

Morning Lesson

SALVATION BY FAITH IN THE BOOK OF ACTS Acts 10:42-48

INTRO:

1. *Faith Only* is widespread, but there is a difference in that and the biblical theme of justification by faith.
2. Paul had much to say about salvation by faith.
Rom. 13:11; Rom. 5:1, 2

I. CONVERSIONS IN ACTS.

- A. Typically we say that there are nine and that each of them mentions baptism.
- B. As students of the Bible we have emphasized the importance of baptism in the plan of salvation that Jesus gave to man.
Matt. 28:19, 20; Mark 16:16
- C. The Holy Spirit had reasons for Luke to record these nine examples as he did and that is sufficient.
- D. There are other references made of individuals and groups of individuals in Acts but the phraseology Luke uses is different.
- E. Luke recorded words of different men to prove salvation is by faith.
 1. Peter – **Acts 10:43**
 2. Paul – **Acts 13:38, 39**
 3. Peter – **Acts 15:7-9**
- F. Other cases of conversion in Acts that do not specifically mention baptism. **Acts 5:14; 6:1, 7; 9:31, 35, 42; 11:21, 24; 12:24; 13:12, 48, 49; 14:21; 16:5; 17:2-4, 11, 12, 34; 19:18**
- G. Notice that in nine of these references Luke simply says these individuals believed. **Acts 10:43, 47, 48**
- H. Acts 18:8 tells us that Crispus simply believed but the Corinthians were baptized. 1 Cor. 1:14
- I. The Philippian jailor is the most abused example of conversion in the Bible. **Acts 16:25-34; Rom. 10:17**

II. OBEDIENT FAITH HAS ALWAYS BEEN PLEASING TO GOD.

- A. Abraham is a great example. **Rom. 4:3; Heb. 11:8-10**
- B. James contributes to our understanding of Abraham's faith.
James 2:21-24

CONC:

1. We cannot separate faith from scriptural works.
Gal. 5:6; Rom. 5:1, 2; Eph. 2:8