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INT: QUESTION: If all the world understood the Greek language--and you could pick one scripture in the Bible as the all-important one, which one would you choose? **You?** I would choose J. 3:16. **WHY???** When understood clearly, it is the one complete passage. **Illustrate:**

1. FAITH: "Pistic". **Thayer's Greek-Eng. Lex. of the N. T., 1886 ed., p. 511. Dr. Henry Thayer.** "Used especially of the faith by which a man embraces Jesus: i.e. a conviction, full of joy, trust, that Jesus is the Messiah--the divinely appointed author of salvation in the kingdom of God, cojoined with OBEEDIENCE to Christ."

2. CUI-ca-tec and tZEL-tal indians, of Mexico do not have a word for BELIEVE and one for OBEY. They have ONE word which means "OBEYING-FAITH." **Cannot conceive of one without the other.**

Genuine Faith is a doing-something faith.

OBEY because DO believe in the Christ-Son of G

GOD'S LOVE DEFINED: Doing something for another. 3:16.

MAN'S LOVE::: Doing something for God. I J. 5:3.

I. LESSON: God in Action as proof of his love for man
No love without proof! Else how know??

I. ACTS 8=GOD'S LOVING OUTREACH FOR ONE LOST SOUL.

A. Time: A. D. 33. Place: Samaria. Lost: Eunuch

B. Background: Jews invited into church Pentecost

Acts 8 Samaritans invited by preacher-Philip.

Church is very young-not one year old yet.

Bible not completed. Teachers needed miracles.

Great Commission already given: Mk. 16:15-16.

C. Episode: Lone official from Ethopia homeward b

D. Lost*!!! **Romans 10:9-17.*Untaught, unsaved.**

Had not done

II. FIVE CHARACTERS INVOLVED IN SAVING ONE SOUL.

1. Eunuch-Treasurer of Ethopia; great authority!!!

Jew - Gentile - ethopian!?
Chances of conversion? I Cor. 1:26. **Sinner!!!**

2. Preacher-Philip, evangelist (messenger of good

3. Angel- God's heavenly messenger sent to his

earthly messenger. v. 25-26. Sinner reading 28.

4. Holy Spirit- "Go near-join thyself to this chariot." V. 29.

5. Christ-v. 30-35*. Same as Paul's. IC. 2:1-5.*

Every single one a SERVANT OF GOD!!!!!!! 27.

III. THE EUNUCH'S FAITH WAS A GENUINE - (obedient) one!

1. Requested baptism! Why? Mark 16:15-16. v.36
2. Pre-requisite checked first. Vs. 37,
3. Powerful=influential Ethiopian Official humbled himself before God. Vs. 38-39.
4. Had great joy. Why:
 - a. All his sins were forgiven. Acts 2:38,23,
 - b. Entered into the family of God. Gal. 3:26
 - c. Became a member of church. *Math. 16:13-19,*
 - d. Heaven was now his home. John 14:3,6.

INV. LORD'S APPEAL AND OUR FONDEST WISH IS THAT ALL who are not N. T. Christians would do as the Eunuch did:

Made him a Christian! Would make YOU one.
 Made him happy! Make you happy.

CLOSE: Grenville Kleiser tells of a famous neurologist who treated many people who were inwardly disturbed and many who had had nervous breakdowns. He gave each a little card to carry with them where ever they went.: Said....

" Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3:5-6.

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