

#3 What You Do When You Are Believing

On the subject of belief we talked about understanding what belief is and we talked about what shows that you truly believe just so you say you are a believer does not mean anything, it is whether you show it forth by your action, by your character, by your fruit, by your words and so many different things there we saw in the word. We talked about what belief means, belief means to be fully persuaded that what God has said is true and he will bring it to pass. It is being totally convinced of the truth knowing that it is the right way in what you are to do, it is being assured and convinced of the promises of God but he will bring them to pass in your life as you do what he says. It is also, that which you trust in if you really believe you will really trust in the Lord and you will know it you will be certain of it you will have no question about it you know it is so the reality of it. That is what it means to come to the place of belief and belief is not mental assent just mentally assenting that something is so. No, belief always demands action as we saw in so many scriptures and you will see it more that belief has to be shown by action in your life. People that say things anybody can say anything that is just mental ascent even if they believed but they do not show it forth by acting on the word and doing what the word of God says. Now, we are going to talk about what you do when you are believing. If you are really believing then you are going to do what God says, there is going to be some action that is going to be shown forth by the things that you do with the word of God. Of course, what is our basis for belief? It is the word. What do we do? The word, we do not do anything contrary to the word we always do what the word says.

#1 Believe

Mark 9:23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. (That is a tremendous statement, you are a believer, all things are possible to you, every promise can come to pass, every victory that you have need of will come forth. You can prosper, be blessed, be healed and have wisdom and be led by the Lord and walk in his ways as you believe his word because those are all the promises he has. All things are possible to him that believeth. So what do you do when you are believing? When the word of God comes to you the first thing of course is we need to believe it and know what the truth is and walk in it)

Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. (You need to repent. What does the word repent mean? People have thought that repent means I repent of my sins, it does not mean that it means "change your mind." it is not even talking about sin in the context whatsoever, it just means change your mind. So you are to change your mind and believe the gospel, believe the good news of the word of God. Changing your mind and choosing to set your mind upon what the word says and being a doer of it walk in it and believe it is the way it starts out. When the gospel is presented to you, you need to change your mind and believe it, everybody has to change their mind and come to the place

where I believe that and be ready to see God do a work in their life. Now, if you believe what is the next thing you are going to do as you change your mind? Well, you are going to receive Jesus as personal Lord and Savior and get born again)

#2 Get Born Again

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: (Notice, you may believe on his name but that does not cause the new birth to occur, you have to receive him. The word "received" here is the word "lam-ban-o" which means "to take" you need to take him as your Lord and Savior, receive him so you are born again) **to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:** (Just because you are believing does not do it, belief demands action it is going to be shown by corresponding action in your life. Here is a good example of this over in Acts 26 here is where Paul is talking to King Agrippa and we come down to verse 27 and this is the statement that Paul makes to him)

Acts 26:27-28 King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. (And when he talks about believing here this happens to be a present tense verb so he says "I know you have been believing this, you believe all the things that the prophets have said" well, just because he believed did that mean he was born again or he received all that was spoken about Jesus as Paul was bringing forth the gospel to him? No, look what he says) **28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.** (Or you almost persuaded me to "become" this is the word "ghin-om-ahee" a Christian showing the fact that he believed all these things but he would not take that step to become a Christian. How do you become a Christian? You have to receive Jesus as personal Lord and Savior. He believed what is said but he would not make that next step, that shows you that believing does not produce the new birth. Believing is what you do so that then you will act upon it and receive Jesus and in this case become a Christian and be born again receiving Jesus as personal Lord and Savior. Another thing that we see after we are born again, what is the next thing that we need to do as a believer? If we are a believer the next thing we need to do is receive the Holy Spirit. In Acts 7:39 here he is speaking about the Holy Spirit)

#3 Receive The Holy Spirit

Acts 7:39 But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him (They were believers believing on him and had gotten born again) **should receive:** (Again the word "lam-ban-o" they should take the Holy Spirit into them but) **for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.** (That tells you something as well, because you believe on Jesus you have been born again do that mean you have the Holy Spirit? No, you can even believe the fact that there is a Holy Spirit but until you receive or take the Holy Spirit into you he has not come to dwell in you and the Holy Spirit comes into you after you are born again)

Acts 19:1-2 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 He said unto them, Have ye received (“Lam-ban-o” taken into you) the Holy Ghost since ye believed? (Their answer was) And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. (They did not know about the Holy Ghost at all. That shows you they were born again, they were believers they had not received the Holy Spirit. This points out that the Holy Spirit is received after you are born again not at the time of the new birth. Jesus, we receive as personal Lord and Savior, we get a new spirit, the Spirit of Christ that comes from Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes from the Father, it is a promise of God and it is what we receive after we are born again. Another scripture that we see that goes right along with this is over in Eph 1:13)

Eph 1:13-14 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: (They acted on the word the gospel the good news and they trusted in Jesus and they got born again) in whom also after that ye believed, (This is following having believed, after you believed) ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, (Notice the Holy Spirit is a promise. Who is the promise for? Those that are born again and it further says) 14 Which is the earnest (Or like deposit money, earnest money or first fruit) of our inheritance (So the Holy Spirit is a promise and it is part of our inheritance. You do not get inheritance until you are a son of God, you have to be born again first in order to be able to have this inheritance a son then you are an heir. So the receiving of the Holy Spirit is subsequent to salvation but at the same time you have to receive the Holy Spirit, you can believe about the Holy Spirit but until you receive the Holy Spirit he has not come to dwell on the inside of you. We see another scripture over in Acts 8 what else do we do when we believe? (Acts 8:35 this is where Philip came to the Ethiopian eunuch who has been led by the Holy Spirit) until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory

