



**Conversions in
the Book of Acts**

A CLOSER EXAMINATION

OF CONVERSIONS

IN THE BOOK OF ACTS.

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

The purpose of this lesson is to help us understand further the message of God's grace and how the early Christians responded to the message of His love.

This ought to help us to respond in the same way as the first century Christians.

If you plant an acorn seed an oak should grow.

If we understand the same gospel as proclaimed by the apostles and respond in the same way, we ought to become simply Christians as a result

THE WAY OF SALVATION.



The Need for the Death of Jesus / Why Jesus Came?

From the announcement of His conception, the mission of Jesus was **linked** to **our spiritual recovery.**

The angel told Joseph that the child Mary was carrying was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

The child was to be named Jesus

“because He will save His people from their sins.”

(Matthew 1:21;)

This **redemptive theme** was echoed throughout the ministry of the Lord Jesus, The Christ.

He said that He had come:-
"to seek and to save what was lost" and
"to give His life as a ransom for many."
(Luke 19:10; Matthew 20:28;)

23. "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24. being **justified** as a gift **by His grace** through **the redemption** which is **in Christ Jesus;**"

ROMANS 5:6-8;

“While we were still **WEAK**, at the right time Christ died for the **UNGODLY.**”

“Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man - though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die.”

“But God shows **HIS LOVE** for **US** in that **while we were** yet **SINNERS** Christ died for us.”

EPHESIANS 2:4-7;

“4. But God, who is **rich in mercy**, out of the **GREAT LOVE** with which **He loved us**,
5. even when we were **DEAD** through our trespasses, **made us alive** together with Christ (by grace you have been saved,)”

6. “and **raised us up with Him**, and **made us sit with Him** in the heavenly places **in Christ Jesus**,

7. that in the coming ages He might **show** the immeasurable riches of **His grace** **in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**”

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

The book of Acts continues on from where the gospel of Luke ends.

After Jesus had been crucified and resurrected by the power of God, He appeared to His disciples for the next forty days, teaching them about the kingdom of God.

“After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.” Acts 1:3;

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

It was during the days between His resurrection and ascension that He also proclaimed His new message of the new covenant relationship.

The Great Commission. Matt 28:19-20;
“go and make disciples of all the nations, immersing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.”

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

The Great Commission. Luke 24:47-48;

“With my authority, take this message of repentance to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who turn to me.'

You are witnesses of all these things.”

The Great Commission. Mark 16:15-16;

“Then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere. Anyone who believes and is Immersed will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.”

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Jesus Then Ascended Into Heaven. Acts 1:9;

**“He was taken up before their very eyes,
and a cloud hid him from their sight.”**

**After Jesus ascended we read in Acts 2
of how the Holy Spirit came into the world
to convict the world of sin and to empower,
Inspire and guide the Apostles into all truth.**



THE WAY OF SALVATION.

The writer of Acts and Luke,
records the spread of the gospel
from Jerusalem to Rome in one generation.

The message is proclaimed that Jesus
in His death burial and resurrection
has conquered death and
is reigning today over His kingdom.

Through the sacrifice of His blood
He has brought the offer of salvation from sin
to everyone who is willing to respond
in faithful obedience to the grace of God
revealed through this gospel message.

THE WAY OF SALVATION:- Grace & Faith!

In order to receive salvation, we must meet God's requirements!



We must believe and know that God exists.

“But without faith is it impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6;

We must also believe that Jesus is His Son, whom He sent to save us from our sins.

"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." (John 8:24;).

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

How did the Jews on the day of Pentecost respond when they heard the gospel?

Acts 2:22-47; Remember how

Peter boldly proclaimed Jesus to thousands in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost?

Everyone who heard about Jesus had to decide whether they believed the message or not.

Some responded and asked what they should do? (Acts 2:37;)

Peter Told them to “repent and be immersed so their sins would be forgiven.”

Three thousand were baptized into Christ that very day. (Acts 2:41;)

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Acts 2:37; “When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

They heard the gospel message about God’s grace revealed through Jesus sacrifice and resurrection and responded.

The text does not say that they believed but they must have because they acted upon the message they had heard.

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Peter Told them to “repent and be immersed so their sins would be forgiven.”

We need to REPENT:- Sin is deadly to the soul its wages are death. (Rom 6:23;)

“Unless you **repent**, you will Also perish.” (Luke 13:3;)

“**you turned to God** from idols To serve a living and true God.”
(1 Thessalonians 1:9;)

REPENT.

**When you repent,
you change the direction
you are going in
and go the opposite way.**

**When you repent,
you stop sinning as a way of life
and start doing what is right.**

Ephesians 4:25;

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Peter Told them to “repent and be immersed so their sins would be forgiven.”

We need to be **IMMERSED**:- (John 3:5;)

“Unless one is born of the water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”

Remember what Jesus Said?

“**Baptizing** them in the Name of The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.”
(Mathew 28:19;)

“He who **believes and is baptized** shall be **saved.**” (Mark 16:16;)

BE IMMERSED 1500 Year Old Baptistery.



Born of WATER and THE SPIRIT.

