

word preached by being \_\_\_\_\_.

### PHILLIPPIAN JAILOR (ACTS 16:25-40)

**Acts 16:30-34** — In Phillippi, a great earthquake struck at midnight, shaking the foundations of the prison where Paul and Silas were incarcerated. The doors of the prison swung open and the jailor was about to kill himself! Paul cried out, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!” The jailor fell

down trembling before Paul and Silas and asked, “Sirs, what must I \_\_\_\_\_ to be saved?” Paul told him he must believe and then spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all those in his house. The jailor washed Paul and Silas’s

wounds, and immediately he and his household were \_\_\_\_\_.

Verse 34 says that after his baptism, the Jailor \_\_\_\_\_ having believed with all his household. Was the Jailor saved by believing and being baptized as Jesus said in Mark 16:16? \_\_\_\_\_ Was the jailor baptized immediately, the same night he heard Paul preach about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

### CORINTHIANS (ACTS 18:8)

**Acts 18:8**— Many Corinthians \_\_\_\_\_, believed and were \_\_\_\_\_. Again, here we find, the Corinthians were saved by believing the gospel and being baptized.

### THE EPHESIANS (ACTS 19:1-7)

**Acts 19:3-5**— When Paul arrived in Ephesus, he found some men who had been baptized into whose baptism? \_\_\_\_\_ He told them they

needed to be \_\_\_\_\_ into the name of the Lord Jesus. Therefore, if someone is baptized in the WRONG name as these people were, should they be rebaptized in the RIGHT name—the name of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_ If you were baptized for the WRONG PURPOSE such as to join a church, or as a witness of your faith to certify that you were saved prior to your baptism, should you be baptized again, this time for the RIGHT PURPOSE, for the remission of sins? \_\_\_\_\_

**Summary:** In the New Testament, each person was baptized by immersion in water the very same day he or she heard the gospel of Jesus. No one waited a year, a month, or even a week to be baptized. They did it immediately, and they did for the forgiveness of their sins. In our next lesson we will learn how we can have unity in Christ, despite the doctrinal division and contradicting practices that pervade organized religion.

# OPEN BIBLE STUDIES

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## CASES OF CONVERSION

### Lesson 6



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**Directions:** Please locate in your Bible the following references and read each verse carefully before answering each question.

### THE GREAT COMMISSION

**Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-49** — In these verses Jesus commissioned his apostles to preach the gospel (the good news) regarding salvation to the entire world. In Matthew and Mark he commands the apostles to baptize the people they taught. Mark 16:16 states, “He who

believes and is \_\_\_\_\_ shall be saved, but he who does not

believe will be condemned.” Luke 24:47 says that \_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_ of sins should be preached in Christ’s name to all

nations beginning at \_\_\_\_\_.

Throughout the book of Acts, we find the apostles fulfilling this great commission of announcing the saving gospel by preaching repentance, baptism and remission of sins throughout the entire world.

### THE THREE THOUSAND (Acts 2:29-47)

**Acts 2:36-38** — The apostles in obedience to Jesus’ commission, preached the gospel to this multitude on Pentecost day and commanded

them to \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of Jesus

Christ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins. Was Peter carrying out the great commission by preaching repentance and remission of sins? \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 2:40** — The inspired apostle commanded them: “Save \_\_\_\_\_ from this untoward generation.” Can a man do nothing to save himself? \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 2:41** — Were those who gladly received the apostle’s word baptized? \_\_\_\_\_ About how many did the Lord add to His church? \_\_\_\_\_

Were those who heard Peter’s sermons baptized the same day they heard the message about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

### **SAMARITANS (ACTS 8:5-16)**

**Acts 8:5, 12** — Phillip preached \_\_\_\_\_ to the Samaritans. Those who believed Philip’s preaching about the kingdom of God and the

name of Jesus were \_\_\_\_\_, both men and women. Were these Samaritans baptized the same day they heard the gospel message? \_\_\_\_\_

### **ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH (ACTS 8:26-40)**

**Acts 8:30** — Philip the evangelist saw that the eunuch was reading from Isaiah 53 regarding the Lamb of God who would be slain for the sins of the world. In verse 35 Phillip started at that Old Testament scripture in Isaiah 53

and preached \_\_\_\_\_ to the eunuch. Philip must have been preaching to him about baptism as the great commission requires because suddenly the eunuch saw the water and said, “What prevents me from being baptized?” The eunuch then confessed his faith in Jesus as the Son of God in

verse 37. Philip and the eunuch both went \_\_\_\_\_ into the water,

and he baptized him. Then they came \_\_\_\_\_ out of the water. Was the eunuch completely immersed? \_\_\_\_\_ Verse 39 says then the eunuch went on his way rejoicing. Why so happy? Could it be that he had just had

his sins washed away in the waters of baptism? \_\_\_\_\_ Was this Ethiopian eunuch baptized the same day he heard the gospel messages? \_\_\_\_\_

### **SAUL (ACTS 9:1-18; 22:1-16)**

Saul was a blasphemer, a man who cast Christians in prison for preaching Jesus, yet God had mercy on him and gave him a second chance (1 Tim.1:13-16).

**Acts 9:3-6**— When the great light shown around Saul from heaven on the Damascus road, and Jesus spoke to him, Saul fell on the ground, asking the

question: “Lord, what will you have me to \_\_\_\_\_? Jesus replied, “Arise

and go into the city and you will be told what you \_\_\_\_\_ do.” Was

there something Saul had to do to be saved? \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 22:12-16** — Saul went into the city of Damascus and a preacher named Ananias found Saul , cured his blindness ,and commanded him to

\_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_, and wash away his \_\_\_\_\_. calling on the name of the Lord. Here just as Jesus said would happen, in the city, Ananias is telling Saul what he must do to be saved.

**Acts 9:18**— Did Saul arise and was he baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

### **CORNELIUS (ACTS 10:1-48; 11:1-17)**

Cornelius was a Roman soldier, a commander over a 100 men. He was the first gentile (“non-Jew”) to receive salvation under the New Testament age. Prior to this time, all Christians were Jews or Samaritans (considered a “half-breed” Jew). That God would soon allow the “heathen” uncircumcised gentiles to receive salvation was incomprehensible, unacceptable and even deplorable to many Jews. So God in order to show His acceptance of the gentiles did something unheard of! He poured out the Holy Spirit on those gentiles gathered in Cornelius’ house beginning to listen to Peter preach concerning Jesus. This outpouring of the Holy Spirit did not save them. It was merely to prove that God accepted them as candidates for salvation (Acts 15:7-9)

**Acts 11:14**— Peter would tell Cornelius \_\_\_\_\_ whereby he and his household would be saved.

**Acts 10:48**— Did the words Peter preached to them include the command to be baptized in water for the remission of sins? \_\_\_\_\_ Did Peter teach Cornelius that he could be saved by faith only, without water baptism? \_\_\_\_\_

### **LYDIA (ACTS 16:14,15)**

**Acts 16:14,15**— Paul preached to Lydia and the Lord through the words

she heard \_\_\_\_\_ her heart to heed the message. She heeded the