

The Sequence of Salvation

Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1–19

Introduction: Salvation is an instantaneous event that culminates a sequential process. This process includes the facts we embrace, the feelings we experience, the faith we exercise, and the fruit we exhibit. The story of Naaman serves as illustration of the sequential process that leads to an instantaneous conversion.

1. **Naaman's Condition** (vv. 1–7). Naaman's character, condition, captive, and communication are recorded.
2. **Naaman's Cure** (vv. 8–10). God's *man* gave God's *message* to Naaman.
3. **Naaman's Choice** (vv. 11–14). Naaman was *filled with wrath* at the message of the prophet. He *fully weighed* his options. He *finally willingly* obeyed the prophet's word.
4. **Naaman's Cleansing** (vv. 14–19). Naaman's obedience to God's message resulted in complete cleansing.

Conclusion: Intellectually, emotionally, and volitionally we respond to God's message. The proper response brings instant cleansing.