Baptidzo

= to dip,

plunge, immerse
in Water.

A person who
believes in Jesus
then
repents of sin
and confesses
is baptized.



Born of WATER and THE SPIRIT.

Born Again!

Born from Above!

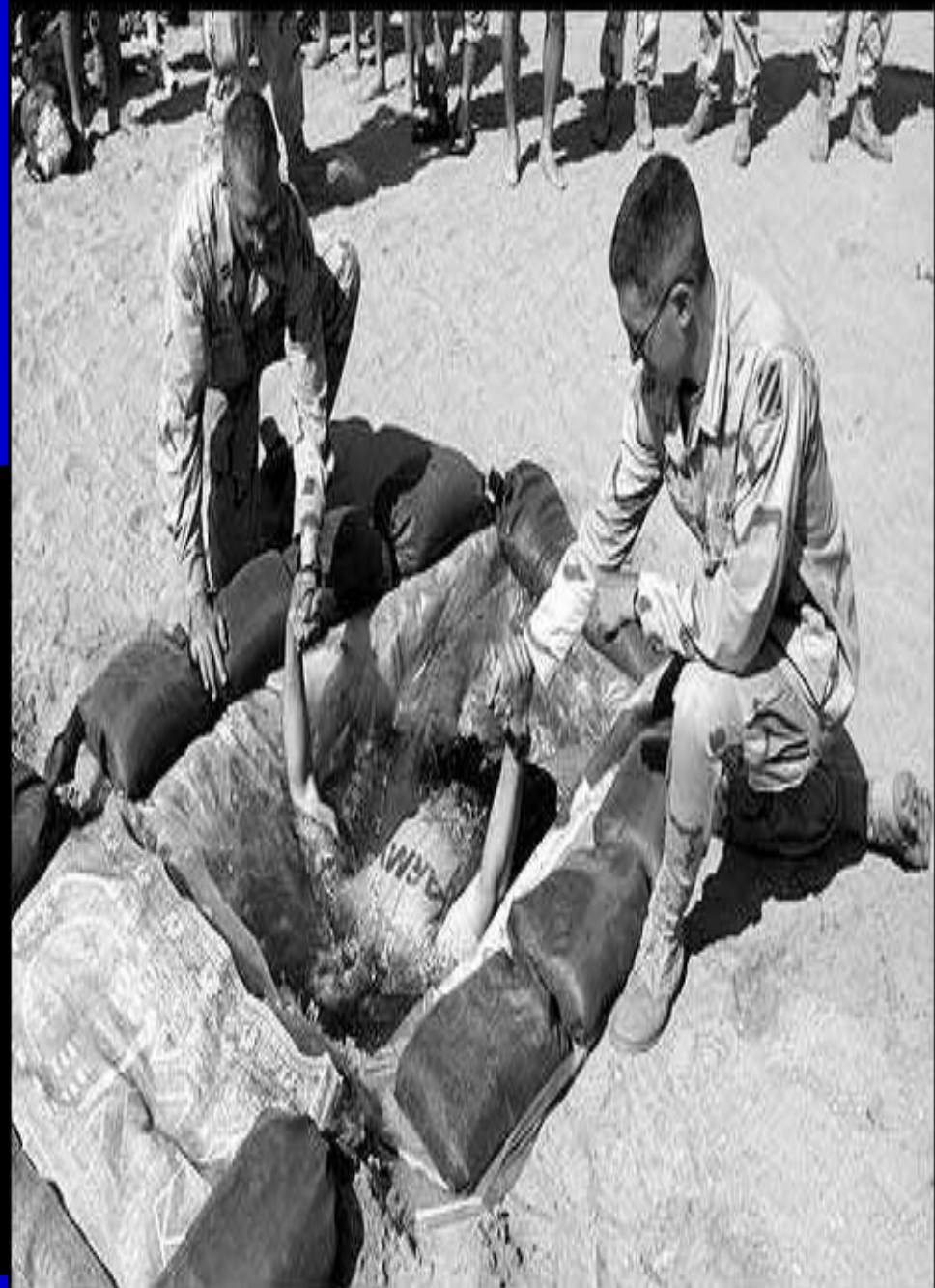
Regeneration!

New Life!

**This occurs
at baptism
when**

Faith accepts

**The promise of God
baptism accesses
the Blood of Christ .**



Born of WATER and THE SPIRIT.

BAPTISM.

Can be compared
to a **birth.**

(John 3:5;)

Can be compared
to a **bath.**

(Acts 22:16;)

Can be compared
to a **burial.**

(Romans 6:4;)



THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Acts 8:1-8; Later A situation arose in which **persecution** had come upon **the Christians** by the Jews. Many of them had to leave Jerusalem while the apostles stayed there.

As they were scattered, they went everywhere **preaching the gospel the good news of Jesus.**

Phillip went down to a city in Samaria and told them about Jesus. The miracles he worked **confirmed that the message he spoke was from God.** (Mark 16:20;).

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

“When they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.”



THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Acts 8:26-39; Phillip was sent by an Angel of God to meet a man from Ethiopia.

