

NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM

“The Examples of Baptism: Samaritan 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 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 Conversion of Simon the Sorcerer

- A. The Ministry of Phillip (**Acts 8:5-12**)
- B. The Curiosity of Simon (**Acts 8:13**)
- C. The Mistake of Simon (**Acts 8:14-23**)
- D. The Sincerity of Simon (**Acts 8:24**)
- E. The Application

WHAT DOES IT SAY THAT HE DID TO BE SAVED?

- He heard the teaching of Philip and believed (v.12).
- He did these things in the name of Jesus (v.16).
- He repented of his sins (vs.12, 24).
- He was baptized by Philip (vs.12, 16).
- He had great joy and wanted to stay in the light (vs.8, 24)

III. The Conversion of the Samaritans

- A. The Harvest Is Ready (**John 4:34-42**)
- B. The People Are Receptive (**Acts 8:5-8**)
- C. The Apostles Are Perplexed (**Acts 8:15-16**)
- D. The Apostles Impart Spiritual Gifts (**Acts 8:17-26**)
- E. The Application

WHAT DOES IT SAY THEY DID TO BE SAVED?

- They heard the teaching of Philip and believed (v.12).
- They did these things in the name of Jesus (v.16).
- It is implied that they were taught about repentance (vs.12, 24).
- They were baptized by Philip (vs.12, 16).
- They had great joy after heeding his words (v.8)

Conclusion: These two stories show the consistency of Scripture. God has offered salvation to the Jews and now to the half-Jews, but He isn't done yet! The gospel is going to go out to the Gentiles! What will God require of them? Have you been baptized? Are you seeking salvation today?

WORD OF THE DAY = “Baptism”