

The Secret Spot... Where the Spirit Leads

Philip,

Name means, 'lover of horses.'...no wonder, God sent him alongside a chariot...

- selected as a deacon (therefore not one of the twelve) (Acts 6:1-5)
- a servant of tables and widows (Acts 6:2)
- full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom
(Acts 6:3)
- a preacher of the gospel in Samaria
(Acts 8:5)
- a performer of signs and miracles
(Acts 8:6,13)
- a messenger of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 8:12)
- spoken to by Angels of the Lord
(Acts 8:26)
- directed by and submitted to the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:26,29,39)
- sensitive to opportunities to preach Christ (Acts 8:30-37)
- qualified to baptize (Acts 8:38-39)
- found at Azotus, preaching in all the
- towns en route to Caesarea (Acts 8:40)
- in Caesarea at least 25 years amongst the Gentiles when Paul came to enter his house (Acts 21:8)
 - the father of four unmarried prophetesses (Acts 21:9)

The Bible Hub, "The little that is known about Philip, the deacon and evangelist, may very soon be told. His name suggests, though by no means conclusively, that he was probably one of the so-called Hellenists, or foreign-born and Greek-speaking Jews. This is made the more probable because he was one of the seven selected by the Church, and after that selection appointed by the Apostles, to dispense relief to the poor. The purpose of the appointment being to conciliate the grumblers in the Hellenist section of the Church, the persons chosen would probably belong to it. He left Jerusalem during the persecution 'that arose after the death of Stephen.' As we know, he was the first preacher of the Gospel in Samaria; he was next the instrument honored to carry the Word to the first heathen ever gathered into the Church; and then, after a journey along the sea-coast to Caesarea, the then seat of government, he remained in that place in obscure toil for twenty years, dropped out of the story, and we hear no more of him but for one glimpse of his home in Caesarea."

John 16:13-14 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Acts 8: **4**Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. **5**Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. **6**When the crowds heard Philip and

saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. **7**For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. **8**So there was great joy in that city.

Philip and the Ethiopian

26Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” **27**So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, **28**and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. **29**The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

30Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

31“How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

32This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

33In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.
Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth. ”**b**

34The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” **35**Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

36As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” **[37]c** **38**And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

39When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. **40**Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

1. The Secret Spot is Always Where **the Spirit Leads**. John 16
2. The Secret Spot is Often Found When You **Remain Faithful**. Acts 8:4
focus not on getting to the spot, but being faithful...
3. The Secret Spot is Experienced By Those **Who Talk About** Jesus Everywhere they Go. Acts 8:5
proclaimed the Messiah everywhere...
4. The Secret Spot is Validated by What God will Do **through You**. Acts 8:6
5. The Secret Spot Always Brings **Joy**. Acts 8:7 (to those who witness God moving, to the one who shares.)

6. The Secret Spot is Always Found **Through Obedience**. Acts 8:26-27
So, he started out....
Howard Eddington, “The key to the anointing of the Spirit is obedience.”
7. The Secret Spot is Accessed when the Fisherman:
 1. **follows** the Nudge of the Spirit.
Acts 8:29-30
 2. **listens** before speaking. Acts 8:30
 3. **asks** the right questions. Acts 8:30
 4. **responds** to an invitation. Acts 8:31
 5. **focuses** on the Word of God.
Acts 8:30-35, ‘began with that very passage...’
8. The Secret Spot will always be **shared**.
Acts 8:36-39
9. The Secret Spot always follows **faithful** fishermen. Acts 8:39-40
10. The Secret Spot is not about where God takes you or what He does through you, but about **preaching** the gospel **faithfully**.