The man was riding in a chariot
And reading from the prophet Isaiah.



THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Acts 8:35-39; “Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?”

Phillip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” The official answered, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” And he gave orders to stop the chariot.

“Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.”

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Acts 9:1-16; Tells The Story Of Saul,
A Persecutor Of The Church.

Chapter 9 tells how Paul heard the message of the gospel and how he responded to it. He was struck down and blinded by a bright light and Jesus spoke to him.



THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Saul was told to go to the city of Damascus and meet a man named Ananias who would tell him what to do.

Acts 9:17-19; “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here, has sent me so **that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.**”

“Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and **he could see again.** He got up **and was baptized,** and after taking some food, he regained his strength.”

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Once Saul knew the truth about Jesus and God's plan for his life he responded immediately.

Later on in **Saul's** life, his name was changed to **Paul, the apostle**. Paul became a dynamic force for the **spread of the gospel** across the Roman empire.

Paul changed from being a persecutor to a bold speaker of the truth.

At one point when he was on trial, instead of defending himself he told his conversion story.

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Paul Tells more of what Ananias said to him that led to his conversion. Acts 22:1-16;

14 "Then he said: 'The God of our fathers has chosen you to know His will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from His mouth.'"

15 "You will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.

16 And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on His name.'"

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Paul understood that baptism was for the washing away of sin.

It is **not the water** that washes away sin, but **The Blood Of Jesus** When we are baptized into His death.



Jesus suffered and died for us!

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Gospel To The Gentiles!

Up until this point, it was mostly Jews who had become disciples of Jesus.

The Apostles who stayed in Jerusalem had only been baptizing Jews.

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Peter's VISION from God. Acts 10:1-48;



Peter needed to be convinced through a miraculous vision that God wanted him to go and tell the gospel to a Gentile named Cornelius.

Peter and Cornelius.

Acts 10:42-48; “He (Jesus) commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”

“While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles.”

“For they heard them speaking in a foreign language and praising God. **Then Peter said, "Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water?"**”

“They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” So he ordered that **they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.** Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.”

“When Peter saw that **a gift of languages had been given directly to the Gentiles by the Holy Spirit,** Paul and the Jewish Christians with him were convinced that Gentiles could become disciples without circumcision.”

Peter and Cornelius.

However, it was still necessary for them to be baptized so that their sins would be forgiven.

Peter commanded them to be **baptized** to **receive forgiveness of their sins** and the **gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit** like every other Christian.

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Philippian Jailer. A Philippi Prison.

**Another
Conversion Story,
is found
In Acts 16
Where in the
City of Philippi,
Paul and Silas
were beaten
and thrown
into prison.**



Paul And Silas In Prison. Acts 16:25-33;

“About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose.”

“The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped.”



Paul And Silas In Prison. Acts 16:25-33;

“But Paul shouted, “Don't harm yourself! We are all here!” The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas.”

“He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

“Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized.”

Paul and Silas were Different!

The other prisoners noticed that Paul and Silas were not like most people. Instead of crying and complaining, they were singing and praying.

They could have left when the prison doors were opened, but they stayed behind using the opportunity to witness to the guard.

They knew the Roman law that if a prisoner escaped, the guard would be killed.

The guard wanted to know what he must do to have the joy and confidence they had. After going to the guard's home, Paul and Silas told them about Jesus.

In the middle of the night the guard and others in his family who believed were baptized, a difficult task due to the late hour and the earthquake.

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Another conversion story in acts tells about Crispus and other Corinthians. Acts 18:8;

“**Crispus**, the synagogue ruler, and his entire household **believed in the Lord**; and many of **the Corinthians** who **heard** him **believed and were baptized.**”

In each of the cases that we have looked at, people first had to decide **whether or not to accept the message** they heard.

In each of the cases we have looked at, when they **heard** the message, they **believed and were baptized.**

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

In Acts 19:1-5; We find Paul at the city of Ephesus where we learn more information about the way of salvation.

“While **Apollos was at Corinth, **Paul** took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, “**did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?**”**

“They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?**”**
“John's baptism,” they replied.”

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

“Paul said, “John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.”

On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus”.

Here is a situation in which some were baptized for repentance in John the baptist's baptism. The problem was that they didn't know about Jesus' baptism or the Holy Spirit.

Once they were taught more fully, they were baptized again, but this time into the name of Jesus.

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

Gospel En

Corinthians 15:3-4

Jesus the Christ
death, Burial and Resurrection
For the Sins of Man

That He rose again the third day according to the scriptures:



Death



Resurrection



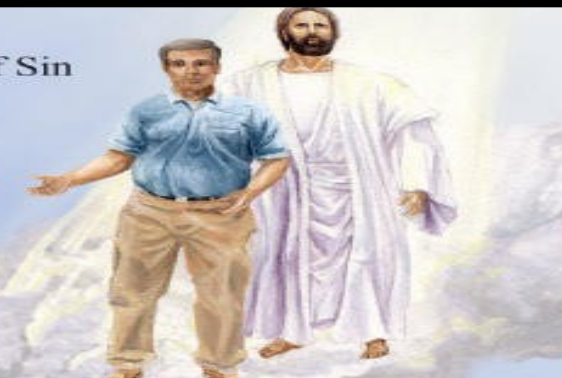
That He was buried.

