

"New Converts"

Sunday Evening Message by Ray Reynolds (February 9, 2014)

Introduction: The church started growing very quickly. It is clear that God had big plans for His kingdom. After the establishment of the church people began doing great miracles, speaking in tongues, and taking the gospel anywhere they could travel. Notice a few of the highlights given to us by Dr. Luke (**Acts 2:41, Acts 2:47, Acts 4:4, Acts 4:4, Acts 5:14, Acts 9:31, Acts 13:49, Acts 16:5, Acts 19:20**). Isn't that awesome! These are stories that help to reveal **The Story** of God working in the lives of many different people from all walks of life. Let's study these stories together...

Discussion:

- I. The 3,000 Jewish Converts on Pentecost (Acts 2:1-47)***
- II. The 2,000 Jewish Converts at Solomon's Porch (Acts 3:1-26, 4:1-4)***
- III. The Conversion of Simon the Sorcerer (Acts 8:5-24)***
- IV. The Conversion of the Samaritans (John 4:34-42, Acts 8:5-26)***
- V. The Conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-40)***
- VI. The Conversion of Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9, 22, 26)***
- VII. The Conversion of Cornelius & His Household (Acts 10:1-48, 11:1-18)***
- VIII. The Conversion of Lydia (Acts 16:13-16, 40)***
- IX. The Conversion of the Philippian Jailer (Acts 16:16-39)***
- X. The Conversion of the Corinthians (Acts 18:1-11)***
- XI. The Conversion of the Ephesians (Acts 18:14-28, 19:1-7)***

Conclusion: We cannot study these stories in Acts without seeing a consistent pattern that appears elsewhere in Scripture. These steps include hearing the gospel = **Romans 10:17**, faith (belief) in Jesus = **Hebrews 11:6**, repentance of sins = **Luke 13:3**, confession of Jesus' name = **Matthew 10:32**, baptism (immersion) in water for the remission of sins = **I Peter 3:20-21**, and then walking in the light = **I John 1:7**. Have you taken all of these steps? Are you walking with Jesus daily? Are you telling people your story? These stories are just as significant as your story. Get comfortable sharing God's story!