

How To Become A Christian?

(Acts 16:25-34)

- Introduction:
1. If the Devil's goal is to keep one from going to heaven, then it should be no surprise that there would be confusion over how to become a Christian.
 2. Such confusion exists today.
 3. In this lesson, we wish to look at what the Bible says one must do in order to become a Christian.

I. Definition Of A Christian

- A. Many define the term "Christian" by several misleading definitions.
- B. Some say "Christian" means to be "like Christ."
- C. Others say that "Christian" means to be a "follower of Christ."
- D. However, a more accurate definition of a Christian is "one who belongs to Christ."

II. How Does One Become A Christian Or Come To Belong To Christ?

- A. (Acts 2) Day of Pentecost.
- B. (Acts 8:1-13) Philip & Samaria.
- C. (Acts 8:26-40) Ethiopian Eunuch.
- D. (Acts 9:1-19; Acts 22:16) Saul.
- E. (Acts 16:11-15) Lydia.
- F. (Acts 16:16-34) Philippian Jailer.

- Conclusion:
1. While all the details are not expressly stated in each account, without exception, every account ends with one being baptized.
 2. This is the line of demarcation between one who is a casual follower of Jesus and one who can rightfully wear his name, belonging to him.
 3. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13).
 - a. Unless one was baptized in the name of Paul, he cannot say he is "of Paul."
 - b. Unless one is baptized in the name of Christ, he cannot rightfully say he is "of Christ" (i.e. a Christian).