**Do you not Know,
that so many of us as
were baptized into
Jesus Christ were
baptized into His
death?**

ospel Re
in Baptism
aying The Gos
Romans 6:3-4

In Baptism
epent of Sin and Die to Sin
l in Water for the Remissions of Sin
Raised to Walk in a New Life

**That like as Christ
was raised up from
the dead by the glory
of the Father;**



**So we also
should walk
in newness of life.**

Resurrected
to a New Life



Dead to Sin

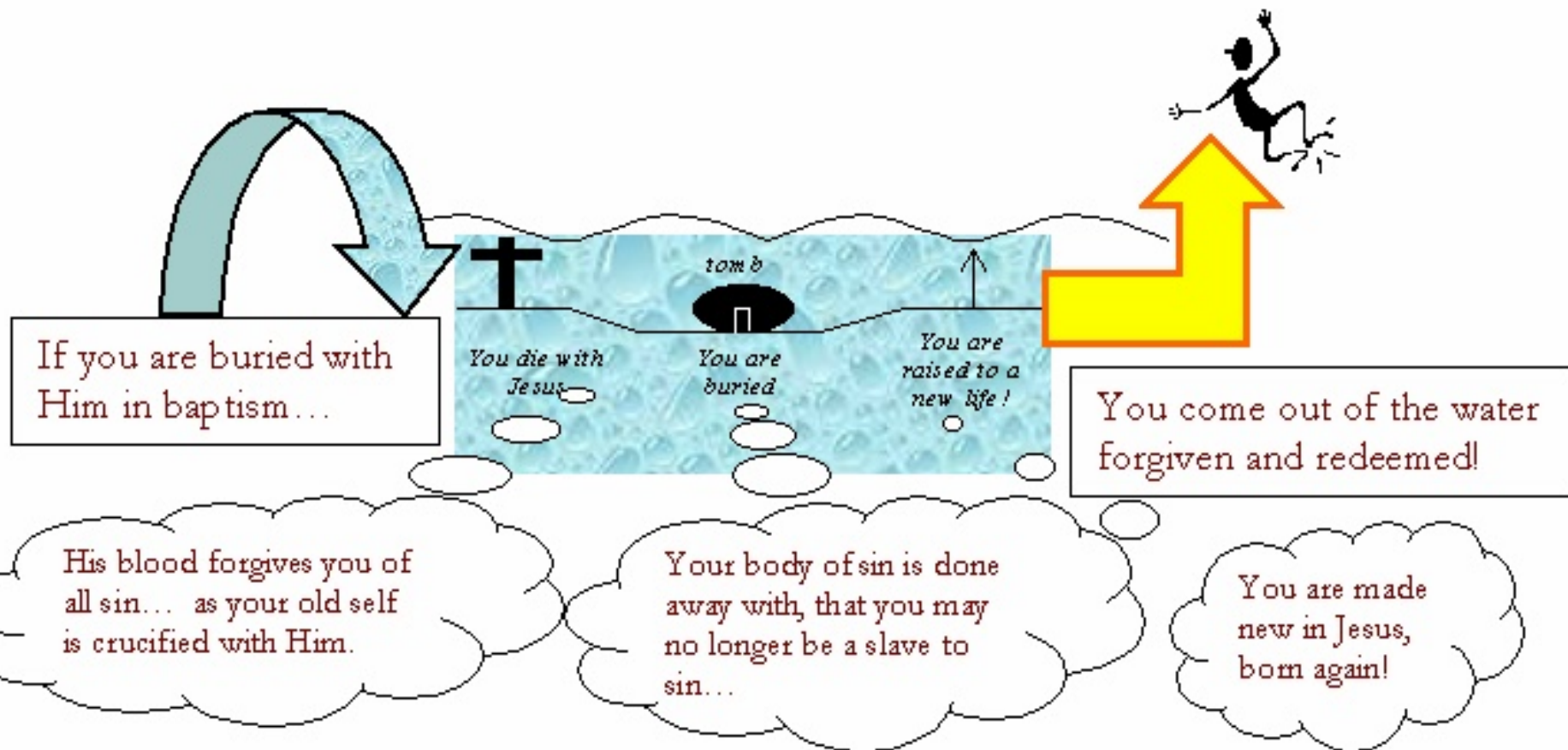


**Therefore we are
buried with Him by
baptism into death:**



The Gospel re-enacted. Through the blood of Christ our baptism brings us into a relationship with Christ.

You see all three elements of the Gospel are represented in baptism: **Jesus' death vs our death** to self, **Jesus' burial vs our burial** in the watery grave of baptism, **Jesus' resurrection vs our being raised up** to live a new life.



IMPORTANT QUESTION

AT WHAT POINT ARE SINS FORGIVEN?