#4 Get Baptized

Acts 8:35-38 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. 36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? (Because he had talked about the fact that he would need to be baptized) 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. (What was the prerequisite? He had to believe with all of his heart) And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. (He believed and he confessed him as the Son of God. So therefore that resulted in him being born again then what happened?) 38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. (Baptism of water follows believing having been born again. Remember the prerequisite is you have to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God before you can get baptized. So this also shows us baptism in water does not produce the new

birth, baptism with water is what we do after we are born again and that is important to realize. Many people when you go out and talk to them about whether they have received Jesus as personal Lord and Savior one of the things they often say is “well, I have been baptized.” You know when they say that the best thing to say is “well, that is great but have you received Jesus as personal Lord and Savior?” Just overcome that statement and go right into finding out whether or not they have actually been born again. A lot of people have been baptized as a baby or whatever and that does not produce the new birth, you have to be able to receive Jesus as personal Lord and Savior at an age to know what you are doing to be born again. So here we see that baptism follows being born again. But again it is going to be shown in action when you are baptized because you are declaring what happened on the inside of you and the fact that now you belong to the Lord and you are separated from the world and you are going to follow him all the days of your life)

#5 Get In The Word

John 6:35-36 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. (Just because you believe on Jesus without getting in the word would that cause you to never thirst? No, you are going to have to get in the word because Jesus is the bread of life. “I am the bread of life” you are going to eat this bread of life remember which is going to be spiritual nourishment to you, he is the bread of life that comes down from heaven and so again this is implying that you are going to get in the word, you are going to be eating that, the word of God that is going to bring spiritual nourishment to you, you are not going to hunger you are not going to thirst any longer) **36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.** (These people, they had seen Jesus, it was the bread of God that came down from heaven and yet they would not believe, that would not receive him, they did not believe on him whatsoever unfortunately. You and I are to come to him and believe and take the feeding of the word of God in us so then we will be spiritual nourished and we will see God’s promise come to pass that we will never thirst or will never hunger and longer)

John 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. (When you believe on him you are going to follow him. We talked about believing on him, it is shown by the action of doing the word and following him and obeying his commandments. We talked about what believers do they follow the commandments of the New Testament and what is going to be the result? You will have everlasting life and you will be raised up at the last day)

#6 Become A Disciple

John 8:31-32 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; (Now they had believed on him and got born again but were they disciples? No, they needed to take a step of becoming disciples and how are they going to

do that? By being in the word. These guys were closet Christian's essentially they were afraid of the Jews) **If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;** (Real believers are going to get in the word and you are going to abide in it you are going to continue in it and you are going to remain in it, it is what you are going to walk after continually then that makes you a disciple a disciplined one. And then what is the possible result of that?) **32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.** (Noticed, you will not know the truth until you become a disciple, you may think so but because the truth is going to be revealed by the Holy Spirit unless you are doing the word he is not going to reveal that. You may have a mental ascent to it but he reveals it to you, it becomes a reality in your life as you put it in operation. You must continue in the word and become a discipline one who is now walking in it consistently then you will know the truth and that truth will make you free because you act upon the word of God)

1Cor 15:1-2 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, (They took hold of it near) **and wherein ye stand;** (So they are taking hold of the word and they were standing steadfast on it and he said) **2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory** (Or this really means to "retain" it is a Greek word "kat-ekh-o" which means "to retain or hold on to" if you retain) **what I preached unto you,** (If you keep what he has preached unto us) **unless ye have believed in vain.** (Now, that tells you another thing, it is possible for you to believe in vain otherwise, without purpose, without success, without seeing results come to pass. How am I going to be able to see results come from believing? Because when I hear of the word of God I am going to retain it otherwise, it is going to stay in me I am going to walk it out it has become my lifestyle. It is the way I am going to I think, the way I am going to speak, the way I am going to walk and this is producing the salvation of the Lord. By the way this is talking about what is necessary to produce the salvation because when it says) **By which also ye are saved,** (It sounds like it is already an accomplished fact but it is not. In the Greek it is a present tense verb which means that it is an ongoing verb tense, present tense means ongoing action, continuous repeated. So the way Young's brings it out very well he says "through which also you are being saved" meaning the word is producing this in your life on an ongoing basis if you hold on to and retain what has been preached to you unless you believe in vain. So that shows that you can believe but if you do not do something with the word, get it in you retain it and hold on to it to see it working your life where it is producing ongoing work of salvation in your life then we are actually believing in vain. So it shows you that if you are really a believer you are going to do something you are going to get the word in you and you are going to hold on to it and you were going to act upon it to see God bring forth the things that he purposes in your life)

#7 Remissions Of Sins - Release From Bondage & Imprisonment

Acts 10:43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name (We call on the name of the Lord for healing for deliverance for salvation, all the things that he wants to bring forth)

whosoever believeth in him (And again this is someone continually believing in him. And what is the believer going to do? He is going to act on it in some capacity isn't he) **shall receive** ("Lam-ban-o" take hold of the) **remission of sins**. (The word remission here is not the word which normally means to remit, which is "af-ee-ay-mee" we have seen before which means "to send away" something but this was a different word. It is a word which means "to release from bondage or imprisonment" to bring a release from it, this is the very same word that is used it is translated deliverance over and Luke 4:18 or set at Liberty and that verse as well meaning) **that through his name whosoever believeth in him** (You are going to receive the) **remission of sins**. ("Release from bondage and imprisonment" and it would cover all kinds of areas in your life because sin causes bondage doesn't it, but it also brings demons in it also will cause sickness and disease. Remember the guy that was healed in the pool of Bethesda? He said go and sin no more lest a worse thing come on you. Why was he in that state? Because of the sin, this is really talking about if you really believe on him you are going to take hold of the release from bondage and imprisonment of sins. That would include confessing your sins that would include casting out the demons that would include taking hold of the promises in order to see victory come forth in every area of your life. It is more than just confessing your sins this is implying this in this particular word which is "releasing from bondage and imprisonment." Just to show you see this word 859 in case you are not familiar with this we will run over to Luke for a moment so you see what I am talking about)

