

*Act 8:4 Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.*

Mat 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Act 5:14 And all the more believers  
in the Lord, multitudes of men and  
women, were constantly added to  
their number;

1Ti 3:14 I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; (15) but in case I am delayed, I write so that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

NOTICE WHERE – the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth

Go back 16 verses and you find the restriction on women!

1Ti 2:8 Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension. (9)

Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments; (10) but rather by means of good works, as befits women making a claim to godliness. (11) Let a woman quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. (12)

But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.

*Act 8:11 They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery.*

*Act 8:13 Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.*

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

Simon was a “born again believer” In 3.5 Some argue that Simon was not a believer but the Bible says if very clearly! Philip could work miracles – Simon was amazed – but Philip could not pass the ability to work miracles to anyone else! He could not tell them to “just pray and if you are saved, you will be able to speak in miracles.”

*Act 8:14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria.*

The primacy of Peter is denied as he was “sent” by the apostles. (Shows he was not the first Pope)

*Act 8:17 Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

The ability to perform miracles was bestowed by the apostle's hands!

Act 19:2 and he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said to him, "No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." (3) And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, "Into John's baptism." (4) And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus." (5) And when they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (6) And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying.

*Act 8:20 Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!"*

Simon was lost – a born again believer lost his salvation!

## Acts 8:20 (The Message)

<sup>20-23</sup>Peter said, "To hell with your money! And you along with it. Why, that's unthinkable—trying to buy God's gift! You'll never be part of what God is doing by striking bargains and offering bribes. Change your ways—and now! Ask the Master to forgive you for trying to use God to make money. I can see this is an old habit with you; you reek with money-lust."

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Notice again, the Scriptures say he was a believer.

The Scriptures clearly say a believer,  
a Christian, a Saint, can be lost.

Gal 5:4 You have been severed from  
Christ, you who are seeking to be  
justified by law; you have fallen from  
grace.

*Act 8:30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.*

The eunuch, although having a high station in life, was an humble man – he wanted help.

*Act 8:35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.*

What was preached was Jesus! In preaching Jesus, you must preach baptism for salvation from sins!

*Act 8:36 And as they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch \*said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?"*

The Eunuch heard Jesus preached (v. 35).

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1Pe 3:20 to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, (21) and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also--not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Noah and his family were saved from drowning by the ark – but they were saved from the sin in the world by the water.

That's the symbolism – we are saved from our sins by being baptized – buried in water.

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Act 22:16 And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.'

Rom 6:3-4 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

(4) We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

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NET online note on Acts 8.37 A few later mss (E 36 323 453 945 1739 1891 *pc*) add, with minor variations, **8:37** “He said to him, ‘If you believe with your whole heart, you may.’ He replied, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’” Verse 37 is lacking in {<sup>45,74</sup>  $\aleph$ A B C 33 614 vg sy<sup>p,h</sup> co}. It is clearly not a part of the original text of Acts. The variant is significant in showing how some in the early church viewed a confession of faith. The present translation follows NA<sup>27</sup> in omitting the verse number, a procedure also followed by a number of other modern translations.

And yet there is a great deal of evidence from early Christian writers that the verse should be included.

Philip declared that this was Jesus, and that the Scripture was fulfilled in Him; as did also the believing eunuch himself: and, immediately requesting to be baptized, he said, "I believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God." (Irenaeus, Against Heresies 3.12.8, circa 180 A.D.)

In the Acts of the Apostles: "Lo, here is water; what is there which hinders me from being baptized? Then said Philip, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest." (The Treatises of Cyprian, Treatise 12, Book 3, Section 43, Cyprian lived circa 208-258 A.D., became bishop of Carthage in North Africa circa 249 A.D. He was beheaded as a martyr for his faith)

Significantly Sinaiticus (Aleph01), Alexandrinus (A02), Vaticanus (B03), Ephraemi Rescriptus (C04), and the Chester Beatty Papyrus P45 all omit Acts 8:37. Each of these are typically given high priority and status by modern translators due to age (3rd to 5th centuries), yet all are eastern text types and would logically be missing the passage if derived from an eastern manuscript family which had accidentally omitted the verse. Giving preeminence to these eastern texts without giving due consideration to the witness of very early citations in the west, and the likelihood of the book's western origin, is ill advised.

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