

Conversions in the New Testament

Who	Heard Gospel	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Baptized	"Sinner's Prayer"	Saved
3000 on Pentecost Acts 2:14-47	2:22, 29, 36, 37	2:37	2:38		2:38-41	Not found	2:41, 47
2000 others Acts 3:11 to 4:4	3:12-26, 4:4	4:4	3:19, 26			Not found	3:19; 4:4
Samaritans Acts 8:4-13	8:4-12	8:12-13			8:12-13, 16	Not found	8:12-13
Simon, a sorcerer Acts 8:9-13	8:6	8:13			8:13	Not found	Implied 8:13
Ethiopian Eunuch Acts 8:26-39	8:35	8:37		8:37	8:36, 38-39	Not found	8:38-39
Saul of Tarsus¹ Acts 9:1-22; 22:1-16 26:12-20	9:6; 22:10		9:9, 19, 22; 22:6-21 26:19-20	22:6-10	9:18 22:16	Not found	22:16
Cornelius & household Acts 10:1 to 11:18	10:33-43; 11:14	10:2	11:18		10:48	Not found	11:14, 17
Antioch in Syria Acts 11:19-26	11:19-20	11:21	11:21			Not found	11:24
Sergius Paulus Acts 13:4-12	13:7	13:12				Not found	Implied
Antioch in Pisidia Acts 13:14-48	13:16-44	13:48	13:43			Not found	13:48
Lydia & household Acts 16:11-15	16:13-14	16:14			16:15	Not found	16:15
Jailer & household Acts 16:22-40	16:31-32	16:31	Compare 16:24, 27-34		16:33	Not found	16:30-34
Thessalonians Acts 17:1-9	17:2-3	17:4				Not found	17:4
Bereans Acts 17:10-15	17:10-11, 13	17:12				Not found	17:14
Some Athenians Acts 17:16-34	17:17, 22-31	17:34				Not found	Implied
Corinthians Acts 18:1-11	18:4, 8	18:8			18:8	Not found	Implied 18:18
Ephesian men Acts 19:1-7	19:5	19:1-5	19:4		19:5	Not found	Implied 19:6
Romans Romans 1:7; 6:1-7	10:17	1:8, 12, 17	6:6		6:2-7	Not found	6:5-7, 11-12
Galatians Galatians 3:26-29		3:25, 26			3:27	Not found	Implied 3:26-29
Preaching Luke 24:46-47 ² Romans 10:14-15 Galatians 1:6-9	Hearing Mark 4:23 Luke 11:28 Romans 10:17	Faith Mark 16:16 Romans 5:1-2 Hebrews 11:6	Repentance Luke 13:3, 5 Luke 24:46-47 ² Acts 2:38	Confession Romans 10:10 Matthew 10:32-33	Baptism Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21		

If you have not done so already, please carefully examine these accounts of conversion in the New Testament in order to get a more complete understanding of God's plan for saving *us* from *our* sins. "Test all things; hold fast what is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21). May God help us all be like the noble people who "received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11, NKJV).

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¹ "Also is called Paul" (Acts 13:9). ² Notice the connection among *preaching*, *repentance*, and *remission of sin*.

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Providing insight into “what must I do to be saved?” (Acts 16:30).

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“The churches of Christ greet you.”

—Romans 16:16, NKJV

What does it mean to be converted? What does conversion involve? Check out the nineteen examples of conversion revealed in the New Testament, listed on the chart inside, for a Biblical answer.

God's word is very clear: “all [people] have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). It is equally clear that “the wages of sin are death” (Romans 6:23), and “unless you [we] are *converted* ... you [we] will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:3, italics added).

The good news: God be thanked, forgiveness is possible—no matter how great our sin. Scripture: “repent and *be converted*, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19, italics added).

Jesus' Original Charge
“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned” (Mark 16:15-16).
See also Matthew 28:18-22; Luke 24:46-47; and Acts 1:8.