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance (Notice it 859 "af-es-is" meaning "release from bondage or imprisonment") **preach deliverance to the captives,** (859) **and recovering of sight to the blind,** (And it says) **to set at liberty** (Same thing 859) **them that are bruised,** (So this remission of sins is not just dealing with so that I get forgiven this is talking about getting you free from all the effects of sin in your life which would imply deliverance, healing the whole thing and God wants us to. If you are a believer you are going to use the name of Jesus and you are going to receive the promises of God and come out of bondage in your life. Another thing we see if you are a real believer you are going to confess your sins and turn away from things, you certainly cannot be walking in the ways of sin if you are a real believer)

#8 Turning From Sin

Acts 19:18-19 And many that believed came, (What did they do? They) **and confessed, and shewed their deeds.** (Declared their acts and they or doing what? They were confessing not only speaking the word but confessing their sins and turning away from things showing for their actions the things that they were doing and walking in the ways of the word. These people of course repented from the things) **19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it**

fifty thousand pieces of silver. (So these guys had confessed all their sins and they showed all the evil stuff they did and they got rid of it. What does God expect you to do as a believer? He wants you to confess your sins, he wants you to repent from everything, he wants you to get rid of everything that is not of the Lord. You do not want to have anything to do with anything that is evil any longer, real believers are going to confess and turn away from all sin in their life)

#9 Praise & Worship God

John 4:21-23 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. (Notice, Jesus said "believe me" believe what he says, you are going to be a worshipper of the Father in spirit and in truth and that is what you and I are to believe. You cannot just be those that just approach God however we want we are to worship him, we are to praise him and we have sacrifices that we are to give him sacrifices of praise and worship entering into the very presence of God. God wants you to praise him and worship him with everything that is in you to come into the very manifestation of the presence of God. You minister to him he will minister back unto you. Another thing that we do as believers is we are going to put our spirit of faith in operation)

#10 Put Our Spirit Of Faith Into Operation

2Cor 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, (You have the same spirit of faith as everybody else. What are you doing with your spirit of faith? You are going to put it in operation) **according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken;** (If you are a believer you know you have a spirit that same spirit of faith the faith of Jesus Christ, you are going to put it in operation and you are going to work this faith. You are going to speak because speaking releases God's power that is in his word as you speak the word, you confess the word, you use your authority to release the power of God and authority in order to accomplish the things that God purposes. **we also believe, and therefore speak;** (So you are going to believe by showing forth by speaking and doing what the word says. Another thing that believers do they take hold of the promises, God expects you to take hold of the promises, remember he says he does not want any promise to be left out)

#11 Take Hold OF The Promises

Matt 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask (Which is the word "ahee-teh-o" which means "a demand of what is due you") **in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.** (Now, unfortunately, traditional teaching out there has been if I am believing that means I am going to get it because they think of) **ye shall receive.** (It's like it is going to come to me, that is not what it is because the Greek word "receive" is the word "lam-ban-o" which means "to take hold of" and this is not a

word that you are just going to sit there and wait for something to come. It shows the future tense that you are the one who is going to take hold of it, meaning you have a responsibility to take hold of this yourself. So if you believe what the word says all the things that belong to you, you are going to pray the scripture promises and you are going to take hold of them. As you take hold of them you will release them to come into manifestation in your life, God does not want you to miss out on any promises, start speaking them into being start taking hold of the promises of God. Do not be one of those where "I believe but I do not see them come to pass" well, you have to speak forth and put your faith in operation to see them come into manifestation. In Luke 8:49-50 this is the case here where Jarius' daughter had died and Jesus was on his way to heal her)

Luke 8:49-50 While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master. 50 But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole. (In Mark's account which we read before it said "fear not believe only" but here he added something else to that he said something further) **she shall be made whole.** (They had to believe either what Jesus said or believe the natural report which was not a lie. It was true that she had died physically but is that the end result? Is that the end of the story? No, Jesus' promise will come to pass) **Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.** (He believed he refused to fear, if you are a real believer you will not be afraid you will resist fear and you will believe what the promise is and you will not be denied regardless of what the circumstance is that comes, you are going to go forth to take hold of it. It said she is going to be made whole and he went, of course, she was raised up from the dead and she was made whole, praise God. Do not be moved by the change in circumstances if you have a promise of God, believe and do not fear. Another thing that we do in Mark 11:23 if you are a believer you are going to speak to mountains and command them to be removed otherwise, you do not put up with them you do not decide well I guess I will go another way. No, you speak to them and get rid of them)

#12 Speak To Mountains To Be Removed

Mark 11:23-24 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that **those things which he saith** (We talked about this word "saith" as a present tense verb the things that you are saying and continue to say) **shall come to pass;** (King James says "shall come to pass" but that is an error because it is not a future tense. If it was "shall" it would be a future tense verb. I put the cursor over this and you will find that it is not a future tense verb it is a present tense verb. The way you would translate this is "you believe that those things which you say and are continuing to say are coming to pass." They are happening and they are coming to pass that is what you declare that is what you believe as you are speaking this into being, speaking to the mountain to be removed) **he shall have whatsoever he saith.** (Otherwise, if you

