

Acts 10:48

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days. Peter's command to baptize newly-converted Gentiles demonstrates full inclusion in Christian community, while their request for extended teaching shows spiritual hunger.

Historical Context

Commanded baptism indicates apostolic authority to admit Gentiles without requiring circumcision or Jewish conversion. In the name of the Lord (Jesus) signifies baptism's Christian distinctiveness. Prayed him to tarry shows desire for continued instruction. This baptism around 40 CE established precedent—Gentile believers entered church through faith and baptism alone, without Jewish ceremonial requirements. Peter's extended stay taught these new converts, establishing Gentile Christianity's foundations.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What does baptism signify regarding inclusion in Christian community?
2. How does commanding baptism demonstrate apostolic authority?
3. What balance should exist between conversion and ongoing instruction?
4. In what ways does this passage establish faith-alone entrance to Christianity?
5. What does desire for continued teaching reveal about genuine conversion?

Interlinear Text

προσέταξεν τε αὐτὸν βαπτισθῆναι ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι τοῦ
he commanded **And** **him** **to be baptized** **in** G3588 **the name** G3588
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Κυρίου τότε ἠρώτησαν αὐτὸν ἐπιμεῖναι ἡμέρας τινάς
of the Lord **Then** **prayed they** **him** **to tarry** **days** **certain**
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 2:38 (Baptism): Then Peter said unto them, 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.

Acts 8:16 (Baptism): (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

Galatians 3:27 (Baptism): For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Acts 19:5 (Baptism): When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 8:12 (Baptism): 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.

John 4:2 (Baptism): (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

