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Why Command The Chariot To Stop?

Acts 8:26-39 records the conversion of the Ethiopian treasurer. Verse 38 makes some things stand out: "And he commanded the chariot to stand still..." Has it occurred to you that if some things men today say are true, it would have been entirely unnecessary for this man to stop the chariot? Explore this with me.

If just being a good, honest person is all that it takes... The man must have been a good, honest man to have the job that he did - "...under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure..." (Acts 8:27). No need to stop the chariot if just being a person of integrity is all that it takes to please God and go to Heaven. If just being religious is enough. The Ethiopian was a religious man. He "...had come to Jerusalem for to worship" (Acts 8:27), a distance of nearly 1,000 miles one way! Most people would think a fellow like that would already be saved. Why stop the chariot?

If just reading the Scriptures is all that is required... The man was a Scripture-reading man. He was reading Isaiah 53 out loud according to (Acts 8:28-34). Some think they read the Bible and no more is really necessary. If that be true, why stop the chariot?

If just hearing preaching saves. True, "...it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save..." (1 Corinthians 1:21).

The Ethiopian heard preaching as "Philip...preached unto him Jesus" (Acts 8:35). Some hear a lot of preaching, but do no more. Not this man!

If justified by faith only... The Ethiopian had faith. He confessed, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37).

If justified by faith only, why not keep the chariot wheels rolling down the Gaza road?

If baptism is not necessary for salvation... Most have been made to believe baptism is not essential to salvation. Please tell us why then did the man of Ethiopia command the chariot to stand still, so he could be baptized, if that be true?

If saved by praying "the sinner's prayer..." Many have been made to think that to be saved they just need to pray a prayer like this:

"Lord, I confess to You my sins. I accept You into my heart as my personal Lord and Savior." Why stop the chariot, if saved this way?

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Prayer Requests

***Clyde Ball** Please continue to keep Clyde & Penny in your prayers.

Mike Cooper (Rogers Brother) Please continue praying as he is undergoing cancer treatment.

Dick Coriell (Rick's Dad) Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Esther Crisp Please keep her in your prayers.

Marleigh Gilbert (Cousin to Jon & Don) 5 years old suffering with leukemia at St.Judes. She is in need of lots of prayer for strength and healing.

PJ Glauder Please keep him in your prayers as he continues treatment.

Kim Glispie (Gary's Sister) Please continue to pray for God's healing for her.

Peggy Hollback Please continue praying she will be blessed with better health.

Chris Jennings (Jack & Jane's Son) Please continue praying for him and his family as he receives treatment.

Rachel McLaughlin Please keep her in your prayers as she suffers with serious health problems.

Rusty McCleese (Chris's Dad) Please continue prayers for him and his family as he fights cancer.

Ruth McCleese Please keep her in your prayers for healing.

Lyla Napier (A Minford High Student) Please continue prayers for her recovery.

Mark Villinger He is currently being treated for cancer.

Please keep him and his family in your prayers

Esther Crisp
Sarah Gilliland
Helen Hayward

The Courtyard Rm. #106
Hillview Room L306
Homebound



***Men's Leadership Retreat Sept.22 & 23**

***Sunshine Fall Home Groups- Oct.8-29**

***Fall Harvest Party @ Dresbach Farm
October 21, 5:00p.m.**

Sunday Morning Live Streaming Links:

<https://sunshinecofc.church/sermon-media>
<https://sunshinecofc.sermon.net>

Welcome To All of Our Guests

Thank you for coming. Please come back!

Gluten Free Communion Available

We have gluten free communion bread available for anyone who needs it. It can be found at the **Welcome Center**. You may pick it up before the services on your way into the auditorium.

We Are So Glad You Are Here!



KID'S Club

Kids Pre-K - 6th Grade

Wednesday Evening Bible Class.

It includes a short & fun video reviewing the lesson taught on Sunday

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Come Join Us!

Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.