believe that it shall come then you are just in hope but your faith is not working, your faith is working when you are speaking what God is doing now, whatever you say God is doing for you now releases him to do it for you now. If you say this is happening, it is coming to as I speak to that mountain then it is coming to pass because faith is always now. Faith is not what it will be that is hope, faith is now you are speaking things into being, so God wants you to speak to mountains, and he wants you to learn how to speak things correctly, speaking promises into being declaring and knowing that it is happening now) **24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire,** (Which is the word "ahee-teh-o" again which is "a demand of what is due you") **when ye pray, believe that ye receive them,** ("Take hold of" them otherwise, you do not just pray and then "well it is whatever God wants to do I guess." No, when you pray you are to believe you take hold of it. Why am I doing that? Because I am bringing it into being, you believe you take hold of it in order to see it come into manifestation. How do I take hold of it? I cannot see it, you take hold of it with your faith which you do with the words of your mouth as you speak it into being. I believe that I took hold of whatever the particular promise is, so this is the word "receive" "lam-ban-o" and by the way, the word believe here is not like you are trying to believe it actually is a command, it is an imperative mood verb. He commands you to believe continually that you take hold of it, So we are going to take hold of the promise, we are going to see the promises of God come to pass. You can receive every promise you can come boldly to the throne of grace and take hold of his mercy and find grace to help in the time of need. God wants us to put these things in operation, but there is another thing we need to believe. If you are a believer in things you are going to do Acts 8:12) **and ye shall have them.**

#13 Believe The Kingdom Of God

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. (Remember what was that prophecy back there in Exodus 19? That the kingdom was going to be a holy nation they were going to be a kingdom of priests it was going to come into being they all were expecting the kingdom to come and now he is preaching the kingdom of God has come and the name of Jesus Christ is what you call upon to bring forth the rule and reign of God in operation through the authority of the name of Jesus) **they were baptized, both men and women.** (They believed and they proceeded to get baptized. Well, what do you do as one who is a king? Are believers are going to cast out demons)

#14 Believers Cast Out Demons

Mark 16:17-18 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; (If you are a believer you have authority kingdom of God has come and you have the name above every name the name of Jesus and he wants you to use the name of Jesus) **In my name shall they cast out devils;** (He wants you to cast all the demons out of you in area after area in your life and keep casting them out until they are all driven out. Of course they are going to)

they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. (You are going to release the power of God)

#15 Signs Will Follow Believers

Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. (Talked about these scriptures before, God wants you to know as you speak the word God is going to confirm the word, he is going to establish it, the word with signs following. Otherwise, things that you do are going to come to pass, you are cast out the demons, you are going to pray in tongues and release the power of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit interceding through you and you are going to my hands on the sick but they are going to recover. So real believers are going to be doing what he says, that means there are a lot of believers out there that are in trouble because they are not even casting out demons at all, they need to be casting out demons, they need to be speaking in tongues, they need to be laying hands on the sick)

#16 Belief Makes The Power Of God Effective

Rom 3:3 For what if some did not believe? (How about other people's unbelief is that going to affect you?) **shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?** (The answer is no, it is not going to have any effect, your faith will work regardless of what happens or what someone else does, we are talking about for yourself. You can receive the promises of God and walk in total victory regardless of where people are at around you. Now, regarding them you have been able to minister something to them that is different. If they are in unbelief you will not be able to minister effectively to them. Remember Jesus could do no mighty works because of their unbelief but for you yourself you can receive the promise of our God it does not matter. Some people are concerned that people around them you know it is going to affect them. No, your faith will produce for you, I mean Jesus was around all these guys that were in unbelief and he saw everything come to pass of course, for him. So you and I must believe and know that your faith will work it does not matter what other people do, the unbelief of others will have no effect it will not stop your faith for yourself it will hinder them of course, from receiving the promises of God)

Rom 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? (That tells you something if you believe the report which is the gospel you are going to obey it, because that is action. It is not only mentally assenting to it "well, I believe this" again real belief is shown in action. If you are a real believer you are going to be obedient, obedience is the mark of someone who really believes, God wants you to be obedient to do all the things that he wants you to do)

Eph 1:19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, (Those who are believing the power of God will operate if you put it in operation) according to the working of his mighty power, (You are going to put the power of God in operation as you do what the word says. God's mighty power will go into operation) the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, (Otherwise, this is not just some people believe but they deny the power of God and the Bible says "from such turn away." When we believe the power of God is in the word and the power of God will be manifest as we act upon it and do what it says and it will bring the results in our life you and I are to live by power and see the power of God working mightily in us in our life. So believers are going to the power of God work mightily in them)

#17 Real Believers Are Example To Others

1Thess 1:6-7 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: 7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. (And this is another thing, if you are a real believer you are to be an example to others. How are you going to be an example to others? Because they see it working in your life, they see you put it in operation, they see the fruit in your life, they see the word manifesting in your life. They were followers, they received the word and they were examples to other believers because they did not back off the word, they walked in it and they saw God working)

#18 God Is Savior To All Especially To Believers

1Tim 4:10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe. (Did Jesus die for all men? Yes, is he the savior of all mankind? Yes, who sees it happened in their life? The ones who believe and receive those are the ones that it comes to pass for them in their life. One thing though you want to also notice) who is the Saviour of all men, (Or all human beings. Anybody that tells you the Calvinist teaching out there that says he only died for certain ones and only certain ones can be saved is a line teaching it is false. Everybody can be saved, "whosoever believeth" it is for all believers but of course you have to believe and if you really believe you are going to receive Jesus. Of course they trusted in the Living God it was shown by their action as they received him the savior and got born again) specially of those that believe.

