



THREE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

Answers in the book of Acts



HOW WE READ IS IMPORTANT:

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- The division between Old Testament and New Testament is important to readers today.
 - Matthew 5.17; Hebrews 10.9; Colossians 2.14
- The books of Luke and Acts complement each other.
 - Luke 1.1-4 + Acts 1.1-2
- The book of Acts is a narrative account of the early church.
 - The book of Acts serves as the transition point between the gospel accounts and the rest of the New Testament.
 - Throughout Acts we get a well-rounded portrait of God's will and expectations for Christians.

#1 — THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER

➤ Background to his story:

- Paul and Silas in prison for healing a young lady — Acts 16.18ff
- In prison they have been praying and singing — 16.25
- The prison miraculously opens — 16.26f

➤ “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

- Believe on Jesus — 16.31
- Hear the gospel (implied) — 16.32
- Immediate Baptism — 16.33
- Repentance (implied) — 16.34

#2 — A MAN NAMED SAUL

- **Background to his story:**
 - Saul has been persecuting Christians — Acts 9.1f
 - While traveling, Saul is confronted by Jesus — 9.4f
 - Saul is blinded by the bright light — 9.8
- **“Lord, what do You want me to do?” — 9.6**
 - Hear the message — 9.6b
 - Belief and repentance (implied) — 9.9,20
 - Immediate Baptism — Acts 22.16

#3 — THE PENTECOST CROWD

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- **Background to their story:**
 - Many people gathered in Jerusalem for Pentecost — Acts 2.1-5
 - Peter begins to preach — 2.4,14
 - Peter demonstrates the crowd was guilty of shedding innocent blood, the blood of Jesus — 2.22f
 - That same Jesus rose from the dead and was exalted — 2.24,36
- **“Men and brethren, what shall we do?” — 2.37**
 - Believe the message (implied) — 2.37
 - Repent of sins — 2.38
 - Immediate baptism — 2.38,41

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

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- I must hear the gospel message.
- I must believe in Jesus.
- I must repent of my sins.
- I must be baptized when I am aware of my need.