

"The Salvation Which is in Christ Jesus"

(2 Timothy 2:10)

Lesson Five: What Must I Do to Be Saved? – Examples of Conversion (2)

Introduction. In our previous lesson we looked at the first examples of conversion into Christ recorded in Scripture. We looked at the first passage describing the conversion of Saul, but it is also described in two other passages. In this lesson we will look at these two additional of accounts of Saul's conversion, and three final accounts of conversions.

I. Two Additional Accounts of Saul's Conversion.

A. After his conversion, Saul was usually called Paul. After teaching in various places upon returning to Jerusalem he recounted his conversion. (Read: Acts 22:3-16) From this account, was Paul in a saved condition on the road to Damascus? Why or why not? _____
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1. What did Ananias ask Saul? _____
2. What does this question indicate about the purpose of baptism and Saul's condition before baptism?_____
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B. Paul's testimony before the Jews in Jerusalem led to an extended imprisonment causing him ultimately to appeal to Caesar, as a Roman citizen. (Read: Acts 26:9-20) As he spoke before king Agrippa, what are some things mentioned in the other accounts that Paul did not mention here? _____
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1. If Paul says he was not **"disobedient to the heavenly vision"** he saw, what things may we infer he did, that are not directly stated in this account? _____
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2. What are some things he says he began to teach others to do? _____
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3. Can we infer from this that he did these things?_____

II. Cornelius the Centurion.

A. Although Jesus charged His apostles to teach **"every creature"** in **"all the world,"** initially they taught only Jews. Because of visions the Lord gave to Peter and a

Gentile named Cornelius, Peter went to teach this man. (Read: Acts 10:33-48). What did Cornelius and his household begin to do as Peter spoke? _____

1. In our previous lesson we noted that miraculous gifts of the Spirit did not come without the laying on of the apostles' hands (cf. Acts 8:18). What is unique about this situation that may explain why it happened on this occasion without the laying on of hands? _____
2. How did Peter explain this to the others in Jerusalem? (Read: Acts 11:17). ___

B. List and explain indications in the text regarding Cornelius' response to Peter's teaching in demonstration of meeting conditions of salvation. _____
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III. Lydia, the Seller of Purple.

A. While teaching in Troas Paul received a vision to go into Macedonia and teach. When he came to the Macedonian city of Philippi he met a woman named Lydia. (Read: Acts 16:8-15) What did Paul do when he met some women by the riverside?_____
   1. What does the text say the Lord did to the heart of Lydia? _____
   2. Consider the following passages that speak of the Lord influencing the heart, mind, or behavior of people: Exod. 9:20-21; Luke 8:15; Heb. 4:12. In these passages, how did God accomplish this influence? _____
   3. Look at Acts 16:14. Did the Lord *open* Lydia's heart in the same way He influenced the hearts of these others?_____

B. What did Lydia do in response to Paul's teaching? _____
   1. Does Paul's response to her question after this indicate anything about his view of her? _____
   2. Does this infer anything about whether she met other conditions of salvation? If so, what?_____

IV. The Philippian Jailer.

A. While Paul was still in Philippi he was put in jail for casting out an evil spirit from a slave girl who brought profit to her masters (Acts 16:16-24). While singing praises to God at midnight an earthquake freed him from his bonds. (Read: Acts 16:25-34). What did the jailer ask them? _____
   1. What did Paul tell him? _____
   2. What did Paul then do? _____
   3. What did the jailer do? Does this demonstrate any conditions of salvation? _____
   4. What did Paul do to the jailer? _____

B. Can we conclude that those today who do what the jailer did, should do so in order to be saved? _____

Conclusion. We have seen various accounts of conversion in the New Testament. It is clear that the conditions discussed in lessons two and three under which God has promised salvation in Jesus Christ were met in these accounts of conversion the Holy Spirit has preserved for us. In our next lessons we will consider some false doctrines taught about salvation that must be rejected if we are to follow the teachings of Scripture.