

# EXAMPLES OF CONVERSIONS IN THE BOOK OF ACTS<sup>1</sup>

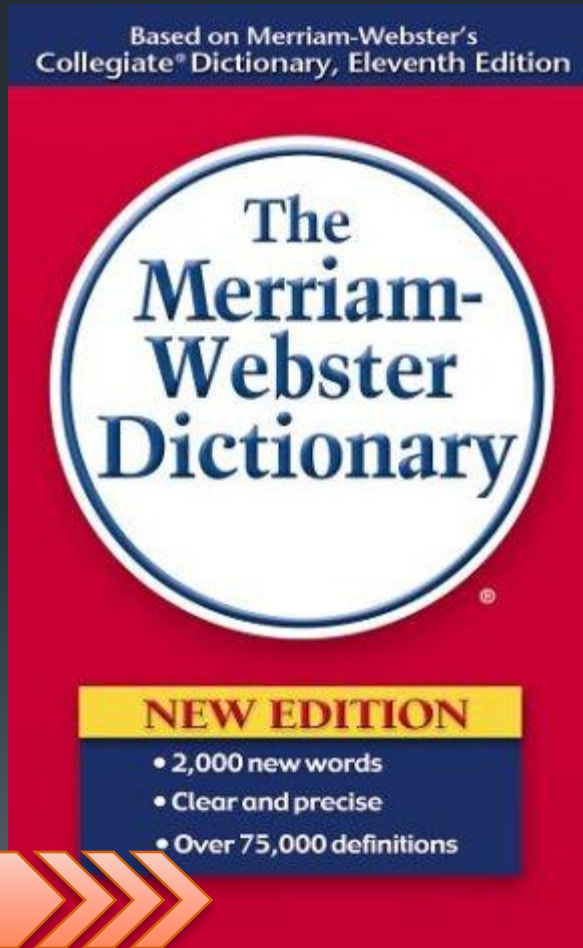


“Men and brethren  
what shall we do?”

3,000 CONVERTED ACTS 2:1-47



## Convert; Converted



transitive verb

- 1 - a : **to bring over from one belief, view, or party to another** b : to bring about a religious conversion in
- 2 - a : to alter the physical or chemical nature or properties of especially in manufacturing b (1) : **to change from one form or function to another** (2) : to alter for more effective utilization



## Convert; Converted



**Matthew 18:3-4 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup> and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are **converted** and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore **whoever humbles himself** as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.





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### Acts 3:19 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Repent therefore and **be converted**, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,







## Convert; Converted



**James 5:19-20 (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup> Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone

**turns him back**, (*convert him KJV*)

<sup>20</sup> let him know that he who **turns** (*converteth – KJV*) **a sinner from the error of his way** will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.





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Luke 15:11-24

- ✦ Not merely a change in actions –
- ✦ A change in knowledge –
- ✦ A change in conviction –
- ✦ A change in allegiance –
- ✦ A change in thinking & will –
- ✦ A change in commitment – resulting in a change in relationship & identity –
- ✦ A change in who we are – how we talk – where we go – what we do –







## Psalm 19:7 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD *is* perfect,  
converting the soul; The testimony  
of the LORD *is* sure, making wise  
the simple;



# BRIEF ANALYSIS OF ACTS 2:1-47



- ♦ **Verses 1-4** – The apostles baptized with the Holy Spirit as promised – (Mat 3:11; Luke 3:16; 24:47-49; John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7,8,13; Acts 1:1-8)
- ♦ **Verses 5-13** – The people present, and their response to what they had seen and heard in their own language, i.e. “tongue”
- ♦ **Verses 14-36** – Peter’s sermon: His proposition, proof and conclusion – Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah.
- ♦ **Verses 37-41** – The effects the truth had on many of those who heard the truth – their response, the instructions they were given and their compliance.
- ♦ **Verses 41-47** – Those converted continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine having been added by the Lord to His church





# SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS ACCOUNT OF CONVERSION



- ◆ The beginning of the great commission – (Mat 28:18-20; Mark 16:15,16; Luke 24:46-49)
- ◆ The very first to hear the gospel and become Christians – (Isa 2:3; Mic 4:2; Acts 11:15)
- ◆ The beginning of the church – (Acts 2:47; Mat 16:18)



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- ✦ This account does not stand alone secluded from the others,
- ✦ Every particular found is not a part of the repeated pattern.
- ✦ Some things not specifically mentioned are clearly implied.
- ✦ Elements of this conversion are consistent with every other account and necessary for every conversion to Christ.