Washed in the BLOOD

SINS FORGIVEN
RECEIVE
INDWELLING
HOLY SPIRIT

SAVED

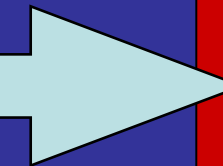
NEW MAN
(REBORN IN
CHRIST)

be baptized
confess
repent

believe

hear

TIME LINE



OLD MAN
(LOST IN SIN)

Saved by God's Grace
Through the Blood of Jesus

<u>Conversions in Acts.</u>	Heard	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Baptised
Acts 2:36-41; Pentecost.	Yes		Yes		Yes
Acts 4:4; Five thousand.	Yes	Yes			
Acts 8:5-13 Philip in Samaria	Yes	Yes			Yes
Acts 8:26-40; The Eunuch.	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Acts 9:1-19; Saul to Paul	Yes				Yes
Acts 10:1-48; 1st Gentiles.	Yes	Yes			Yes
Acts 11:19-21; Greeks.		Yes	Yes		
Acts 13:6-12; Proconsul.	Yes	Yes			
Acts 14:1; Jews/Greeks.	Yes	Yes			
Acts 16:12-16; Lydia.	Yes				Yes
Acts 16:16-33; Jailer.	Yes	Yes			Yes
Acts 18:8; Crispus & others.	Yes	Yes			Yes
Acts 19:1-7; Other People.	Yes	Yes			Yes
Acts 22:1-16; Paul's story.	Yes	Yes			Yes

	Prayer + Ask	Heard	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Baptised
Pentecost		Yes		Yes		Yes
Five thousand		Yes	Yes			
Philip		Yes	Yes			Yes
The Eunuch		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Saul to Paul		Yes				Yes
1 st Gentiles		Yes	Yes			Yes
Greeks			Yes	Yes		
Proconsul		Yes	Yes			
Jews/Greeks		Yes	Yes			
Lydia		Yes				Yes
Jailer		Yes	Yes			Yes
Crispus		Yes	Yes			Yes
Other People		Yes	Yes			Yes
Paul's story		Yes	Yes			Yes



Biblical Examples of Conversions

		HEAR THE GOSPEL	BELIEVE FAITH	REPENT OF SINS	CONFESS CHRIST	BAPTISM
1	DAY OF PENTECOST ACTS 2:36-42	HEARD 2:37		REPENT 2:37-38		BAPTIZED 2:38-41
2	SAMARITANS ACTS 8:5-13	HEARD 8:6	BELIEVED 8:12			BAPTIZED 8:12
3	SIMON ACTS 8:13	HEARD 8:6	BELIEVED 8:13			BAPTIZED 8:13
4	ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH ACTS 8:36-41	HEARD 8:35			CONFESSED 8:37	BAPTIZED 8:38
5	SAUL - (PAUL) ACTS 9:1-9; 22:6-16; 26:12-19	HEARD 22:16				BAPTIZED 9:18
6	CORNELIUS ACTS 10:25-48	HEARD 10:33	BELIEVED 10:43			BAPTIZED 10:48
7	LYDIA ACTS 16:13-15	HEARD 16:13-14	BELIEVED 16:14			BAPTIZED 16:15
8	PHILIPPIAN JAILOR ACTS 16:34	HEARD 16:32	BELIEVED 16:31			BAPTIZED 16:33
9	THE CORINTHIANS ACTS 18:8	HEARD 18:8	BELIEVED 18:8			BAPTIZED 18:8
10	12 MEN AT EPHESUS ACTS 19:1-7	HEARD 19:5				BAPTIZED 19:5

PREACHING

Romans 10:14
Galatians 1:6-9

HEAR

Mark 4:23
Acts 10:22

FAITH

Hebrews 11:6
Hebrews 5:8-9

REPENTANCE

Luke 13:3, 5
Acts 2:8

CONFESSION

Romans 10:10
Matthew 10:32-33

BAPTISM

1 Peter 3:21

Into -Eis -Baptism and the blood of Jesus changes our state or position from whatever it was before.

It transfers us out of sin and into salvation.

Where is salvation? In Christ.

How do we get into Christ? Through His Blood, through Baptism. Nothing could be plainer.

