

NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM

“The Examples of Baptism: The Philippians”

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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 the many 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 Complications Facing the Early Church

A. The Plan of Salvation

B. The Opposition to the Gentiles (Acts 11-14)

C. The Unity Meeting (Acts 15)

D. The Unity/Apology Tour (Acts 16)

III. The Conversion of Lydia

A. Lydia's Prayer Group (Acts 16:13, 16)

B. Lydia's Conversion Experience (Acts 16:14-15)

C. The Application = WHAT DOES IT SAY SHE DID TO BE SAVED?

She heard the message and called herself a believer (16:14-15).

She declared the name of the Lord (16:15).

She wanted justification as a changed believer (16:15, 40).

She was baptized along with her household (16:15).

She began to influence others to follow Christ (16:40).

IV. The Conversion of the Philippian Jailer

A. The Teaching of the Missionaries (Acts 16:16)

B. The Conflict in Philippi (Acts 16:17-18)

C. The Miracle & The Results (Acts 16:18-22)

D. The Jailer's Conversion Experience (Acts 16:23-34)

E. The Missionaries Are Released (Acts 16:35-39)

F. The Application = WHAT DOES IT SAY HE DID TO BE SAVED?

He heard the words of Paul and Silas (16:32).

He believed in name of the Lord (16:31, 34).

He washed their wounds (16:33).

He was baptized along with his household (16:33).

He was saved and full of joy (16:31, 34).

Conclusion: God has offered salvation to the Jews, to the half-Jews, to the proselytes, to the Gentiles, and now to the rest of the world! He also offers salvation to you. Have you been baptized? Are you seeking salvation?

WORD OF THE DAY = “Baptism”