

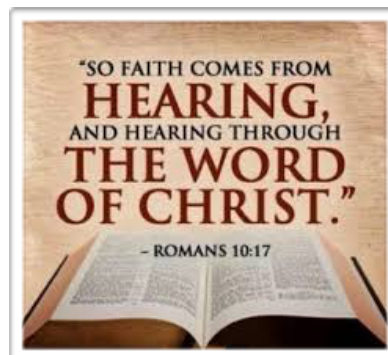
Converts on...Hearing First

When converting to Christianity, was hearing God's word always first?

Yes!

The answer is proved over and over again in the New Testament, particularly in the many conversion stories in Acts (just reading Acts 2 through chapter 10).

So many Christians today talk about a relationship with Christ that they came to have after some "special event" that happened to them. They might say that someone came to them in a dream or even that God "told them" to convert. Others talk about Jesus "entering their heart."



However, there is simply no case - not a single one - that we can read about in the Bible where a newly converted Christian had not been persuaded to repent and be baptized by anything other than hearing the Gospel preached (told) to them.

What conversion stories can you think about to test this?

What else is consistent in every conversion story about how they heard God's word?

That's right, in every story we see someone - some person - delivering the word to them and teaching/preaching to them.

Whether we are reading about Cornelius (Acts 10), the Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8), those gathered on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2), Paul himself (Acts 9), the Philipian jailer and his family (Acts 16) or any other conversion story, people were always converted after hearing God's word taught to them by some individual.

Name the individual(s) responsible for teaching the converts listed above?

What else is always true in each of these conversion accounts?