177 - A person just accepting Islam should pronounce shahaadah before wudu

the question

When a non-believer becomes Muslim, should he pronounce the two testimonies of faith, al-shahaadatain, or perform wudu' (ablution) first?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

He should say al-shahaadatain first, then he should purify himself for Salat and he can perform ghusl (complete bath) because the prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) ordered some of his companions to perform it when they accepted Islam.

See question #179 for an explanation of the two testimonies of Islamic faith.