

Preaching The Lord, Turned Unto The Lord, Cleave Unto The Lord, Added To The Lord

Acts 11:19-24 Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, **preaching the Lord Jesus**. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and **turned unto the Lord**. Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would **cleave unto the Lord**. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was **added unto the Lord**.

Preaching The Lord

- I Cor 2:1-2 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. – not politics, not a comedy routine, not even topics related to the Bible – the Bible itself
- Acts 8:35-37 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. 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? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. – preaching Jesus includes preaching baptism

Turned Unto The Lord

- Actually it is “**believed, and turned unto the Lord.**” So a person is not saved by faith alone / at the point of faith. To become a Christian one must believe and “turn” to the Lord. Acts 3:19 puts it this way “**Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.**” So conversion comes after believing and repenting. Peter said to believers in Acts 2:38 “... **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.**” So a sinner has to believe, repent, and be baptized to get the forgiveness of sins.

Cleave Unto The Lord

- The NKJV has “**continue with the Lord.**” The ESV has “**remain faithful to the Lord.**” The NASB has “**remain true to the Lord.**” The idea is that people who turn to the Lord (are converted) should continue serving the Lord.
- This OSAS idea is proven false again. Rev 2:10 puts it this way “... **be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.**”

Added Unto The Lord

- The end of this reading I think is talking about some additional people becoming saved. When they turned to the Lord, they were added to the Lord. Acts 2:47 talks about the same thing “... **And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.**” Added to the Lord, added to the church – same thing. As you know, the church is not the building, but the saved people that might meet in a building.
- One is added to the Lord when he is baptized. When see this from Acts 2:41 “**Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.**”

In all these phrases, the emphasis is the LORD – preach Him, turn to Him, get added to Him, cleave unto Him.