

## The Three Coversons

From Acts 8, 9, 10

In these chapter we see the means whereby men of the three racial groups are saved.

- The man from Ham: a eunuch of Ethiopia
- The man from Japheth: a centurian of Italy
- The man from Shem: a Pharisee of Israel

### I. What these men had in common

- A. All three were moral, upright men.
- B. Yet each needed to be saved.
- C. All required a personal witness to speak to them.

### II. Their Outstanding Traits

- A. One reading the Bible – but this alone could not convert him.
- B. One heard God speak from heaven – but this alone could not convert him.
- C. One had a visit from an angel – but the angel instructed him to send for witnesses.

### III. Their Differences

- A. Their racial origins
- B. Their occupations (three difficult classes to reach)
  - 1. One a politician
  - 2. One a theologian
  - 3. One a military man
- C. Their Locations
  - 1. One on his way home (in a vehicle)
  - 2. One going from home (at work)
  - 3. One at home
- D. Their objectives
  - 1. One looking for peace
  - 2. One destroying peace
  - 3. One a keeper of the peace

### IV. The Need for a Witness

- A. Some, like the eunuch, want to be saved but do not know how.
- B. Some, like Saul, know how but actively fight it.
- C. Some, like Cornelius, need only to hear and will immediately respond.

### V. After Conversion

- E. One is baptised and goes on his way rejoicing.
- F. One is baptised and immediately begins preaching.
- G. One is baptised and speaks in tongues.

## **First Instructions to New Believers**

- I. Jesus Christ is worthy of one's full devotion.
  - A. He is to have all our love.
  - B. He is to have full use of our bodies.
  - C. He is to govern our every thought.
  - D. He is to be above all else in our lives.
- II. The word of God is worthy of our full confidence.
  - A. Feed upon it as a babe feeds upon milk.
  - B. Exalt it above all reason and prior learning.
  - C. Trust it before the words of any man.
  - D. Walk only in its ways.
- III. The fellowship of the saints is crucial.
  - A. There are no individual Christians, but all are one.
  - B. Each needs the ministry provided by the whole.
  - C. We are commanded, for our good, to increase the frequency of our gathering.
- IV. Instruction from godly ministers is required.
  - A. Must be under those who will watch for your soul.
  - B. Must be under those who can instruct you in the word.
  - C. Must be under those who can instruct you in your life.
- V. Engage in the testimony of Christ to His own
  - A. Once – to show our association with His victory over death: baptism
    1. All church converts in scripture were baptised
    2. No command anywhere that this should cease
  - B. Often – to show our union with Him after His victory over death: the Lord's supper
    1. The communion of the saints
    2. With Christ and one another
  - C. Continually
    1. Steadfast adherence to doctrine
    2. Fellowship: time spent together in temporal matters
    3. Prayers