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but the Bible says they were saved "through faith" (Ephesians 2:8). This **faith must be obeyed** (Romans 1:5; 16:26 cp. Hebrews 5:8,9).

God's system of faith (Jude 3) includes **baptism which is an essential part of our salvation** (study Romans chapter 6 and the chart). Using the chart please study the verses and their context from your Bible, and **learn for yourself** how the Ephesians were "saved by grace through faith." Many people allow the false teachers to convince them of error based on Ephesians 2:9 "Not of works...." I suggest that you **study the context** very carefully. Paul is talking about **the works man devise** (cp. v.8 "yourselves" with v.9; also Acts 7:41; Matthew 15:9), and the works of the old law (Ephesians 2:15), which we are no longer under (Galatians 5:4; Romans 7:6,7). Paul is certainly NOT talking about the works God has given us to do (v.10, cp. Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 5:9). We must obey the commands of God in order to be saved.

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| The 3,000 Acts 2:22, 37 | *** | Repent Acts 2:38 | *** | Baptized Acts 2:38, 41 | Remission of sins = saved Acts 2:38, 47 |
| Samaritans Acts 8:5, 6 | Believed Acts 8:12 | *** | *** | Baptized Acts 8:12 | *** |
| Simon Acts 8:13 | Believed Acts 8:13 | *** | *** | Baptized Acts 8:13 | *** |
| Eunuch Acts 8:35 | Believed Acts 8:36, 37 | *** | Confessed Acts 8:37 | Baptized Acts 8:38 | Rejoiced Acts 8:39 |
| Saul Acts 9:6 | *** | *** | *** | Baptized Acts 9:18; 22:16 | Sins washed away Acts 22:16 |
| Cornelius Acts 10:6, 44; 11:14 | Believed Acts 10:43 | *** | *** | Baptized Acts 10:48 | Remission of sins = saved Acts 10:43 |
| Lydia Acts 16:14 | Attended – heed Acts 16:14 | *** | *** | Baptized Acts 16:15 | Faithful Acts 16:15 |
| Jailer Acts 16:32 | Believed Acts 16:31 | Repentance Acts 16:33 | *** | Baptized Acts 16:33 | Rejoiced Acts 16:34 |
| Corinthians Acts 18:8 | Believed Acts 18:8 | *** | *** | Baptized Acts 18:8 | *** |
| *Ephesians Eph. 1:13; Acts 19:5 | Believed Eph. 1:13 | Repented Acts 20:17, 21; 19:17, 19 | Confessed Acts 19:18 | Baptized Acts 19:1-6 | Faithful -- Saints Eph. 1:1; Acts 19:5 |

*Note: The **Ephesians** were saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8), by obeying the gospel. All who will be saved **MUST** obey that same gospel (Gal. 1:6-9; Mark 16:15, 16; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; Heb. 5:9).

*** It is obvious that the people did this because one cannot be baptized and saved if any step is omitted.

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| Rom. 10:17 Acts 9:6; 11:14 * Mark 16:15 * Matt. 28:19 1 Cor. 1:21 * John 8:31, 32 James 1:21-25 | Heb. 11:6 * Mark 16:16 Acts 8:37 Acts 16:31 Heb. chap. 11 James 2:14-26 Gal. 5:6 | * Luke 13:3, 5 Acts 17:30 2 Peter 3:9 * Luke 24:47 Acts 2:38 | * Mat. 10:32,33 Romans 10:9, 10 Acts 8:37 | * Matt. 28:19 * Mark 16:15, 16 Col. 2:12 Gal. 3:26, 27 Rom. 6:3-6, 17 cp. 1 Cor. 15:1-4 Rom. 6:3, 4 cp. * John 3:3, 5 1 Pet. 1:22, 23; 3:20, 21 | Heb. 5:9 * Matt. 7:21 * Mark 16:15, 16 2 Tim. 2:10 cp. Gal. 3:27 & Rom. 6:3 Be faithful * Rev. 2:10 Heb. 3:6 |

***What Jesus Taught Personally While On Earth. The New Testament is His will (Heb. 9).**

Have you, dear friend, obeyed the gospel of Christ in truth???

WE MUST OBEY ALL OF GOD'S WORD, NOT JUST PART OF IT! (Psa. 139:17; John 17:17; Acts 20:26, 27; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:3; John 14:15). SALVATION IS NEITHER BY GRACE ONLY NOR BY FAITH ONLY.

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Please study the chart carefully, **your soul** is most valuable (Mark 8:36). I write these things because **I / we, at the church of Christ care for your soul.** Please send in your questions and concerns. ♥

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What All People Must Do To Be Saved

Dear friend, I write to you the following because of my deep concern for your eternal salvation, and concern for your family members and friends upon whom you have a great influence. Please consider what I have to say, but most of all study from the **Bible** those **conversion accounts seen on the chart** on the inside of this brochure.

If you will do so, you will learn from God's Word what Jesus the Savior taught that all must do in order to be saved. You will learn: (1) What God's preachers preached in the Bible; (2) The people who believed and obeyed their preaching were saved from their past sins; (3) Those who obeyed were added to the one church which Jesus built and you read about in the Bible (Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:47). You will see all of this is in complete harmony to what Jesus taught.