#19 Believers Are Persuaded God Will Keep What The Committed To Him

2Tim 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep (Or guard) that which I have committed unto him against that day. (Notice) I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded (If you really believe you are going to be persuaded and you are going to know what God is going to do. Again it is not just mental ascent. The one who is a real believer will know who they believed in and they will be absolutely persuaded to keep or guard that which they

committed unto him. Everything they have done unto the Lord is not in vain, God is keeping everything and you are going to be rewarded according to your works remember and you are going to see these promises as you carry out the word of God in your life)

#20 Real Believers Are Going To Do The Word & Maintain Good Works

Titus 3:8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. (Or this means to think to maintain good works essentially is what this word is talking about. You and I are to have the good works of God, if you are a believer you should be doing the works of God) **These things are good and profitable unto men.** (If you believe you are going to do something, remember in Revelation 2:3 it says "I know their works, I know their works, I know their works. So what are real believers doing? They are doing the works of God. Jesus said "he that believeth on me will do the works that I do" those same works we are going to do. John 14:12 We looked at it the other time, God wants you to do the works of God and if you are a believer, real believers are going to do the works of God. We cannot say that we are a believer and then not do the works of God. No, we are to be sure that we are maintaining the good works of God and carrying these things out in our life)

#21 Believers Possess The Promises Of God & Enters Into His Rest

Heb 4:1-2 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. (We are not supposed to come short a possessing any promises we are to possess them all) **2 For unto us was the gospel preached,** (So they heard the word) **as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them,** (Why did it not profit them?) **not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.** (You mix your faith by doing what the word says, speaking and acting on the word in some capacity to see that promise come to pass. Otherwise, they believed but they did not do what the word said, they did not mix their faith with that which they heard and they did not see the promises of God come to pass)

Heb 4:7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (We cannot harden our hearts, we need to believe the word, act upon it and see that come to pass in our life. God expects us to take hold of those things that he has set before us)

Heb 4:11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. (This is the word "spoo-dad-zo" in the Greek which really means "to be diligent." Young's brings it out clear that we are to be diligent) **therefore to enter into that rest** (What is the rest? Possessing the promises) **lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.** (That means if you do not enter into the promises you must have fallen after the same example of unbelief. See believing is not just "oh I believe in my mind or I believe in a sense that I believe the word

intellectually or whatever" but it is always going to be shown in action) **lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.** (Because he is not diligent to enter into the rest. God wants you to be diligent to do what the word says, we are to be diligent doers of the word and that is how we enter into the rest which is possessing the promises of God in our lives. Those guys they fell out they did not do what God told them to do and they ended up dying out, we are not going to fall after the same example of unbelief whatsoever)

#22 Believers Have A High Priest, Jesus

Heb 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, (What is Jesus doing? He is at the right hand of the Father and he has a minister, he is the high priest over the Covenant. And what does he do? You and I are a priest and as we pray the word or do the word or speak the word Jesus our high priest takes that, he confesses it before the Father, he confesses it before the angels that go into operation to carry it out. Because of that fact, that you are putting your high priest into operation, notice what it says) **Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.** (The word "hold fast is a present tense verb meaning "ongoing" hold fast and it is of course not automatic that you are going to see him work for you it is a subjunctive mood meaning that he is not going to do anything for you unless you meet this condition because the subjunctive mood is a conditional statement. This is why Young's brings it out as "may we hold fast." May we hold fast our profession which is speaking the word "hom-ol-og-ee-ah" which means "to speak the same thing" confessing or professing the word of God. Why are you speaking the word? Because the word is God and when you speak the word you release him to perform the promises in your life. God wants us to speak and when you speak it then you put Jesus' ministry in operation. You are to hold fast continually by confessing and speaking the word of God to see him bring things into being, again that shows that you are a real believer)

#23 Believers Come Boldly To The Throne Of Grace

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain (This is a Greek word "lam-ban-o" translated obtained here but it very well should have been translated "received" if it was consistent because that is what it is normally translated "to receive or take hold of) **mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.** (Therefore you and I are to come boldly to the throne of grace, we are supposed to take hold of his mercy. Are God's mercies new every morning? Yes, is his grace available for all of us? Yes, can you take hold of it and see it come to pass in every situation in your life? Yes, if you do what it says. It is not going to be automatic. You have to do what the word says to take hold of his mercy and find grace to help in the time of need because you are going to activate your faith, real believers are going to do something. They are not going to say no, that mercy is available which includes healing or deliverance or provision the love of God in action in some way. No, you were going to put him in operation so

you see these promises come to pass. Another thing that shows you are a real believer is you do not cast away your confidence you know that God is bringing the promise to pass)

#24 Believers Do Not Cast Away Their Confidence

Heb 10:35-36 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. 36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. (Real believers are not going to cast away their confidence. Do not ever cast away your confidence, know that God will bring things to pass, it has a great recompense of reward you will be rewarded for it as your confidence. What do you have to have? Steadfastness, "patience" means "steadfastness" in the soulish realm. Steadfast on the word) that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive (This is a different word it is the word "kom-id-zo" which means "to carry off or carry away") the promise. (You are going to carry it off it is going to be manifesting in you, God is going to bring these things to pass)

#25 Believers Do Not Draw Back

Heb 10:38-39 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. (Is God pleased with people, that drawback? No, he is not pleased with him at all, in fact, look at what the next statement says) 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; (This is the word actually that means "destruction" we will not draw back into destruction) but of them that believe (We are believers) to the saving (Or preserving is really what it means) of the soul. (So your soul is going to be preserved. Why? Because you are walking by faith and possessing the promises of God, you are going into possess everything that God has for you, we do not draw back into destruction. No, we are to continually walk in the word, see believers are going to do what the word says and that is so important. Over in Heb 11:4-5 we see in the faith chapter, what is the mark of a real believer)