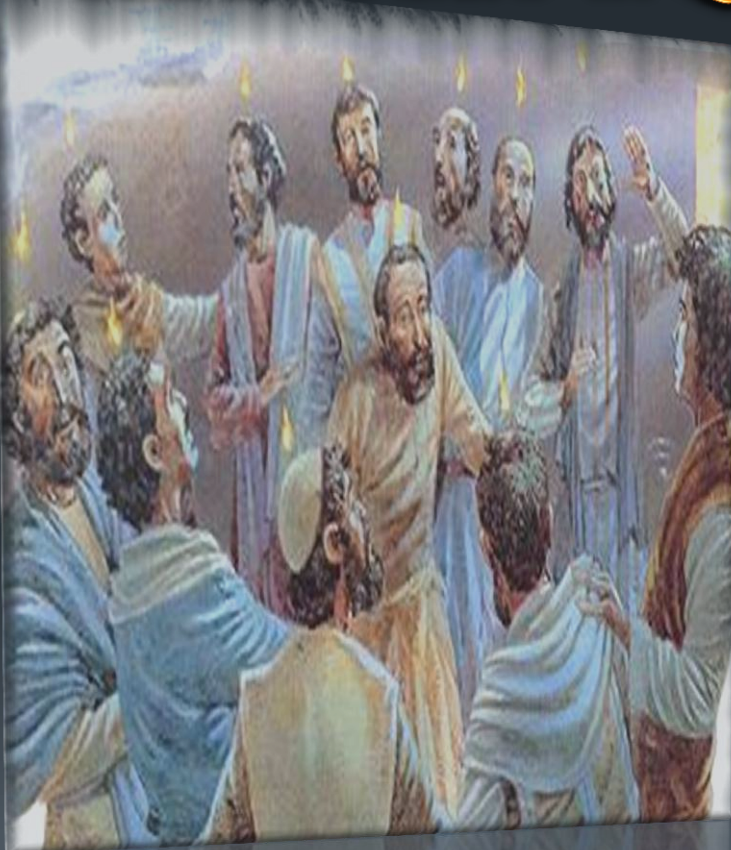


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## APOSTLES EQUIPPED & CONFIRMED

### VERSES 1-4



- ♦ Fulfilling Jesus' promise - (Mat 3:11; Luke 3:16; 24:47-49; John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7,8,13; Acts 1:1-8)
- ♦ Holy Spirit baptism limited to the apostles - (cf. above promises; nearest antecedent to pronouns - 1:26; 2:1-4,6,7,11,13,14)
- ♦ Confirming the authenticity of the message preached - (Mark 16:20; Acts 14:3; Heb 2:4)



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## THOSE PRESENT & INITIAL RESPONSE

