

## ***Privileged To Serve In Public Worship***

Announcements: Bo Graham

Scripture Reading: AM- Robert Osborne      PM- Aiden Morton

Song Leader: Chris Lowry

Opening Prayer:    AM- Jess Leonard      PM- Bob Patterson

Closing Prayer:    AM- Alan Haack      PM-Charlie Thomas

To Serve Communion:    Ray Duncan      Scott Samford  
   Hagen Dyer      Colt Rollins  
   Dwayne Lovelady    Lawson Lovelady

Sermons: Anthony Scherffius  
              AM & PM- "The Mystery of Marriage Revealed"- Eph. 5:22-33

Sound Room: John Hamilton

Greet Visitors: Ron Davis

Count Contribution:    Jacob Dyer      Seth Bolstad

Attendance Cards:    Bennett Thomas      Ryder Thomas

### **Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

Scripture Reading: Keaton Dyer /I Corinthians 15:29-34

Devotional: Tyler Thomas

Bible Class: Anthony Scherffius- "Titus"

### **Records for week of January 4, 2026:**

**Attendance:**      Bible Class: 75      Worship PM: 80  
   Worship AM: 113      Wed. 12/31: 72

**Contribution:** \$ 5277



**January 11, 2026**

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Deacons: Seth Bolstad, Jim Gammon, Terry Littlejohn, Charlie Thomas,

Tyler Thomas, Tom Trull

Preacher: Anthony Scherffius

## **Bible Study & Worship**

**Sundays:**      Bible Class    9:00am  
   Worship      10:00am  
   Worship      5:00pm

**Wednesdays:**    Bible Class    7:00

# What Does It Mean to Preach Jesus?

Acts 8:26-39

By Anthony Scherffius

If you were approached by someone on the road, in town, at the store, or anywhere randomly, and they were to ask you, "Can you please explain to me what this passage of Scripture means?" Would you be thoroughly equipped to help that soul? We always talk about how we need to be ready, how we need to be evangelistic and conduct Bible studies, but do we actually know how to do that properly?

As Christians we must be ready to give a defense for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:15). We must understand that this passage is not explicitly saying we need to have answer ready for every single Bible question that comes our way. However, in order to defend the hope that is in us, we have to know what that hope is, who gave to us, and why we are a part of it. The hope is our assurance in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ. So how do we defend it? Well, much like Philip, we must be ready to "preach Jesus" unto others. What does it mean to preach Jesus? After all, the detailed conversation between Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch was not recorded for us once they began discussing Jesus. We only have what the result of that conversation was – the eunuch was baptized and went on his way rejoicing. If you look at the context, based on what we have, there are at least three things meant by preaching Jesus:

**I. It means to have an understanding of His Word (26-31) —**

(1) One must read and study the Word: Notice where the eunuch was reading. He was in the Word of God, reading the prophet Isaiah. He was not reading the writings of stoics or the works of theologians or philosophers of men. He went straight the Word of God. In order to preach Jesus we must go to the source, which is God's Word.

(2) One must start where the individual is: When Philip went up to the eunuch, he asked him a very important question: "Do you understand what you are reading?" Receiving the answer, "How can I unless someone guide me?" told Philip exactly where to start. Philip did not speak above the eunuch's head, nor did he treat him like a child, belittling him for not knowing the Scriptures. He simply began where the eunuch was in his understanding of Scripture and lead him to Christ from there.

**II. It means to have an understanding of His Prophecy (31-35) —** If you look at the sermons preached by the apostles, the letters written in the New Testament by the inspired writers, you will see they refer back to the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah and His Kingdom. They would point back to what was foretold and say it was fulfilled through Jesus. Philip does the same thing here with the eunuch. The eunuch wanted to understand who the writer was referring to- himself or someone else. If we do not have an understanding of messianic prophecy, how will we know who it is that saved us from our sins? How can we, if we do not know how to explain who the prophets were talking about, teach others of Jesus the Christ?

**III. It means to have an understanding of His Love (36-39) —** In Romans 2:4, Paul says, "Or do you think lightly of the

riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?" If you look at the prophecy from Isaiah that was explained to the eunuch, you will see it was a prophecy about Jesus' humble sacrifice and death for all of mankind. After hearing about the greatest love that any man can show (John 15:12), we can clearly see why the Ethiopian eunuch responded the way he did. Look at everything the love God does to on with a receptive heart: (1) Jesus' love moves one to baptism (vs 36) ; (2) Jesus' love moves one to commitment and confession (vs 37); (3) Jesus' love moves one to repentance (vs 38); (4) Jesus' love moves one to joy (vs 39).

In order to preach Jesus we must have an understanding of His Word (it must be explained), we must have an understanding of His prophecy (it points to Him), and we must have an understanding His love (it calls for obedient, joyful response). Let us be ready to help others by guiding them through preaching Jesus.

## Remember in Prayer

**Craig Thomas** was hospitalized with esophagus issues. He is now home but will need to have his esophagus stretched at a later date when the inflammation has gone down. **Sharon McMillan** is not feeling well at all. She is being referred to a cardiologist.

**Remember also:**

Melva McManus, Archie & Nancy Underwood, Joy Tull, Judy Mitchell, Samuel & Diana Ramirez, Steven Coats

### IMPORTANT DATES

**January 11-** NH Worship Svc./2:00  
**January 18-** Elders/Deacon Mtg./4:00  
**January 22-** NH Birthday Party/2:00  
**January 25-** Pot Luck Luncheon



### HOUSEWARMING

For  
Anthony & Hailey Scherffius  
January 18<sup>th</sup>  
2:00-4:00

**Kitchen- Olive green**  
**Living Area- Earthy Colors**



Please welcome three new sisters to our congregation!

**Gracie Stanley**  
**Flora Hicks**  
**Flora Johnson**

An update to the directory will be out soon and include info on our newest members.



Thou crownest  
the year with thy  
goodness; and thy  
paths drop fatness.

Psalms 65:11 (KJV)