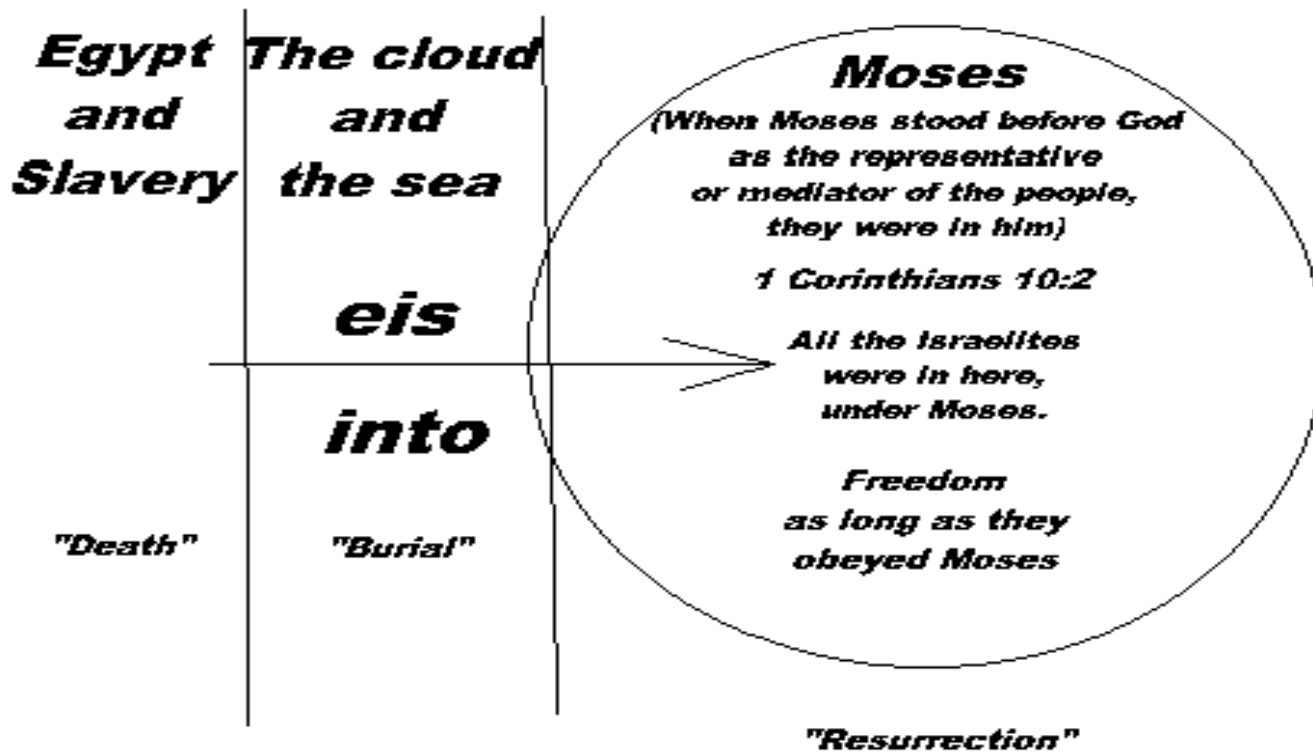
Gal 3:26-27;



Into -Eis always meant “in a direction toward and right on into the object for which it was headed.”

It invariably had that same meaning in every instance. **1 Cor 10:2;**

Baptized (submerged)



I could make a chart like this for every instance of the word "eis" and it would make sense as "into."

When was the apostle Paul saved / forgiven / received the indwelling Spirit?

Chapter 9

³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

AC 9:5 "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

AC 9:7 The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

AC 9:10 In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.

AC 9:11 The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

AC 9:13 "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

AC 9:15 But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

AC 9:17 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord--Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here--has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. ²¹

Was Paul saved on the Damascus road?

FOR
THREE DAYS
Paul was:-
BLIND!
DID NOT EAT!
DID NOT DRINK!
WAS PRAYING!

When was the apostle Paul saved / forgiven / received the indwelling Spirit?

Chapter 22

AC 22:6 "About noon as I came near Damascus, suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me. ⁷ I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me, 'Saul! Saul! Why do you persecute me?'

AC 22:8 " 'Who are you, Lord?' I asked.

" 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. ⁹ My companions saw the light, but they did not understand the voice of him who was speaking to me.

AC 22:10 " 'What shall I do, Lord?' I asked.

" 'Get up,' the Lord said, 'and go into Damascus. There you will be told all that you have been assigned to do.' ¹¹ My companions led me by the hand into Damascus, because the brilliance of the light had blinded me.

AC 22:12 "A man named Ananias came to see me. He was a devout observer of the law and highly respected by all the Jews living there. ¹³ He stood beside me and said, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight!' And at that very moment I was able to see him.

AC 22:14 "Then he said: 'The God of our fathers has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. ¹⁵ You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. ¹⁶ And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.'

FOR THREE DAYS

Paul was:-

BLIND!

DID NOT EAT!

DID NOT DRINK!

WAS PRAYING!

WHAT SINS DID Paul

have to wash away

after three days

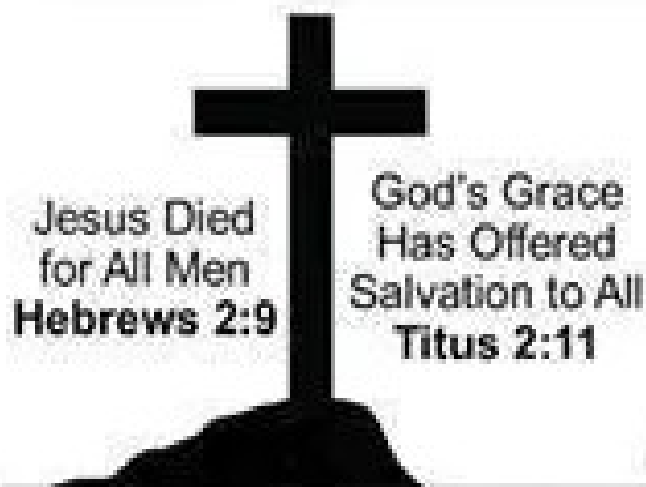
If he had been saved,

forgiven, received

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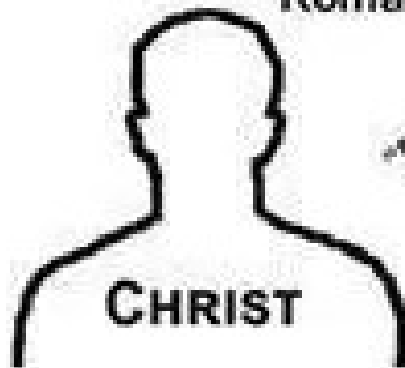
the Damascus road?

