Acts 8:36 What hinders some people from being baptized?

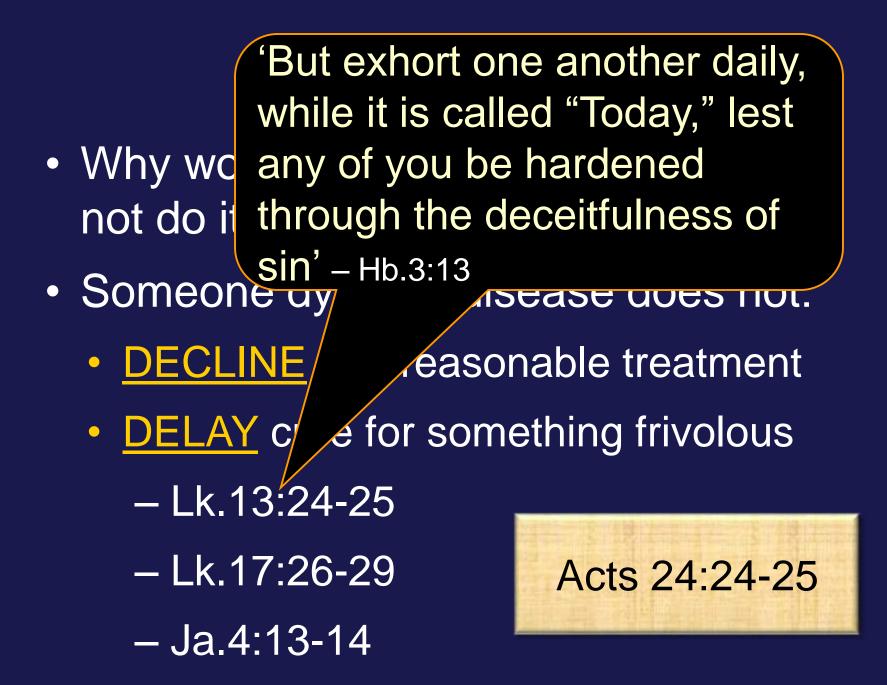


• Mt.10:37

– What could anyone do to deserve more loyalty than Jesus?

- Jn.12:42-43
 - It takes courage to be different

– Jn.9:20-22





- Some do not think their condition is very serious
- "Surely a 'good kid' is not lost!"
 - Ac.8:28...
 - Ac.9
 - Ac.10:2

What is sin?

- Commission: do something wrong
 - Thought. Ga.5:19-21
 - Word. Ep.4:29
 - Deed. 1 Jn.3:4
- Omission: fail to do what is right, Ja.4:17
 - Mt.25:41-46; Lk.16
 - One who does not repent of sins has increased them. 2 Co.12:21
 - Ga.2:21

IV Love Of The World?

- 1 Jn.2:15
 - Some are reluctant to give up things, friends, and activities they enjoy
- Great insult to God to value His creation over His salvation

V <u>Uncertainty About</u> Age of Accountability?

- Issue presents a double danger
 - Danger of over-encouraging
 - The choice must be *theirs*, not ours
 - Danger of discouraging

Many false views

- 1. There is no age of accountability; babies are sinners from birth [Ezk.18:20]
- 2. Age 20 (based on Nu.13-14)
- 3. Age 12 (based on Lk.2)
- 4. Age 30 (based on Lk.3:23)

- A child should live the life before baptism to show he can do it
 - Live life before being born or taught?
 - 6. A child has to know everything in NT on the subject
 - Some adults grow in knowledge, compare it with little knowledge they had when baptized demand re-baptism.
 Hb.5:12. [Eunuch] [Gentiles, 1 Co.6:11]
 Some baptized too young to understand

There is an age of accountability

- Not decided chronologically, but individually
- Children mature at different rates
- Some are <u>taught</u> Scripture all their life (2 Tim.3:15); others are not

'to revive, regain strength and vigor: Ro.7:9; sin is alive, indeed, and vigorous among men ever since the fall of Adam; yet it is destitute of power...in innocent children ignorant of the law; but when they come to a knowledge of the law, **sin recovers its power in them also**' – Th.

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- Ro.7:
sin 'revived'

Ro.14:12, Saul lived long enough to become accountable.

Principles

- 1. Child old enough to understand plan of salvation puts soul in jeopardy by waiting
 - Ac.8:39
- 2. Two questions:
 - Do you feel the weight of sin on your conscience?
 - If so, what hinders you?