

Questions ASKED IN THE BOOK of ACTS

A professor went around to different towns giving lectures. He was not a Christian and often shared his views hoping that others would agree with him. At the end of every lecture he would allow questions having confidence he would be able to answer each one. On one occasion a man rose and came to the front. He reached into his pocket, took out an orange and began to peel it. The professor inquired concerning his question. There was no response. The man just continued to peel his orange. Once it was peeled he began to eat it. The professor became annoyed and told the man, "Either ask your question or sit down!" The man responded, "Can you tell me whether this orange is bitter or sweet?"



The professor growing more infuriated with each moment answered, "How do I know whether the orange is bitter or sweet? I have not tasted it!"

The man replied, "That is my point. How can you stand there and tell this group of people what Jesus tastes like unless you have tasted Him for yourself? The Bible says, O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him" (Psalm 34:8).

Let us look at several of questions in the Book of Acts asked by people who have tried (tasted) the goodness of the Lord or those who needed to do so.

AN HONEST QUESTION AN HONEST ANSWER

In Acts 2 the Holy Spirit was poured out. Excitement was created when they heard them speaking in tongues and a great atmosphere of praise and worship was manifested that day. This caused the Jews to ask, "What meaneth this?" (Acts 2:12). The answer became the first sermon preached in the New

Testament Church. Peter explained that this was the promise spoken of in Joel 2:28-29. His sermon concluded with the salvation plan in Acts 2:38. This plan was given after a group of convicted people were pricked in their heart and said, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). The same answer can be given to any one who becomes convicted of their sins and asks, "What shall we do?"

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38).

IS THERE ANYTHING MORE?

In Acts 10 we see the Holy Spirit being poured out on Cornelius and those gathered in his house. It was the man of God who asked the question, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" The response is in the action recorded in Acts 10:48, "And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord."

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST?

HOW WERE YOU BAPTIZED?

In Acts 19 Paul met some believers and asked, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" (19:2). They were not aware Holy Ghost had been poured out. Paul asked a second important question. "Unto what then were ye baptized?" (19:3). These disciples had been baptized under John's ministry. In Acts 19:5 we read, "They were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." They immediately received the Holy Ghost.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

The Phillipian Jailer received a great testimony of God's power when a great earthquake took place, and the prison doors were thrown open (Acts 16:25-34). His question was, "**Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**" (16:30). Millions of people have asked this question throughout history. The answer is clear throughout Acts, believe, repent of your sins, be baptized in Jesus name, and receive the Holy Spirit.

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