Know What You Need To Do



Only Few Will be Saved
Matthew 7:13-14

We Can Only be Saved if
We are "In Christ"
2 Corinthians 5:17
Romans 8:1



Baptized Into
Christ

Salvation is Conditional

FAITH John 3:16	→	Alone is not Enough James 2:14, 19-20, 24
CONFESSION Romans 10:9-10	→	Alone is not Enough Matthew 7:21-23
REPENTANCE Acts 3:19 2 Corinthians 7:9-10	→	Alone is not Enough Acts 19:1-5
BAPTISM Mark 16:15-16	→	Belief + Baptism
Acts 8:35-38	→	Confession + Baptism
Acts 2:38	→	Repentance + Baptism

Clothed with Christ ← Born of Water and The Spirit ← Buried With Christ

Galatians 3:27 John 3:5 Romans 6:3-4

“Baptized Into Jesus Christ”

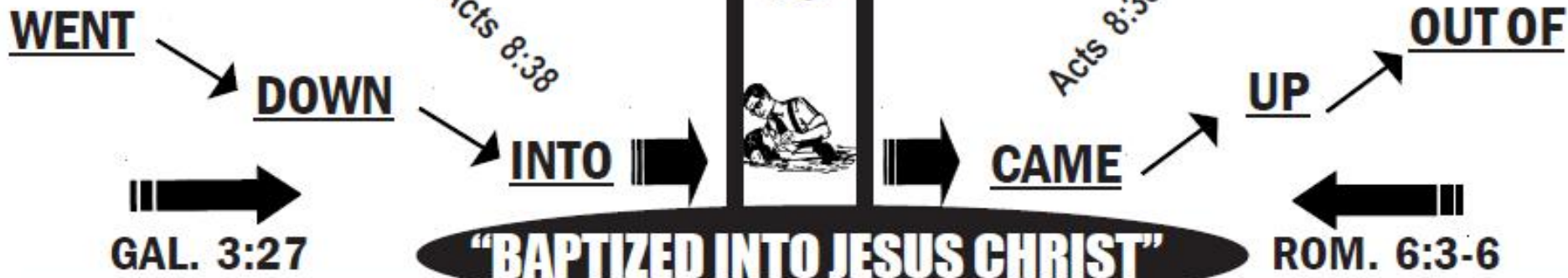
BEFORE BAPTISM

ALIEN SINNERS

WATER

AFTER BAPTISM

CHILDREN OF GOD



— LOST AND UNDONE —

BLOOD

— IN WHOM WE HAVE —

Understanding Darkened. . . . Eph. 4:18
 All Have Sinned Rom. 3:23
 None Righteous Rom. 3:10
 Without God in the World. . . . Eph. 2:12
 Alienated and Enemies Col. 1:21
 Having No Hope Eph. 2:12

Redemption Thru Blood Eph. 1:7
 Forgiveness of Sins Col. 1:14
 Eternal Salvation 2 Tim. 2:10
 Reconciliation in Body Eph. 2:16
 Sealed by Holy Spirit. Eph. 1:13
 All Spiritual Blessings Eph. 1:3

HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST?

Baptism - Before and After

BEFORE

LOST IN SIN

- 1 Peter 3:21
- Romans 6:23

SEPARATED FROM GOD

- Isaiah 59:2
- Ephesians 2:11-12

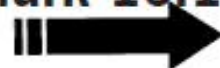
WITHOUT HOPE

- Ephesians 2:12
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13

MUST PREPARE

- Must be Taught - Matthew 28:19
- Must Believe - Mark 16:16
- Must Repent - Acts 2:38
- Must Confess Christ - Acts 8:37

Mark 16:16



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AFTER

SINS WASHED AWAY

- Acts 22:16
- Titus 3:5



IN CHRIST

- Galatians 3:27
- Romans 6:3

IN THE CHURCH

- 1 Corinthians 12:13
- John 3:5
- Colossians 1:13

HOPE OF HEAVEN

- Colossians 1:5
- 1 Corinthians 15:19
- Hebrews 6:19

HAVE YOU BEEN SCRIPTURALLY BAPTIZED?

One Baptism: -

The Bible Teaches One Baptism: Eph 4:4-6;

What do you think?

Were you baptized into Christ? Acts 4:12; Gal 3:27;

Baptized into Christ. Gal 3:27

Salvation is in Christ!