Some Things Missing From The Bible

You will also learn some things that are commonly taught by denominational preachers today are missing from the Bible, and therefore from the chart. The reason is because these preachers have never learned or accepted the truth from God's holy Word, the Bible. God's Word is complete and all sufficient in leading us to salvation and godly living (2 Timothy 3:16,17; 2 Peter 1:3,21). Today many are teaching things which are contrary to God's Word: they are teaching men's doctrine and not God's complete will (compare [cp.] Matthew 15:9; 7:15).

Friends, all people must go to God's Word to learn the truth, and then obey that truth in order to be saved (cp. John 6:44,45; 8:31,32). What many are preaching / teaching today is simply not true, and not found in God's Word. It is therefore missing from the chart because the chart is totally based on God's Word – see for yourself.

Here Are A Few Things Taught By Men Which Are Contrary To God's Word:

(1) Saved by grace only; (2) Saved by faith only; (3) Pray the sinner's prayer; (4) Ask Jesus to come into your heart and save you and He will; (5) Come to the mourner's bench; (6) You are saved by faith and then are to be baptized.

These are all false ways that men have come up with for one reason or another. There are no Scriptures for these beliefs, but you can know the truth about salvation by studying and believing what God teaches through His Word (cp. Titus 2:11,12).

Jesus said: "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. **Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven**" (Matthew 18:3,4). In order to be saved, and thus enter into the kingdom (Colossians 1:13; Acts 2:47) which is the church of Christ (Matthew 16:18,19; Romans 16:16), one must first become **humble** as a little child. To be humble is to be **teachable**. Herein is a great problem: many people are very closed-minded and will not consider what the Bible actually teaches. There are many Scriptures which deal with this great problem. Here are a few for you to consider: Matthew 13:15; 15:9,13,14; Proverbs 14:12; Jeremiah 10:23. Friends, we do not want to be of such an ungodly character!

We Must Have The Attitude Of The Psalmist

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). Understanding that the Word of God is life unto us only IF we **believe** and **obey** it (John 6:63,68; James 1:21-25). Only the Word of God is able to **convert** the soul to God (Psalm 19:7). The creeds and doctrines of men **cannot** convert anyone to Christ, and absolutely **cannot** save (Matthew 15:9; 2 Timothy 3:13, etc.)!

The word "**converted**" means to turn – turn away from one and turn to another. A good example of this is seen in 1 Thessalonians 1:9, "... how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;" (cp. Ezekiel 33:11). All who will be saved must turn away from serving self and Satan, and turn to God: learn and obey the truth (Acts 2:38; 3:19; Hebrews 5:8,9; 1 Peter 1:22,23).

In the **accompanying chart** (over) you will find every conversion to Christianity found in the New Testament where some detail is given. By **studying** the chart and the context of those conversions in the Bible, one can understand the process of conversion to Christianity – every step that all must take in order to be saved. Multitudes have been taught by the many false teachers in the world (2 Peter 2:1-3; 1

John 4:1) that one is saved before baptism. Friends, this is not taught anywhere in the Bible! **We ask of you to be interested enough, honest enough (Luke 8:15), and courageous enough to learn and obey the truth for your own soul's sake and all whom you influence including family and friends.**

When you compare the chart to the Bible, you will notice the steps God has given for us to take in order to be saved are very logical: one must **hear** (Romans 10:17) before he can **believe** (John 8:24), and must believe before he will **repent** (Luke 13:3,5) and **confess** Jesus (Matthews 10:32,33) before men. The final step of conversion is to obey the Lord in **baptism** "**for the remission of sins**" (Mark 16:15,16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21).

Many have been taught incorrectly that baptism is not essential to salvation. I have heard denominational preachers "quote" 1 Peter 3:21 and insert the word "**not**" just as Satan did in the beginning (Genesis 3:4 cp. 2:17). Please note: in every account the fact that they were baptized is clearly shown by the Scriptures, whereas believing, repentance, and confessing Christ are not always mentioned. I am not suggesting these are any less important, but simply to say that **baptism is also essential to our salvation, equally so**. Do YOU believe Jesus (Mark 16:16)? Do YOU have the faith??? Please do not follow men (cp. Matthew 15:9,14); follow your Savior.

In two accounts in the chart (Eunuch and the Jailer) it mentions the fact they **rejoiced**. Did they rejoice before, or after baptism? Why not before? If, in fact, one is saved at the point of believing, then the rejoicing should be at that time. The Word of God shows the rejoicing came after baptism because **one is saved at the point of baptism**. Let's look at an Old Testament example (cp. Romans 15:4) to help us understand this: Paul says that the Israelites were "baptized unto Moses" **when** they passed through the sea (1 Corinthians 10:1,2). As we go back and study the account in Exodus 14 we learn that before their baptism they were afraid (v.10), **but** after their baptism they rejoiced (Exodus 15). Why? They were **saved by their baptism** (Exodus 14:30).

Many today speak **falsely** saying the Ephesians were saved by grace without baptism. Indeed the Ephesians were saved by grace, **{Over}**

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you

- ✓ can know exactly what you must do in order to be saved eternally.
- ✓ can know exactly at what point a person is saved.
- ✓ can understand God's saving Word.
- ✓ can be assured of salvation.

John 6:63,68 "...the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life ... eternal life."

John 8:32 "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

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