#26 Believers Are Dedicated

Heb 11:4-5 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. (What did he do? He brought the tithe, he brought the first things of the flock and the fat which is the best part, he obeyed what God wanted him to do. What did Cain do? He just brought an offering he just did whatever he wanted to do, Able obeyed and did exactly what God wanted. If you are a real believer you will obey exactly what he says, you just will not do it on your turn. No, you do not do anything on your terms you do it on God's terms whatever he says is what you do) 5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, (Why?) because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. (If you please God, God will manifest himself mightily. In this case he was even translated because he pleased God and that shows you if you are a real believer you are going to please God you are not going to please self. You are not going to be a man pleaser you are going

to be a God pleaser, you are going to follow what God says you are not going to do things your own way you are going to be obedient and do the things. You know the name Enoch actually means "dedicated" he was a dedicated one, he was dedicated to follow the way of the Lord and he pleased God. God wants you dedicated, real believers do what God says, they will please the Lord and they will be dedicated and walk that walk)

#27 Believers Take Heed To God's Warnings

Heb 11:7-11 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; (He is the only one that got saved he is a preacher of righteousness and no one else would listen but he heard from God and he obeyed God he did what God wanted him to do, he was warned of God. He was warning them but they would not listen to him, warned of God moved with fear and that shows you those that really believe will take heed to God's warnings they will take heed and they will have the fear of the Lord and they will do the things that God says in this case he prepared an ark to the saving of his house) by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. (What kind of Ark are you preparing for the saving of you and your house? You are preparing a holy house, a spiritual house, you are building your spiritual house which is your Ark, your place where you are residing to be saved and to be protected so in doing this of course you are walking after the way of the Lord and you are condemning the world as well. You will be shown to be righteous because you build your spiritual house and follow the way of the Lord. What about Abraham?) 8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. (He was just walking by faith obeying God and that shows you that real believers obey. Obedience is the mark of a believer and that is what God is looking for, looking for obedience) 9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

#28 Believers Take Hold Of & Bring Promises Into Being

Heb 11:10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. (He was following what God was directing him to do and he had this promise that he was going to have a child and father many nations and his wife also had to get on board, Sarah. Sarah had to become a believer) 11 Through faith also Sara herself (It was not Abraham's faith it was) herself received ("Lam-ban-o" meaning "took hold of") strength (Which is the word "doo-nam-is" which really means power. She took hold of power) to conceive seed, (So if you are a real believer you are going to see the promise come to pass. She had a promise and she did something her faith was in operation and she took hold of the power of God to conceive seed and bring it into manifestation) and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. (Real believers know that God is faithful and they are going to take hold of the power of God to bring promises into being. What are you taking hold of to bring

promises into being? You should be taking hold of the power of God knowing he is faithful and speaking things into being to see him bring the promises to pass)

#29 Believers See The Promises & Are Persuaded

Heb 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, (This is the mark of a believer, you see the promises and you are persuaded) and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. (And yet they could not obtain the promises but now in the New Testament era we can receive all these promises and that is exactly what we do)

#30 Believers Do What The Word

Heb 11:17-27 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: (He had to be obedient, didn't he?) and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: 19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure. (In other words, he had to be ready to kill he son because God told him to go up there and sacrifice him knowing that he would raise him from the dead because he said you are going to be a father of many nations which it is going to go through your seed and it is not going to be anybody else but through your own seed that comes out of your own bowels and that is exactly what happened, he obeyed regardless of what, he knew what God said would come to pass) 20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. (He spoke things into being he was blessing them and speaking them into being that is what God wants for you, he wants you to speak things into being) 21 By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff. 22 By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones. 23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. 24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; (He refused) 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; (He would not compromise, all the things he could have had Egypt he said no, I am going to follow the way of the Lord and I am going to suffer affliction with the people of God than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. And he went forth and he saw God of course use him mightily to lead the people into the promised land, up through the Old Testament era to the promised land and all the things that he did) 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. (Remember he is the one that led them out of Egypt so that they got out of there and were set free) 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. (When you see in the spirit and you see him through the word of God then you act upon it and

real believers are going to do what the word says regardless of what the situation is. Then we come down to verse 33, look at what these guys did and this is in the Old Testament era)

#31 Believers Follow God No Matter What

Heb 11:33-38 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, (Or strong and mighty in battles is what this talks about) turned to flight the armies of the aliens. (I mean these guys did supernatural feats because they believed and they obeyed and they did what the word said and they saw things come to pass) 35 Women received their dead raised to life again: (Because of their faith) and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: (They would not compromise. These are real believers, they followed God regardless of what the situation was and that is what God wants for you and for me) 36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: 37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: (I mean these guys are really believers to do this, you are not going to let this happen to you unless you know you believe) they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; 38 Of whom the world was not worthy: they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. (They had it rough. We have nothing like that, we should believe and do everything that he says. You think your situation is bad, it is nothing compared to what these guys went through. God wants us to believe his word and walk in line with his word)

#32 Believers Work Their Faith

Heb 12:1-4 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, (Get rid of all those sins) and let us run with patience (Steadfastness) the race that is set before us, (You are going to run this race and you are going to possess the prize you are going to conquer and overcome all enemies in your life. You can conquer everything because you are more than a conqueror remember) 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; (You are going to keep your eyes on him, he is the one that is going to develop you and bring you to all the things that he has for you regardless of what comes) who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (He had his eyes on the prize you see) 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, (Do not be moved by what people do to persecute you) lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. (God wants us to strive and fight against sin. If you are a real believer you are going to conquer, you are going to overcome, you are not going to be a pushover and give place to sin, you are going to walk in the ways of the Lord and that is what he wants. Real believers are going to work their faith)

James 2:14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? (No, it is not going to do it)

James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. (Therefore we need to work our faith and you believe God's word which produces faith and your heart but then you work it in order to see the results. So if you are really a believer you are going to work your faith in some way, you are not just going to be mentally accenting. God wants you to be a real believer and put your faith in operation to see God bring forth what he purposes)

