38)

II. What Doth Hinder Young Folk?

1. Paul notes of himself that there is a time at which salvation is not need in the life of young folk (Romans 7:9). He also notes that there comes a time at which the need is there - when is that?
2. The eunuch clearly saw his personal need for salvation (36) – a young person who does not have this need is not ready
3. The eunuch was able to understand the Scriptures regarding Jesus, the provision and need of salvation – a young person who does not have this understanding is not ready
4. The eunuch was able to comprehend the personal commitment that obedience entailed – a young person who does not have this comprehension and ability is not ready

III. What Doth Hinder Older Folk?

1. The same thing is needed.
2. There are a few major differences though:
 - (1) Sin in their life is not a question, but a reality (Romans 3:23)
 - (2) Their ability to understand is likewise not a question ... their willingness and humility to respond to God's Word is the question here.

Conclusion:

1. There is one other major difference which must be recognized. The young person who is not ready has no worry of divine retribution - they are safe in the arms of Jesus (Matthew 18).
2. The older folk though who does not render obedience is assured of their fate before God (Romans 6:23).
3. What hinders you?