

NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM

“The Examples of Baptism: The Gentile Converts”

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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 Ministry of Peter

- A. Peter Begins His Visitation Ministry (**Acts 9:32-35**)
- B. Peter Begins His Healing Ministry (**Acts 9:36-42**)
- C. Peter Receives His Calling (**Acts 10:9-23**)
- D. Peter Takes The Gospel to the Gentiles (**Acts 10:24**)

III. The Conversion of Cornelius & His Household

- A. Cornelius Receives His Calling (**Acts 10:1-8**)
- B. Cornelius Receives Peter Into His Home (**Acts 10:24-33**)
- C. Cornelius Receives Peter's Teaching (**Acts 10:34-43**)
- D. Cornelius Receives The Holy Spirit (**Acts 10:44-46**)
- E. Cornelius Receives Salvation (**Acts 10:47-48**)
- F. The Application

WHAT DOES IT SAY HE DID TO BE SAVED?

- He heard the message and was told to believe (10:43).
- He was to submit to the name of Jesus (10:43, 48).
- He turned to Lord (11:18).
- He was baptized in the name of Jesus (10:48).
- He was on the road to forgiveness, eternal life (10:43, 11:18)

IV. A Defence for the Gentile Converts

- A. Peter Returns to Jerusalem (**Acts 11:1-2**)
- B. Peter is Rebuked for Teaching the Gentiles (**Acts 11:3**)
- C. Peter Recalls the Conversion of the Gentiles (**Acts 11:4-17**)
- D. The Jewish Christians Receive the Gentile Christians (**Acts 11:18-30**)

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

WORD OF THE DAY = “Baptism”