

NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM

“The Examples of Baptism: A Eunuch & A Zealot”

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Introduction: We have spent a considerable amount of time looking into method, views, types, and purpose of baptism. Now we are looking at the book of Acts to see examples of baptism. There is much to learn from these stories. We must let the Word of God speak! Let's study together. . . .

Discussion:

I. The Consistency of the Conversions

A. The Stops Along The Way

- L.A. (Los Angeles, CA) to L.A. (Lower Alabama) = 1st stop in Phoenix, Arizona
- L.A. (Los Angeles, CA) to L.A. (Lower Alabama) = 2nd stop in Omaha, Nebraska
- L.A. (Los Angeles, CA) to L.A. (Lower Alabama) = 3rd stop in St. Louis, Missouri
- L.A. (Los Angeles, CA) to L.A. (Lower Alabama) = 4th stop in Huntsville, Alabama
- L.A. (Los Angeles, CA) to L.A. (Lower Alabama) = 5th stop in Lower Alabama

B. The Steps Along The Way

Romans 10:17 = HEARING, **Hebrews 11:6** = BELIEVING, **Luke 13:3** = REPENTING,
Matthew 10:32 = CONFESSING, **I Peter 3:20-21** = BAPTIZING, **I John 1:7** = WALKING IN LIGHT

II. The Conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch

- A. The Call of Phillip (**Acts 8:26-27, 29**)
- B. The Treasurer of the Queen (**Acts 8:27-28**)
- C. The Bible Study (**Acts 8:30-35**)
- D. The Baptism of the Eunuch (**Acts 8:36-40**)
- E. The Application

WHAT DOES IT SAY THAT HE DID TO BE SAVED?

- He heard the teaching of Philip and believed in Jesus (v.37).
- He confessed the name of Jesus (v.37).
- He sought guidance, wisdom, and it changed him (vs.34-36).
- He was baptized by Philip (v.38).
- He went on his way rejoicing (v.39)

III. The Conversion of Saul of Tarsus

- A. The Background of Saul's Conversion (**Acts 9:1-2**)
- B. Harmonizing the Story of Saul's Conversion (**Acts 9, 22, 26**)
- C. From Saul to Paul (**Acts 9, 22, 26**)
- D. The Salvation of Saul (He did nine things, but which step saved him?)
- E. The Application

WHAT DOES IT SAY HE DID TO BE SAVED?

- He heard Jesus and heeded the teaching of Ananias and believed (vs.5,8,18).
- He called on the name of Jesus (9:5, 20, 22:16).
- He fasted and prayed (vs.9,11).
- He was baptized by Ananias (v.9:18, 22:16).
- He became a follower of the Way (vs.19-20)

Conclusion: These two stories show the consistency of Scripture. God has offered salvation to the Jews, to the half-Jews, and now to a proselyte from Africa and an over-zealous Pharisee, but He isn't done yet! The gospel is going to the Gentiles! What will God require of them? Have you been baptized? Are you seeking salvation?

WORD OF THE DAY = “Baptism”