

## WHEN WAS THE ETHIOPIAN SAVED?

*Jesus sent the gospel into all the world. In Acts 8, we find one way that it was spread into Africa.*

In Acts 8:26-39, a man from Ethiopia was saved. An evangelist named Philip saw him reading the Bible and asked if he understood what he was reading. The Ethiopian admitted that he did not (verses 28-34).

Philip *preached Jesus to him*--teaching him of salvation in Jesus. Philip taught what Jesus taught—*He that believes and is baptized will be saved* (Mark 16:16) because the Ethiopian asked, “What hinders me from being baptized?”. The Ethiopian immediately confessed his faith in Jesus as God’s Son and was baptized that day. They both went into the water which reflects that baptism is

immersion in water, not pouring or sprinkling. Receiving salvation in Christ caused the Ethiopian to rejoice (verses 35-39).

Has Jesus saved you? If you believe He has—does reading about the conversion of the Ethiopian remind you of that day? When you learned about Jesus, did you learn to confess Him with your mouth and immediately be baptized in water for the remission of sins? If not, contact us and we will send you a free CD from our gospel meeting, a lesson titled “Understanding Baptism.” Contact us with comments or questions—[WWW.QVCOC.COM](http://WWW.QVCOC.COM)

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## WHERE IS YOUR HOPE?

Job asked “Where then is my hope?” (Job 17:15). Have you given this serious thought? Do you have hope? Where is it placed?

If your hope is wrapped in financial stability— this is a shaky hope (Matthew 6:19).

If your hope is tied to “your candidate” in the White House— your hope is “up for vote” every four years.

If your hope for serenity is in the joy of family— all hope can be lost in a single car crash.

If your hope includes following Moses’ law (Sabbath-keeping, tithing)— you are entangled in the old yoke (Hebrews 7:19; Galatians 5:1).

If your hope is to live on earth eternally— learn of the one hope in heaven (Ephesians 4:4; Colossians 1:5).

“The God of hope” can “fill you with all joy and peace in believing” (Romans 15:13). The evidence for believing is overwhelming (John 20:30-31). Disbelief, misbelief, and doubt leave man hopeless for without God **all** hope will perish (Job 8:13). Seek Him through the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope (1 Timothy 1:11). If you are without this hope, contact us.

# “WE ARE FOR CHOICE”

*Do you defend “the right to choose?” That’s a loaded question, isn’t it? Consider why some defend “choice.”*

“We are for choice, for what people want to do when it does not harm other people.” “It’s a blessing. . . It’s sacred to us.” “I feel very blessed—this lifestyle is wonderful.” “I love these ladies.” (“Richard,” from internet)

Choice. Sacred. Lifestyle. Love. Some or all of these words have been used to defend the practices of pre-marital sex, adultery, homosexuality, and abortion (among others). Now, they are being used to defend polygamy—and why not? If a feeling of love allows a person to leave the spouse with whom they originally vowed to live, why can’t that same feeling permit them to invite an additional “spouse” into the family?

God gives nations choices— be exalted by righteousness or reproached by sin (Proverbs 14:34).

God gives families choices— *Whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery.* . . (Matthew 5:32).

God gives each individual choices— *He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned* (Mark 16:16).

God chose to show His love and grace by giving Jesus Christ to die (John 3:16). Jesus taught the way to live in truth in order to receive eternal life (John 14:6). God chose to offer eternal life—will you choose to accept it?

*“. . . choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve. . .”*  
(Joshua 24:15)

You are invited to:  
Sunday AM  
Bible classes: 10:00AM  
Sunday AM Worship:  
**10:45AM**  
Sunday PM Worship:  
**5:00 PM**  
Wednesday Bible  
Classes & Worship:  
**7:00 PM**

## WHO IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN QUAIL VALLEY?

We thank you for reading our articles from time to time. Maybe some of you are wondering who we are.

We are Christians, meaning each of us belongs to Jesus Christ, having been saved from sin through His blood. We did not invent that name--God called saved people “Christians” (Acts 11:26). In the Bible, God often called a group of Christians the church. He also called them the churches of God, or churches of Christ because they belong to Him (2 Thessalonians 1:4; Romans 16:16). Can you think of a better way to identify God’s people?

You might hear someone say that churches of Christ originated in the mid-1800s. Romans 16:16 proves otherwise. The gospel of Christ produced churches of Christ two thousand years ago and will do the same today. We strive to speak and act “as the oracles of God,” without adding to or taking from His word (1 Peter 4:11; Revelation 22:18-19).

Preaching salvation in Christ by the gospel of Christ—this defines who we are at the church of Christ in Quail Valley. Contact us by phone or through our website [WWW.QVCOC.COM](http://WWW.QVCOC.COM).

### Questions from this month’s articles:

1. When was the Ethiopian saved: (a) in his chariot (b) on the way to the water or (c) in the water?
2. What is the problem of investing most of your hope in an earthly family?
3. Does God approve of everything we choose to do?
4. How did the apostle Paul identify the churches who sent greetings in Romans 16:16?

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