

# The Gospel is For All



Lesson 5

## Teaching the Gospel to an Ethiopian

**Theme:** Love — Overcoming prejudice

### Memory Verses

“And opening his mouth, Peter said: ‘I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right, is welcome to Him.’”  
Acts 10:33-35

### Daily Bible Readings

- 1 Acts 8:4-6, 9-13, 18-22
- 2 Acts 8:26-39
- 3 Acts 9:1-19a
- 4 Acts 9:19b-28
- 5 Acts 9:32-42

**W**hen they were persecuted, many Christians left Jerusalem to live in other places. Wherever they went, Christians told the good news about Jesus. Satan tried to stop the gospel, but it didn't work. Now, not only the apostles were teaching the gospel but other Christians were also.

### Philip Preaches Jesus

Jesus told the apostles to take the gospel to Jerusalem, and then to Judea and Samaria (Acts 1:8). But Jews usually didn't get along

### Acts 8:4-6, 9-13, 18-22

*Cross out the wrong answer.*

When Philip preached about Jesus to the Samaritans, they:

- performed miracles
- believed
- were baptized

Peter told Simon to repent because he:

- was a Gentile
- tried to buy God's gift with money





with the people in Samaria. It took courage for Philip to take the gospel to Samaria. God gave Philip special ability to work miracles so people would know his word was God's Word.

Many people in Samaria heard Philip preach in the name of Jesus Christ and were baptized. Even Simon, a well-known magician, believed and was baptized. When Simon saw the apostles give the Holy Spirit to others, Simon wanted the ability to give the Spirit. Simon offered money to buy this ability. Peter told Simon he was wrong and needed to repent and pray to be forgiven.

**Acts 8:26-39**

The Ethiopian was reading about the coming of Jesus from:

Acts            Isaiah            the Ethiopian handbook

How did the Ethiopian feel when he came up from the water after being baptized?

afraid            happy            worried



**Acts 9:1-19a**

When Jesus appeared to Saul, he realized:

- Jesus was alive
- he would be blind
- Jesus hated him

Ananias said Saul's special work would be to:

- punish non-Christians
- help blind people
- preach to Gentiles

Philip took the gospel to many people in Samaria and also to an Ethiopian riding in a chariot. The Ethiopian was reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip began at this place and preached about Jesus. The Ethiopian wanted to be baptized, so Philip baptized him. The Ethiopian continued his journey as a happy man.

**Saul Becomes a Christian**

Saul of Tarsus grew up as a Jew and tried always to do God's will. Saul thought Jesus was not from God, so he persecuted anyone who followed Jesus. As a young man, Saul took care of the robes belonging to the men who stoned Stephen (Acts 7:58). At that time, Saul thought stoning Stephen was doing God's will.



While traveling to Damascus to arrest Christians, something extremely important happened to Saul. At noon, a light brighter than the sun flashed around Saul. He fell to the ground blind as he heard a voice speak to him from heaven.

**Acts 9:19b-28**

*Match the following:*

Saul	Saul's friend
Barnabas	put Saul in a basket
Jews	began preaching immediately
Christians	tried to kill him

It was Jesus who appeared to Saul and spoke to him. Saul soon learned that God had raised Jesus from the dead showing Him to be God's Son. Saul was wrong about Jesus. Jesus really is God's Son and the Savior of the world! Someone led Saul on to Damascus, but instead of arresting Christians Saul became a Christian.

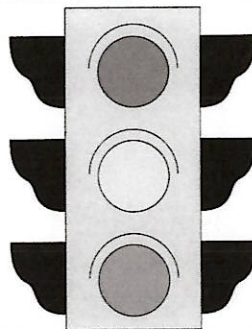
Jesus sent Ananias to Saul. Ananias told Saul to be baptized to wash away his sins, and Saul was baptized. Once Saul became a Christian, he started talking to other people about Jesus. Satan was losing! The church was growing stronger every day.



**Acts 9:32-42**

*True or False?* The miracles Peter performed proved his preaching was from God.

I think people with different skin color than I have are as important to God as I am.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

**Red** — almost never

Yellow — sometimes

**Green** — all of the time

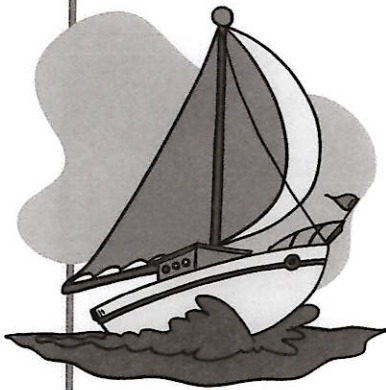
## Think About It ...

What is prejudice?



Give two reasons why we should not be prejudiced toward people of others races or cultures:

- 1.
- 2.



## Sailing Through the Bible Facts

Right here, write from memory John 3:16.

What is the book of Colossians about?

On a map inside the back cover, locate Damascus.