

Lydia's Heart Is Opened

Acts 16:13, 14 (NASB)

And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled. A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

- Lydia will become a key person, used by God for the gospel to take root in Philippi

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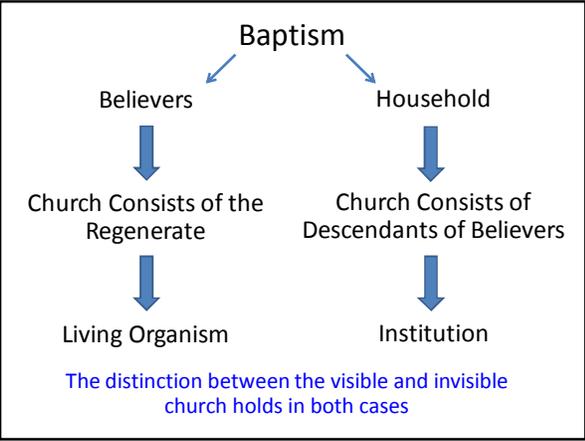
Lydia and Household Are Baptized

Acts 16:15 (NASB)

And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us

- The text does not tell us any details about these household members
- The implication is that they, too, heard the gospel and believed
- Elsewhere in Acts is it believers who are baptized
- Lydia is highly motivated to serve the Lord

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Baptism In Acts

Acts 2:38, 41 (NASB)

Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" ...So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

"Baptize" in various tenses is used 21 times in Acts

"Never is it explicitly applied to infants; it is consistently used in the context of conversion"

The Circumcised Heart

Colossians 2:11, 12 (NASB)

And in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

- "Made without hands" shows its nature
- Four parallel truths: "made complete" (vs 10); "circumcised" (vs 11); "buried" (vs 12); "raised up with Him" (vs 12)

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Baptism Implies Death

Romans 6:4-7 (NASB)

Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin.

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Passages in Acts on Baptism from NASB

- Acts 1:5 for John baptized with water, but you will be **baptized** with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”
- Acts 2:38 Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be **baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Acts 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were **baptized**; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.
- Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being **baptized**, men and women alike. [preaching in Samaria]
- Acts 8:16 For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been **baptized** in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- Acts 8:36-38 As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look! Water! What prevents me from being **baptized**?”³⁷ And Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”³⁸ And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he **baptized** him.
- Acts 9:17-18 So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁸ And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was **baptized**;
- Acts 10:45-48 All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God. Then Peter answered,⁴⁷ “Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be **baptized** who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he?”⁴⁸ And he ordered them to be **baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.
- Acts 11:16 “And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘John **baptized** with water, but you will be **baptized** with the Holy Spirit.’ [Peter on why Gentiles had been baptized]
- Acts 16:15 And when she and her household had been **baptized**, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.
- Acts 16:32-34 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house.³³ And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was **baptized**, he and all his household.³⁴ And he brought them into his house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household.
- Acts 18:8 Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his household, and many of the Corinthians when they heard were believing and being **baptized**.
- Acts 19:3-5 And he said, “Into what then were you **baptized**?” And they said, “Into John’s baptism.”⁴ Paul said, “John **baptized** with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus.”⁵ When they heard this, they were **baptized** in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- Acts 22:16 ‘Now why do you delay? Get up and be **baptized**, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.’ [Paul recounting his own baptism]