

Construction of a Christian – part 4
Acts 16:25-34
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Thesis: I want to show the next steps in constructing a faithful Christian.

Intro: 1.
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I. Building a faithful Christian requires baptism.

A. Baptism is necessary...

1. for the remission of sins (**Acts 2:38**)
2. to wash away sins (**Acts 22:16**)
3. to walk a new life (**Romans 6:4**)
4. to obey the command of God (**Acts 10:47-48**)

B. When baptized...

1. One puts on Christ (**Gal 3:26-27**)
2. One is made free from sin (**Rom 6:17-18**)
3. One enters the body of Christ (the church – **1 Cor 12:13, Eph 1:22-23**).

II. Building a faithful Christian also includes remaining faithful

A. Definition of Faithfulness

1. Obedient to the Lord (**Acts 5:29**)
2. Walking in the light (**1 Jn 1:7**)
3. Doing the will of the Father (**Mt 7:21**)

B. The command to remain faithful

1. Commanded to be faithful unto death (**Rev 2:10**)
2. Be faithful to keep from being entangled in the world (**2 Pt 2:20-22**)
3. Departing from God means unfaithfulness (**Heb 3:14**)

III. Lessons for us today.

A. Examples of baptism show the necessity of it.

1. Those on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2)
2. The Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8)
3. The Philippian Jailer (Acts 16)

B. Faithfulness brings worthwhile results

1. The crown of life (**Rev 2:10b**)
2. Spiritual blessings (**Pro 28:20**)
3. Being received as a faithful servant (**Mt 25:21-23**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. Without following the biblical standard for Christian building the faithful Christian will never exist.
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3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9