**Please be praying for God's protection
for our Students and Teachers.
Bless each one with a
Happy and Safe New School Year.**

**Sunshine Elders Meet for Prayer
September 22.
Please let them know if you have a
prayer request.**

SUNSHINE CHURCH of CHRIST
We Invite You To Join Us

Sunday Morning 10:00 A.M.
Sunday Eve. Class 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 P.M.

You may also call 855-565-7670
to hear the lessons by phone.

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Thank You So Much to our Deacons!
Everyone had a great time at Friends & Family Day last Sunday. Once again God blessed our worship with a good speaker and perfect weather. (God Is Enough!) There was lots of good food to enjoy with friends and family, and a very exciting corn hole tournament.
Congratulations 2023 Champs!
Isaiah Dresbach & Zane Acton!

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**\*The Round Lake Men's Retreat**

Scheduled Sept. 22 & 23.  
There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center for those wanting to attend.  
Please see Jamie for more info.

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***Fall Harvest Party @ Dresbach Farm**

Oct.21 @ 5:00pm
Wagon rides, Campfire devo, Fellowship
Food & Drinks Provided
Please bring a lawn chair, a dessert or bread
There's a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center so they can know an approximate number of those planning to attend.

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**\*Sunshine Fall Home Groups**

Scheduled to begin Sunday Evenings  
October 8-29 at 6:00pm.  
This is always an enjoyable time to learn from God's Word and have open discussion in a very relaxed atmosphere with friends.  
Plan to come join us.  
\*If you would like to host a group in your home please sign the list at the Welcome Center.

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I will call upon the Lord
Who is worthy to be praised.
Psalm 18:3

Each Life Affects Another
We may not always realize that everything we do Affects not only our lives but touches others too,
For a little bit of thoughtfulness that shows someone you care
Creates a ray of sunshine for both of you to share.
Yes, Every time you offer someone a helping hand,
Every time you show a friend you care, You help someone find beauty in place of great despair;
For happiness brings happiness and loving ways bring love,
And giving is the treasure that contentment is made of.

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**The September Item Is**  
**Canned Vegetables**  
For Mid Western Children's Home  
Thank You!

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"You can never do a kindness too soon, because you never know when it will be to late."

Family Bible Time

ADULT CLASSES WEEK OF Sept. 17

***Sunday Evening Auditorium**
Dave Deacon

***Wednesday Evening Auditorium**
Jamie Riley

***Wednesday Evening Ladies Class**
June Book

Embracing Grace That Comes From God
Please Read: Romans 3:19-28, 4:1-16, 5:6-20
Galatians 2:15-3:14

***Men's Class - James Group- Rm. #8**

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning	9/17/2023	9/24/2023	10/01/2023
Worship Leader	Zach Coriell	Jared McCray	Shaun McCray
Scripture Reading	Zane Miller	Matthew Risner	Justin Spengler
Prayer	Dale Kuhn	Don Coriell	Shane Mougey
Communion	Jeff Vannatta	Aaron Kallner	Gary Glispie
Message	Jamie Riley	Jamie Riley	Jamie Riley
Announcements / Prayer	Wayne Gampp	Shaun McCray	Rich Book
Sunday Evening	9/17/2023	9/24/2023	10/01/2023
Worship Leader	Shaun McCray	Jon Coriell	Zach Coriell
Communion	Jacob Bowe	Lonnie Hollback	Jacob Book



Sunday Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 pm

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If sprinkling or pouring are sufficient... If sprinkling or pouring of a little water upon the person will substitute for immersion of the whole person in water, why do we read, "...he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

And when they were come up out of the water..." (Acts 8:38-39)?

Let me suggest to you that due to the shortness and uncertainty of life (Proverbs 27:1; Luke 12:16-20; James 4:13-15), the value of your soul (Matthew 16:26), the fact that judgment is coming (Acts 24:25), and you must obey the Lord to be saved (Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 5:9) that you need to stop the chariot .

Did you observe who stopped the chariot? It wasn't the preacher. It was the man who needed to obey the Lord. You are the one who must stop the chariot.

There is an urgency about obeying the gospel as this record shows.

Now is the time to stop the chariot. "...**behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation**" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Think!!!!

God Loves You and We Love You Too

Have a wonderful day!