

Salvation is like a horse—it can move very fast or very slowly, depending on the rider.

In the same way, if you are a witness (a preacher of the Gospel), it is important to understand this: the process of salvation in a person—repentance, believing, confession, baptism, and being filled with the Holy Spirit—often takes time. It may involve teaching, follow-up, and guiding someone through lessons on faith, baptism, and the Holy Spirit before they fully understand and are established.

But you must also recognize this: it doesn't always happen that way.

There are moments when God suddenly “changes gear” and chooses to accomplish everything in a single day—to save, baptize, and fill someone with the Holy Spirit immediately. When you see this happening, do not try to slow it down. It is God Himself who has increased the pace.

Is this biblical?

Yes, it is.

When Paul and Silas were imprisoned, they prayed and sang hymns to God during the night. Suddenly, the prison doors flew open. The jailer, terrified and trembling, asked, “What must I do to be saved?” They answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.”

That very night, he and his entire household believed, were baptized, and were filled with joy.

Acts 16:27-34 (NIV)

“He then brought them out and asked, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’

They replied, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.’” (vv. 30-31)

In just one night, an entire family was saved, baptized, and transformed.

Normally, this kind of process might take weeks or even months for a whole household to come to faith and be baptized. But here, it happened within a few hours—during the night.

We see the same pattern in the story of Cornelius. When Peter was speaking, even before he finished his message—perhaps expecting a longer process—the Holy Spirit came upon all who were listening. They received the fullness of salvation immediately and were then baptized.

Acts 10:44-48 (NIV)

“While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.” (v. 44)

What might have taken long teaching sessions and extended prayers was completed instantly.

The Ethiopian eunuch experienced something similar. When he encountered Philip on the road to Gaza, he did not wait until later—he was baptized immediately.

Acts 8:36-38 (NIV)

“As they traveled along the road, they came to some water

and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?'" (v. 36)

Right there on the road, he believed and was baptized.

What should you learn from this?

Understand that there are times when God powerfully moves in people's hearts—so strongly that they become open and ready to receive everything immediately.

When you see this, act quickly. Help them without delay.

Do not assume that someone needs a lot of knowledge before they can be saved. What matters most is a willing and open heart.

If you are a leader and you see someone who has truly believed, do not wait for a scheduled baptism event at the end of the year. Respond to their readiness.

Yes, there are also people who will need more teaching, depending on their level of understanding—but do not ignore those moments when God is moving quickly.

Learn to move with both rhythms of the Gospel—slow and fast.

May the Lord bless you.

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