

TAKING A CRITICAL LOOK AT THE CRITICAL TEXT Part Six: May 18, 2022

Acts 8:37

- **“And Philip said, If thou _____ with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”**
 - Found in _____, TLB
 - Footnoted in NKJV
 - Bracketed in NASB, HCSB
 - Italicized in ASV
 - _____ (and moved to footnote or left out completely) in ESV, NIV, NLT, CEV, GW, ICB, ISV, NCV, NRSV, RSV, MSG, TEV, etc.

Modern Bible Versions

- **A Significant Problem:**
 - Nearly all modern English versions are based on a _____ text of the Greek New Testament that did not exist until the late 1800's.
 - Called the “_____ Text”; the “Wescott-Hort Text”; “the eclectic text”;
 - Based heavily on the “Alexandrian Text”
 - Follows philosophy that “_____ is better”

Two Theories

- **The verse was _____ omitted from many texts due to corrupting influence of works salvation teaching.**
- **The verse was a _____ formula added into the text and is therefore just a piece of tradition and not part of Scripture.**

Support for Acts 8:37

- **Historical/textual evidence**
 - Found in some _____ manuscripts
 - Quoted by many church _____:
 - _____ (2nd century)
 - Cyprian
 - Tertullian, etc.
 - Included in _____ Vulgate
 - Included in Textus Receptus by Erasmus and Stephens
- **Internal Evidence**
 - Something important is clearly _____ if the verse is left out.
 - _____ is mentioned along with baptism every other time in this chapter.

- Acts 8:12-13: _____

- Every time Christian _____ is mentioned in Acts, there is a clear indication it was accompanied by belief.

Belief Plus Baptism in Acts

- **Baptism of 3,000 on _____**
 - Acts 2:41: _____

- **Baptism of _____**
 - Acts 9:18 (see also vs. 6): _____

- **Baptism of first _____ converts**
 - Acts 10:47-48: _____

- **Baptism of Lydia**
 - Acts 16:14-15: _____

- **Baptism of _____ jailer**
 - Acts 16:33-34: _____

- **Baptism of Corinthians**
 - Acts 18:8: _____

- **Baptism of _____ Jews**
 - Acts 19:1-6: _____

 - “_____” implies they believed the message of salvation by faith in Christ.

Three Applications

- **The Bible order = first a person _____, then is _____, then is added to the local church.**
 - That’s why we don’t baptize _____.
 - That’s why we require a profession of _____ before a person is baptized or joins the church.
 - That’s why we emphasize the importance of baptism for _____ believer.