

New Testament Conversions

1. Old Testament Foreshadowing

A. Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-6

1. How did the Exodus (Exodus 14) foreshadow baptism?
2. The Israelites left slavery behind in Egypt and passed through the waters and under the cloud. The Egyptians being drowned in the waters of the Red Sea symbolizes our sins being washed away in baptism.

B. Read 1 Peter 3:18-22

1. How did the Flood (Genesis 7 – 8) foreshadow baptism?
2. The world was wicked and full of sin, so God submerged the Earth under water, and then started again. Just like we leave our old life behind after being immersed in water in the name of Jesus.

In the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16), Jesus tells his followers to go make disciples of all nations, baptize them, and teach them to obey everything he commanded. After his ascension (Acts 1:1-11), we see his disciples evangelizing the known world in the book of Acts. Read through each of the conversion narratives below and answer the following questions with every one:

2. Conversion stories in Acts

A. Questions concerning Conversions

1. What was preached?
2. What was the person's (people's) response to the message?
3. How long did the person (people) take to make the decision?
4. What was their response after baptism?

B. Conversions

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| 1. Acts 2:32-47 | 3000 on Pentecost |
| 2. Acts 8:26-40 | Ethiopian Eunuch |
| 3. Acts 9:1-20 | Saul/Paul (3 rd person account) |
| 4. Acts 16:9-15 | Lydia and her household |
| 5. Acts 16:16-34 | Philippian jailer and his family |
| 6. Acts 18:24 – 19:7 | Apollos & Disciples of John the Baptist |
| 7. Acts 22:1-16 | Saul/Paul (1 st person account) |

The same question is being asked of you: what are you waiting for?