

# NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM

*“The Examples of Baptism: The Corinthians  
& The Ephesians”*

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Introduction: In this lesson we will conclude a survey of the many examples of baptism in the book of Acts. 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 (From L.A. to L.A.)

Phoenix, Arizona - Omaha, Nebraska - St. Louis, Missouri - Huntsville, Alabama - 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 Rising Conflicts With The Jews*

### A. The Conflicts in Thessalonica (**Acts 17:1-9**)

### B. The Conflicts in Berea (**Acts 17:10-15**)

### C. The Conflicts in Athens (**Acts 17:16-34**)

## *III. The Sermon on Mars Hill*

### A. A New Idea (**Acts 17:19-21**)

### B. An Old Alter (**Acts 17:22-26**)

### C. An Accepted Belief (**Acts 17:27-29**)

### D. A New Conclusion (**Acts 17:30-32**)

### E. A Strange Outcome (**Acts 17:32-34**)

## *IV. The Conversion of the Corinthians*

### A. Paul Makes New Friends (**Acts 18:1-4**)

### B. The Trouble With The Jews (**Acts 18:5-7**)

### C. The Success With Crispus & Others (**Acts 18:8-11**)

### D. The Application

WHAT DOES IT SAY HE DID TO BE SAVED?

They heard the words of Paul (18:8). They believed in name of the Lord (18:8). They changed their behaviour (18:6, 8).

They were baptized (18:8). They were given approval by God (18:9-11).

## *V. The Conversion of the Ephesians*

### A. Problems in Corinth (**Acts 18:14-17**)

### B. Returning to Antioch (**Acts 18:18-23**)

### C. The Mission in Ephesus (**Acts 18:24-28**)

### D. The Success in Ephesus (**Acts 19:1-4**)

### E. The New Converts (**Acts 19:6-7**)

### F. The Application

WHAT DOES IT SAY HE DID TO BE SAVED?

They heard the words of Paul (19:2-4). They believed the message of Paul (19:2, 5). They made a decision to be re-

baptized (19:5). They were baptized in the name of Jesus (19:5). They began serving God in ministry (19:6).

Conclusion: These amazing stories show the consistency of Scripture. They give us insight to the fulfilment of the Great Commission (**Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16**). God has offered salvation to all nations. What do you lack for complete obedience? Have you been baptized? Are you seeking salvation today?

**WORD OF THE DAY = “Baptism”**