

Does the Book of Acts Preserve an Apostolic Pattern on How to Become a Christian?

Faith - Repentance - Baptism - Remission of Sins - Gift of the Holy Spirit (Five Finger Exercise by Walter Scott 1827-1828)

Plan of Salvation: Hear - Believe - Repent - Confess - Be Baptized (Simplified late 19th - early 20th century)

Acts 2:38 (Jewish Pentecost)	8:6,12-18 (Samaritan Pentecost)	8:34-39 (Proselyte)	9:17-18/22:15-16 (Uniquely Chosen)	10:33;44-48 (Gentile Pent.)
Hear	Hear	Hear	Filled w/the Spirit	Hear
Repent	Believe	Believe	Baptized	Spirit came on
Be Baptized	Baptized	Confess (v.37 KJV)	Hear	Spoke tongues
Rec'd Gift of the Spirit Added	Rec'd Spirit via laying on of Apostles' hands	Baptized	Baptized	Baptized

16:14-15 (Women)	16:30-33 (Roman?)	18:8 (Corinthians)	19:1-7 (Disciples of John)
Hear	Hear	Hear	Hear
Heart opened	Believe	Baptized	Baptized
Baptized	Baptized		Rec'd Spirit via laying on of hands Spoke in tongues Prophesied

References to Conversion without specific reference to Baptism:

1. 2:47: Added by the Lord
2. 3:19: Repentance
3. 4:4: Hear - Believe - Grew
4. 5:14: Believed - Added
5. 6:7: Increased rapidly - Obedient to the faith
6. 11:21: Believed - Turned to the Lord (Greeks)
7. 13:12: Hear(v.7) - Believe
8. 13:48: Hear - Appointed for eternal life - Believe

9. 14:21: Won a large number of disciples.
10. 17:2-4: Hear - Persuaded - Joined
11. 17:11-12: Hear - Believe
12. 17:34: Became followers - Believe
13. 19:17-18: Hear - Believe - Confess(?)

The Theology of Baptism

1. Commanded by Jesus: Mt. 28;19-20; Mk.16:15-16
2. Union with Christ Jesus Is Consummated In Baptism: Ro.6:3-4; Gal.3:27
3. Baptism Is the Inner Cleansing of the Conscience Resulting in Salvation: IPet.3:20b-21
4. Baptism Unifies All Believers: Eph.4:4-5
5. Baptism Marks Entrance Into the Body of Christ, the church: ICor.12:13