### VERSES 5-13



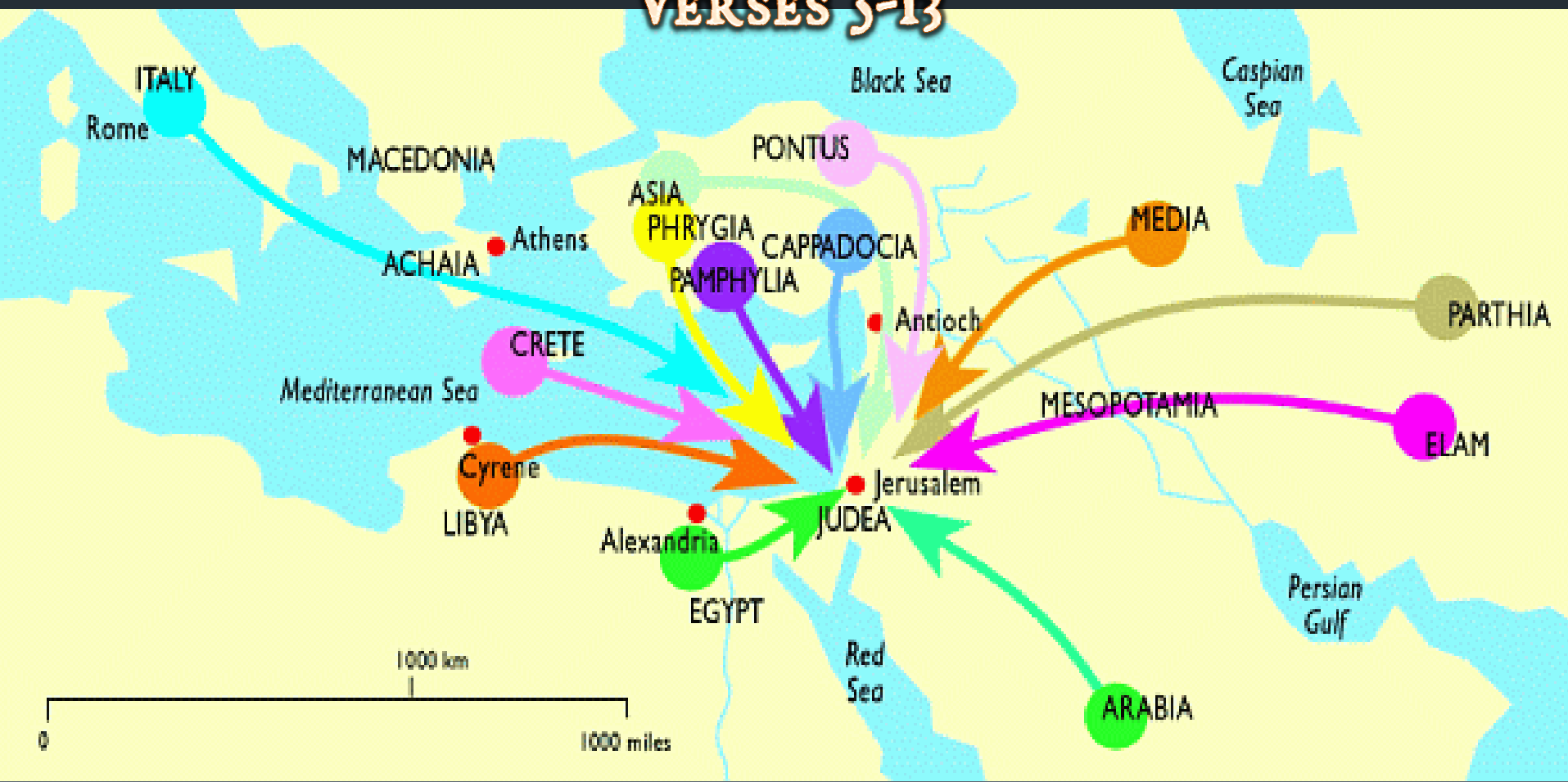
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– (Lev. 23:15-21; Ex. 34:22,23)
- ◆ Devout Jews from every nation under heaven – including proselytes – (vss. 5-11)





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- ◆ Significance of the day of Pentecost – (Lev. 23:15-21; Ex. 34:22,23)
- ◆ Devout Jews from every nation under heaven – including proselytes – (vss. 5-11)
- ◆ Heard the apostles speaking in their own language the wonderful works of God – (vss. 5-11)
- ◆ Some wondered with curiosity – others mocked – (vs. 12,13)



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## PETER'S SERMON — "JESUS IS THE CHRIST!" VERSES 14-36



- ◆ The events were the fulfillment of prophecy – indicating the beginning of the kingdom of God when all men could call upon the name of the Lord and be saved - (14-21; Joel 2:28-32)
- ◆ Jesus Christ is the promised Messiah (Anointed One, Savior), and Lord (King) . . .





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- ◆ The MIRACLES of Jesus – verse 22
- ◆ The crucifixion was according to God's foreknowledge – 23
- ◆ God raised Him from the dead – 24
- ◆ Agrees with prophecy –vs.25-29; (Ps 16:8-11)
- ◆ To sit on David's throne -30,31; (Ps 132:11)
- ◆ The apostles Testimony –v.32
- ◆ Testimony of the Holy Spirit –v.33
- ◆ Confirmed by OT – v.34-35 (Ps 110)

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VERSES 37-41

Acts 2:37 (NKJV)

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "**Men and brethren, what shall we do?**"

- ◆ Hearts pricked by the evidence – 37



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### VERSES 37-41

Acts 2:38 (NKJV)

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

- ◆ Hearts pricked by the evidence – 37
- ◆ Peter instructs them what as to what they must do – 38-40





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### VERSES 37-41

Acts 2:39 (NKJV)

