

THE MINISTRY OF THE EVANGELIST

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Eph 4:11,12, - The Evangelist is one of the five gift ascension ministries given by Christ to the Church.

Christ commissions all believers into the work of evangelism. *Mat 28:18-20, Mk 16:15-20, Ac 1:8, 1Thes 1:8, 1Pet 3:15, Ac 11:19-21, 2Tim 4:5, Mat 10:27,32,33, Lk 10:1-9,17,19,20, Ac 8:4.* Not all believers stand in the office of an Evangelist. *Eph 4:11.*

Philip is called “the evangelist” in *Ac 21:8*. Originally he was serving on tables. *Ac 6:1-6, v5.*

A description of Philip’s ministry of an Evangelist is found in *Ac 8:5-13, 26-40.*

The Evangelist is to train all the saints in Evangelism as well as do the work of the Evangelist. *2Tim 4:5, Eph 4:12.*

Philip went to the city of Samaria. *Ac 8:5.*

He preached Christ to them. *Ac 8:5, 8:35. 1Cor 2:2, 1Cor 1:17,18,23,24, 1Cor 15:1,2,3,4,5, 1Thes 1:5.*

HE WENT, HE PREACHED, HE PREACHED CHRIST TO THEM.

Jesus laid the FOUNDATION of the Gospel in Samaria when He spoke to the woman at the well. The woman was saved and through her a whole company of people. So when the Holy Spirit led Philip to go to Samaria and preach the Gospel, several years later, there was already a group of believers in that city. *Jn 4:4-42.*

He preached the Gospel to the people. *Mk 16:15,16, Mat 28:18-20, 1Pet 2:24, 1Pet 3:18, Lk 4:18,19.*

God confirmed the Word of the preaching of the Gospel with signs, miracles, healings, and deliverances. *Ac 8:6,7, Mk 16:20, Ac 10:38, Mat 4:23,24, Mat 9:35, Heb 2:4, Ac 2:22.*

The multitude with one accord gave heed to the Word, as they saw and heard the miracles, which Philip did. *Ac 8:6,7.*

Philip preached the Kingdom of God, and the Name of Jesus Christ. *Ac 8:12, Mat 4:23,24, Mat 9:35, Mat 10:1,7,8.*

Many believed and were baptised in water in the Name of the Lord Jesus. *Ac 8:12,16, Ac 2:38,39,41.*

A little later, **Peter and John arrived, and prayed for the new converts to be baptised with the Holy Spirit.** *Ac 8:14-17, Ac 2:38,39, Ac 19:5,6, Ac 10:44-48.*

Peter and John remained for a time to teach the new converts, so that they would be established in their new faith. *Ac 8:25, Jn 21:15-17, Ac 20:28.*

Ac 8:26-40 is Philip’s ministry as an evangelist to **ONE KEY PERSON, who took the Gospel back to Ethiopia.**

The Holy Spirit led Philip. *Ac 8:5, Ac 8:29.*

An angel of the Lord directed him to preach the Gospel of Christ to one person in a chariot. *Ac 8:26.*

Philip was doing the work of an Evangelist, as he preached to multitudes, and when he was talking to one person in the desert, in a chariot. *2Tim 4:5.*

All pastors and believers are called to do the work of an evangelist. *2Tim 4:5, Acts 1:8, Mat 28:18-20, Mk 16:15, 2Cor5:18, Lk 19:10.*