**Added To The Lord – What Does That Mean?**

Acts 11:21-24 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**.

**What Does “Added Unto The Lord” Mean?**

* Obviously it is talking about sinners becoming saved. When they “turned unto the Lord” (verse 21), they were added to the Lord.
* The same phrase is found in Acts 5:14 “And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.” So a sinner has to believe to be 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/church 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.”
* It wasn’t baptism by itself. Believers were told three verses previous “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins”
* This is what is meant when Jesus said in Matt 16:18 “I will build my church.” If the church is made up of people, then the way Jesus would build His church is by adding people to it.
* Gal 3:26-27 “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ have put on Christ**.” So people become children of God by faith when they are baptized into Christ. That is when they are added to the Lord.
* Rom 6:3 “Know ye not, that so many of us as were **baptized into Jesus Christ** were baptized into his death?” Baptized into Christ, added to Christ – same thing.