James 2:20-22 But wilt thou know, O vain man, (Which means "devoid of truth" someone who is devoid of truth) that faith without works is dead? (Don't you know this, they expected them to know it) 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? (That is right he had to show it forth didn't he. He could not say "well I believe God is going to do such and such." No, he had to obey God and look what happens when you do apply your works to your faith) 22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? (It went on to perfection, completion to produce the results. If you are a believer you are going to work your faith and you are going to see God bring these things into manifestation in your life. We see a scripture over in 1John 4:1 also if you are going to be a believer you are not going to believe anything that just comes to you)

#33 Believers Try The Spirits

1John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, (You have to watch because there are a lot of deceiving spirits out there) but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. (A lot of people do not try and test the spirits to see whether it is in line with the word of God and check things out and they end up getting deceived because they are believing whatever thing comes down the line. You do have to watch and guard yourself)

#34 Believers Receive Him As Lord & Savior

1John 5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. (If you believe that Jesus is the Christ, you are born of God because the believer receives him as personal Lord and savior)

#35 Believers Conquer The World

1John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh (Conquers) the world: (You are expected to conquer the world) and this is the victory that overcometh (Conquers, carries off the victory of) the world, even our faith. (Real believers are going to conquer the world and they are going to overcome and that is what God wants, he wants you to have victory in your life)

Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (Or means judged. There is quite a controversy in the body of Christ about what this all means. There is one group out there that says if you believe you have to be baptized or you are not going to be saved they think they are talking about being baptized with water. There are others that think well you just believe and then you know that it produces salvation because other scriptures talk about it but you do not really need to be baptized. Well, what does this scripture say? We need to see what this scripture is saying because there should not be this division in the body of Christ. The problem is they have not seen what it has been saying. The word "believeth" is "pist-yoo-o" which happens to be an active voice, so this is talking about you actively believing. The word baptized is not an active thing it is a passive voice so it is talking about somebody else is going to be baptizing you. We say well, somebody else would be doing that but that does not necessarily mean that it is talking about water baptism as you will see) **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.** (Again the usual argument that many people have and many denominations take this position, that believing in baptism are included together and if you do not have both of them you cannot be saved. That is why they say if you are not baptized in water you are not saved because they are assuming this is talking about baptism with water. Believing always caused an active response which we have seen that is right to walk in the ways of the Lord of course, and we have seen that in other scriptures but baptism here is passive so this is not something active that you are going to pursue after it is talking about you were going to be baptized by someone else. These are both participles in the Greek, participles are verbal adjectives and they can carry the characteristics of both verbs and nouns. Now we are going to talk to you a little bit about some Greek stuff, maybe you do not know this but it is going to help you. This is just for you to understand. Before we do this I want to go down here and show you when you have participles here and they have what is called a definite article before them the definite article is translated "the" if you have it before each one and and separated by an "and" which is what this is then it would be talking about two different things. But if you have a definite article which is what this is here we can see it says "the" and then there is a participle which is what this is "believe" and then there is an "and" and then there is no definite article after that and you have the next word which is the participle "baptized" then these are treated as what they call two substantive that are viewed as a single entity that they are combined together to produce the result which is salvation. In other words, what it is saying is that these two do combined together to produce salvation this is what is called the "Granville Sharp Rule" for those of you who may know Greek who are hearing this and it states this, when a participle has a definite article it is being used as a substantive like a noun and when we have two substantives or nouns connected by this "KAI" which is the word "and" and if the first substantive which is the one that has the definite article is we saw but not the second which in this case it did not the two substantives are viewed as a single entity, that means this goes together to produce salvation. So all those who say this scripture means that you believe and are baptized will be saved and you have to have both to produce salvation are right from the

Greek. Now, when we say that it is important to understand that there is something else to think about. What type of a baptism are we talking about? People assume that it is talking about baptism in water. Well, wait a minute in Heb 6:2 identifies that there is more than one type of baptism)

Heb 6:2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, (Plural, so there is more than one baptism. What are the baptisms? There is baptism with water, but also what is another baptism? The baptism of the Holy Spirit) and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

1Cor 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, (What is that? That is the baptism by the Holy Spirit scripturally and if you have not heard us teach on this before it is important to understand as you look at this verse. The baptism of the Holy Spirit brings you into what? Into one body. When do you come into the body of Christ? When you get born again, when you get saved, get a new spirit. So what is the baptism of the Holy Spirit? It is what produces the new birth, it is not a secondary term as most people in the Full Gospel, Pentecostal, Charismatic world have said, that they thought it was after that. No, that is the time when the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in you which is scripturally called "receive the Holy Spirit" there is a difference between baptism, receiving, filling of the Holy Spirit that we have taught on this before but this is important. So this is another type of baptism, a baptism by the Holy Spirit. We see the same thing brought out and that is what produces salvation in Acts 11:14, this is what Peter is rehearsing to the brethren in at Jerusalem of what happened in Acts 10 at Cornelius house when the gospel came to the Gentiles) whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Acts 11:14-16 Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. 15 And as I began to speak, (He is speaking these words for them to produce what? Salvation, which is when you come into the body of Christ) 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. (Well how did they fall on them at the beginning? They got baptized with the Holy Spirit they were immersed in the very presence of the Holy Spirit, the reason is he says this) 16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, (Talking about Jesus he said) John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. (That produced the new birth and that is what happened on the very day of Pentecost first. Now there are two different baptisms, there is water and there is also a baptism of the Holy Spirit and we see two places where the baptism of the Holy Spirit produced salvation. Water did not have anything to do with producing salvation in fact, does water baptism have anything to do with you getting rid of your sins? No, not at all it does not produce a change on the inside of you)

