

“What Does NOT Save A Man” as seen in the book of Acts

The 3,000 Jews

Acts 2:37

Remorse for sin (only)

Saul of Tarsus

Acts 26:9-11; 23:1

A good conscience

Acts 9:3-6, 11-12

True faith (only)
Prayer and Fasting
A personal miracle
(*Saul still had sins to wash away! Acts 22:16*)

Cornelius

Acts 10:3-6

A vision from God

Acts 10:1-2

Being righteous and devout (only) (*Cornelius was told to call a preacher who would tell him how to be saved. Acts 11:14*)

Acts 10:44-48

Holy Spirit Baptism (*Cornelius was commanded to be baptized in water in the name of the Lord*)

The Ethiopian

Acts 8:26, 36-38

Formal religious ceremony
A special location

Acts 8:38

Baptism that is not immersion

The Philippian Jailer

Acts 16:30-34

Anything “only”

The Corinthians

Acts 18:8

Becoming righteous before being baptized (*Cp. 1 Cor. 6:9-11*)

The Ephesians

Acts 19:1-7

John’s baptism (*Any baptism that is not in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins.*) Cp. Acts 2:38.

We also learn from the book of Acts that **there is no other savior than Jesus (Acts 4:12)**, and that the doctrine of “once saved, always saved” is false. (Simon, after becoming a disciple of Jesus, had a heart that was not right in the sight of God, was in danger of perishing, and needed to ask the Lord for forgiveness. **Acts 8:18-23**)

We also learn **what is involved in “calling upon the name of the Lord”** in two stories, by comparing Acts 2:21 with Acts 2:37-38, and by comparing Acts 9:9-11 with Acts 22:16.