

# This Is Real Life: You Were Designed For God's Family!

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### This Is Real Life, Pt.3

**Psalm 139:13**, *For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*

**Psalm 139:23**, *Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

### The Way Everlasting—Salvation

**Acts 8:27**, *So he (Philip) 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." 30 Then 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. 32 This 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. ...34 The 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.*

**Romans 6:23**, *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Romans 5:8**, *But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

**Acts 8:36**, *As 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?"... 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water... the eunuch... went on his way rejoicing.*

### **Several Thoughts On The Way Everlasting—Eternal Life**

-Believing Is A JOURNEY TO FAITH

-Baptism Is The First Step Of OBEDIENCE

-Belonging Is Rejoicing In God's Family Of Faith—THE CHURCH

**Acts 2:41**, *Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

### **Next Steps:**

-Membership Workshop next Sunday, January 28. Sign up at:

[cottonwoodcreek.org/membership](http://cottonwoodcreek.org/membership)

-Cottonwood Creek's Cultural Luncheon after Church Sunday, February 11, 12:15-1:30p in the Courts.