

Declaring Our Faith

Series: This We Believe

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Text: Acts 8:26-40

‘As they were traveling down the road, they came to some water. The eunuch said, ‘Look, there’s water! What would keep me from being baptized?’ And Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart you may.’ And he replied, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’ Acts 8:36-37

Introduction

Last week’s message was remember Him.

This weeks’ message could be called declare Him.

Baptism is an outward declaration of an inner transformation.

The Call to Discipleship

‘Then He said to them all, ‘If anyone wants to come with Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me.’ Luke 9:23

The Journey of Faith

1. A discussion about following Christ.

‘. . . ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ “How can I,” he said, “unless someone guides me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.’ Acts 8:31

‘So Philip proceeded to tell him the good news about Jesus, beginning from that Scripture.’ Acts 8:35.

2. A decision to follow Christ.

‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’ Acts 8:37b

3. A declaration of following Christ.

‘Then he ordered the chariot to stop, and both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.’ Acts 8:38

4. Discipleship and growth in following Christ.

‘When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him any longer. But he went on his way rejoicing.’ Acts 8:39

Conclusion

Baptism is for believers.

‘So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about 3,000 people were added to them.’ Acts 2:41.

Baptism is to be by immersion.

‘After Jesus was baptized, He went up immediately from the water . . .’ Matthew 3:16a

Baptism is a matter of obedience.

‘He took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds. Right away he and all his family were baptized.’ Acts 16:33

Baptism is a testimony of our faith.

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

Matthew 28:19-20