<sup>39</sup> For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

- ♦ Hearts pricked by the evidence – 37
- ♦ Peter instructs them what as to what they must do – 38-40



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### VERSES 37-41

Acts 2:40 (NKJV)

40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

- ♦ Hearts pricked by the evidence – 37
- ♦ Peter instructs them what as to what they must do – 38-40



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VERSES 37-41

Acts 2:41 (NKJV)

<sup>41</sup>Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and **that day about three thousand souls were added to them.**

- ◆ Hearts pricked by the evidence – 37
- ◆ Peter instructs them what as to what they must do – 38-40
- ◆ Those who gladly received his words complied - 41





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## 3,000 CONTINUED IN APOSTLES DOCTRINE! VERSES 42-47

Acts 2:42 (NKJV)  
42 And they continued  
steadfastly in the  
apostles' doctrine and  
fellowship, in the  
breaking of bread, and  
in prayers.

- ♦ **Worship** – true doctrine  
– spiritual communion –  
Lord's supper - prayer

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## 3,000 CONTINUED IN APOSTLES DOCTRINE! VERSES 42-47

Acts 2:43 (NKJV)

<sup>43</sup> Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

- ♦ **Worship** – true doctrine  
– spiritual communion –  
Lord's supper – prayer
- ♦ **Respect** – for God and  
His word – Mar 16:20



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## 3,000 CONTINUED IN APOSTLES DOCTRINE! VERSES 42-47

Acts 2:44-46 (NKJV)

<sup>44</sup> Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, <sup>45</sup> and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

- ♦ **Worship** – true doctrine – spiritual communion – Lord's supper – prayer
- ♦ **Respect** – for God and His word – Mar 16:20
- ♦ **Love** – providing for one another's needs – gladly serving God and sharing.





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Acts 2:44-46 (NKJV)  
46 So continuing daily  
with one accord in the  
temple, and breaking  
bread from house to  
house, they ate their  
food with gladness and  
simplicity of heart,

- ♦ **Worship** – true doctrine  
– spiritual communion –  
Lord's supper – prayer
- ♦ **Respect** – for God and  
His word – Mar 16:20
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Acts 2:47 (NKJV)  
47 praising God and  
having favor with all  
the people. And the  
Lord added to the  
church daily those who  
were being saved.

- ♦ **Praise** – for His goodness and grace . . .
- ♦ **Goodness** – their humble, serious, devoted life was appreciated . . .
- ♦ **Saved** – added to the Lord's church by the Lord Himself.



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“It is most likely that in the Apostolic age when there was but one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, and no differing denominations existed, the baptism of a convert by that very act constituted him a member of the church, and at once endowed him with all the rights and privileges of full membership. In that sense, baptism was the door into the church.

Now, it is different”

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# CONVERSIONS IN ACTS

Examples	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Baptized
Pentecost – 2:14-41	Implied	✓ 37,38	Implied	✓ 38,41
Samaria – 8:5-13	✓ 12	Implied	Implied	✓ 12,13
Eunuch – 8:35-39	✓ 36,37	Implied	✓ 37	✓ 38
Saul – 9,22,26	Implied	Implied	Implied	✓ 22:16
Cornelius - 10:34-48	✓ 43	Implied	Implied	✓ 48
Lydia – 16:13-15	✓ 14	Implied	Implied	✓ 15
Jailor – 16:30-34	✓ 31	Implied	Implied	✓ 33
Corinthians - 18:8	✓ 8	Implied	Implied	✓ 8
Ephesians - 19:3-5	Implied	Implied	Implied	✓ 5

# HAVE YOU BEEN CONVERTED?

- ✦ Not merely “have you changed your actions”
- ✦ But have you been changed in your convictions, allegiance, thinking, will, commitment, and relationship with God through a knowledge of the truth –
- ✦ True conversion results in a change in who we are – how we talk – where we go – what we do – “proving what is that acceptable and perfect will of God” in our lives -

# HAVE YOU BEEN CONVERTED?

**To believe and do what Peter told those on the day of Pentecost will make one today the same thing it made them:**

- ✦ Forgiven sinner – Acts 2:38; 22:16
- ✦ Saved – Acts 2:39-41; 1 Peter 3:21
- ✦ A part of the family of God – Acts 2:42-46
- ✦ A member of the Lord's church – Acts 2:47





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