1Pet 3:20-21 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, within few, that is, eight souls were saved by

water. 21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (What kind of salvation?) not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God, (That we are saved that we are following him and we separated ourselves from the things of the world. So it does not get rid of the filth of the flesh) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Acts 8:25-27 And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans. 26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. 27 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch (Now we saw this before and we are going to come down to where we were before in verse 35)

Acts 8:35-37 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. 36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. (Now the word "mayest" why they translated it I do not know because it literally means "it is lawful or it is allowed or it is permitted." What he is saying is "if you believe with your heart then it would be permitted for you to be baptized" showing this is talking about water baptism that water baptism follows having been born again first. We see this again and you will see why I am bringing this out in just a minute. Acts 9:17 this is when Ananias was going to deal with Saul, remember Saul was converted on the way to Damascus) And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Acts 9:17-18 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, (How to see address him?) Brother Saul, (That does that mean? He was already born again because he was a brother) the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. 18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. (What happened first? He was born again then these other things. Then what happened later? He was baptized. Did baptism produce talking about water baptism did it produce the new birth? No, not at all it followed having been born again. Here is another case in Acts 10:44 here is where Peter was at Cornelius's house)

Acts 10:44-47 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. (They had the Holy Spirit and they were speaking in tongues, right? Had these guys been baptized with water yet? No, look what it says)

Then answered Peter, 47 Can any man forbid water, (From them or hinder them) that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? (So they got born again, they received the Holy Spirit and they spoke in tongues, they had not been baptized in water yet so what is that show you? Baptism with water had nothing to do with being born again, it was following all of these things. Baptism with water as we go through scriptures it follows this. Are there other cases where people were born again and considered saved but did not get baptized with water? Yes, there are, Luke 23 here is the thief on the cross, remember the statement the Jesus made to him in luke 23:42)

Luke 23:42-43 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. (He called him Lord didn't he) 43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise. (Where is paradise? Paradise is heaven. Now, we know he was not in paradise at that moment because Jesus went down for 3 days and 3 nights. We will be covering this when we get to the Plan Of Redemption in about a month and you will see all of this. So he is talking about the fact that his salvation was set because where did he go? He ended up going down into hell because he died as well and Jesus was down there for 3 days and 3 nights. So did this guy get baptized with water? No, but he said that Jesus was Lord and also there is another group who did not get baptized with water, it is all the Old Testament saints. All the Old Testament saints were down in the upper compartment of hell and what happened in 1Pet 3:19?)

1Pet 3:19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; (Those are the ones who were in the upper compartment of hell that were held there after because they could not go to heaven yet because their spirit was not right)

1Pet 4:6 For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, (They had the gospel preached to them that were dead down there in hell the Old Testament saints) that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit. (So they all got born again and he led captivity captive out of there and they got their bodies)

Matt 27:52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, (The saints were seen and their bodies in the streets. Did they get baptized in water? No, so this is important there are also many scriptures that talk about getting born again like we already saw one of them was John 1:12 that we saw earlier)

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: (It does not say anything about water baptism there at all does it, and there are many other scriptures that speak about this in the scriptures. Now, having said all that we see that water baptism follows having been born again right and it is not what washes away the sins it does not have anything to do with bringing in a new spirit on the inside of us.

What is the scriptural term for going through a baptism that produces the new birth? It is the baptism of the Holy Spirit)

1Cor 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, (The baptism of the Holy Spirit brings us into the body of Christ, we saw it here and we saw it in Acts 11 when it was talking about that) **whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.** (Now, going back to Mark 16 and understanding what the Greeks says, and this is the argument of people such as the Church of Christ and lots of different ones that say you have to be baptized with water they think or you cannot be saved. Many people have that doctrine today, they have missed it because we have already proven from all the rest of scriptures of baptism with water is not what has to happen for you to be born again it follows being born again. So this scripture though because of what the Greek says and this Granville Sharp Rule indicates that these two go together to produce salvation. So what is the saying?)

Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized (In what way? By the Holy Spirit) **shall be saved;** (That is the answer. How do we know it is by the Holy Spirit because it is not them actively doing anything it is a passive voice meaning "somebody else does it." So he that believes and this is talking about you being baptized by the Holy Spirit produces the salvation because when you believe and you receive Jesus what happens? There is an immersing in the presence of the Holy Spirit, the old spirit is taken out and a new spirit comes in and you come into one body) **but he that believeth not shall be damned.** (Judged. It does not say anything about baptism because it has nothing to do with it. If he does not believe he is not seeing any effect of the work of the Holy Spirit to bring him into a relationship that is why it says that)

But I thought I would share that with you because this is quite a controversy among many in the body of Christ, they insist that you have to be water baptized to be saved and it is all because of this scripture but they fail to realize it is passive and also they have to go together they understand that but they have failed to understand this is talking about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Therefore the one who believes and is baptized by the Holy Spirit, God is doing it not anything you do shall be saved. I thought I would share that with you just to bring some information to you that would help you if you ever come across people that say you have to be baptized with water to be born again, it is error it is the baptism of the Holy Spirit clearly from what the scriptures say, it has to all go together. If anybody says you have to be baptized and be saved it is not true, they both go together but because of the fact that they failed to realize it is a passive voice and if you do not look things up you are not going to know, because you think that this was baptized actively pursued getting baptized. No, it is talking about the Holy Spirit baptism. We have looked at a lot of things about what believers do and see this is an example of what someone would say "well, if you are believer then you are to go get baptized" actively thinking that it is talking about water baptism but this is one case where it has nothing to do with

that. It is talking about God's work when you get born again which is the baptism of the Holy Spirit.