Were you baptized into the death of Christ? John 3:3; Matt 26:28; Rom 6:3-4; John 19:34;

Baptized into his death. Rom 6:3-4;

The new birth and eternal life!

The Religious World Teaches Many Baptisms

- Some baptize to affirm salvation by faith alone.
- Some baptize so that you can join their church.
- Some baptize for original sin in sinless infants.
- Others baptize for dead people.

Were you baptized for the remission of sins? Acts 2:37-38; Acts 22:16;

Baptized for (unto) the remission of sins. Acts 2:37-38;

Our sins are washed away!

Were you baptized into the church? Acts 2:47; Acts 20:28; Eph 5:23; Eph 1:22; 1 Cor 12:13;

Baptized into the church.

1 Cor 12:13;

Salvation is in the church!

Acts 2:47; “The Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”

The Saved Are

In the church!

- God’s Grace leads to:-
- Mk. 16:16: Belief + Baptism.
- Acts 2:38: Repentance + Baptism.
- Acts 8:37: Belief + Baptism.
- Acts 10:48: Hearing + Baptism.
- Acts 22:16: Baptism +
Calling on His Name.

Results.

Saved. ↓
Remission of Sins.
Rejoicing.
Saved.
Wash Away Your Sins.

I Cor.12:13: Baptized into One Body.
Eph. 1:22-23: The Body Is the church.
Acts 20:28: Lord Purchased the church.
Eph. 5:23-26: Christ is Head of church,
the Savior of the Body.
He Sanctified the church.
He Cleansed the church.
He Washed the church with the Water
and the Word.

- HEAR: Mt. 17:5, Rom. 10:17, John. 6:44;
- BELIEVE: Heb. 11:6, John. 3:16, Eph. 1:13;
- REPENT: Acts 2:38, Acts 3:19 &17:30, II Cor. 7:10, II Pet. 3:9;
- CONFESS: Rom. 10:10, I Tim. 6:13-16, John. 12:42;
- BE BAPTIZED: Mk. 16:16, Acts 2:38, Rom. 6:3-6, I Pet. 3:21;
- Saved by the Grace of God through the blood of Christ.

The Family of God.

“The Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved.” Acts 2:47;

I Tim. 3:15;
Eph 2:19-22;

“I am the vine and you are the branches.” Jn. 15:5;

“That they may all be one.” Jno. 17:21;

- The church: Eph.1:22;
 - The body: Eph.4:4;
 - The family: Rom.8:12-17;
 - The kingdom: Col. 2:12;
 - The house: Heb. 3:1-6;
 - The bride: 2 Cor. 11:2;
- Rev. 22:17;

“I am the door.”
“Knock and it shall be opened.”
Jn 10: 9; Mt. 7: 7;

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- N.T. Organization.
 - N.T. Worship.
 - N.T. Work.
 - N.T. Authority.

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Acts 2

“No other foundation can any man lay than that which is laid which is Christ Jesus.” I Cor. 3:11;

Be Baptized: Acts 2:38; Mk.16:16;

Repent: Acts 17:30; 2 Pet 3:9;

Confess: Rom. 10:10; Mt. 10:32;

Believe: John 3:16; Heb. 11:6;

Hear: Rom. 10: 14-15;

“You are the Christ!”
“Upon this rock I will build my church.”
“A chosen, precious cornerstone.” Mt.16:18;
I Pet. 2:6;

The gospel foundation God’s Grace revealed in Jesus.

Christ's Plan:-

Preaching the Gospel:

Go into all the world.

- Preach the gospel.
- Baptizing them.
- Teaching them.

The Church's Mission: preach Christ!

- Follow the form of teaching. (Rom. 16:17;)
- Hold the pattern of sound words. (2 Tim 1:13;)
- Do the will of the Father in heaven. (Mt.7:21;)

God's Power:

- The gospel is the power of God. (Rom. 1:16;)
- Word of the cross is the power of God. (I Cor. 1:18-21;)

The Work of the Church:

Preach the gospel--central to the great commission . (Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:15-16, Lk. 24:47;)
Make known the manifold wisdom of God. (Eph 3:10;) The pillar and foundation of truth. (1 Tim 3:14-15;)



**There is
no other
plan!**

**The New Testament Church
Advanced the Gospel
“... in Jerusalem, and in
all Judea and Samaria, and
to the ends of the earth.”**

“How can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.” (Rom 10:14-15;)

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

**God has done for us what
we could not do for ourselves**

**We were sinners perishing, condemned
to death because of our own sins**

**God demonstrated His grace by accepting the
blood that was shed by the death burial and
resurrection of His son as payment
for our sins and sinfulness.**

**We need to respond to accept God's
offer of Grace in faithful obedience.**

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

We find from the book of Acts that
People are given the opportunity to hear
the good news of the sacrifice of Jesus.

They had to make a **choice** whether or not
to **respond to the message of God's grace.**

Those who believed and repented, confessed
their belief in Jesus and were baptized.

We are told that **they then received**
the forgiveness of their sins and
the indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit
and were added to God's kingdom,
His family, the Church.

Conversions in the Book of Acts

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