

# NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM

*“The Examples of Baptism: Jewish Converts”*

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Introduction: We have spent a considerable amount of time looking into method, views, types, and purpose of baptism. In this lesson we will take a closer look at the book of Acts and consider the great conversion stories of the Bible. We need to keep in mind that the Bible says *“The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous ordinances endures forever”* (**Psalm 119:160**) and that we are to *“rightly divide the word of truth”* (**II Timothy 2:15**). We need to let the Word of God speak. Let’s study together. . . .

Discussion:

## *I. The Stops Along The Way*

- L.A. (Los Angeles, CA) to L.A. (Lower Alabama) = 1<sup>st</sup> stop in Phoenix, Arizona - Are we home yet?
- L.A. (Los Angeles, CA) to L.A. (Lower Alabama) = 2<sup>nd</sup> stop in Omaha, Nebraska - Are we home yet?
- L.A. (Los Angeles, CA) to L.A. (Lower Alabama) = 3<sup>rd</sup> stop in St. Louis, Missouri - Are we home yet?
- L.A. (Los Angeles, CA) to L.A. (Lower Alabama) = 4<sup>th</sup> stop in Huntsville, Alabama - Are we home yet?
- L.A. (Los Angeles, CA) to L.A. (Lower Alabama) = 5<sup>th</sup> stop in L.A. - Are we home yet?

## *II. 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 THE LIGHT

## *III. The 3,000 Jewish Converts on Pentecost*

- A. The Background of the Conversion Story (**Acts 2:1-14**)
- B. The Sermon (**Acts 2:15-36**)
- C. The Response (**Acts 2:37-47**)
- D. The Application  
*WHAT DOES IT SAY THEY DID TO BE SAVED?*

## *IV. The 2,000 Jewish Converts at Solomon’s Porch*

- A. The Background of the Conversion Story (**Acts 3:1-11**)
- B. The Sermon (**Acts 3:12-26**)
- C. The Response (**Acts 4:1-4**)
- D. The Application  
*WHAT DOES IT SAY THEY DID TO BE SAVED?*

Conclusion: We need to see the consistency through the book of Acts. We have to let the New Testament be our guide in order to know how to be converted and how to be saved. There should be no doubt as to God’s plan after reading the book of Acts. There are several more conversion stories that we need to consider to get a clearer picture of salvation. Have you been baptized? Are you seeking salvation today?

**WORD OF THE DAY = “Baptism”**