

“What Is Involved In Conversion To Christ”

There is much error taught about how we are converted to Christ. But the Bible is very plain on how, when, and where conversion takes place! We can know...

Conversion: *“to change or to turn, turn around.”*

- It is NOT a mere favorable thinking toward God/Just knowing there is a God.
- It is Not a Convulsion or an Experience that just happens to you.
- It is Not the same as Pardon— but leads to it! **Acts 3:19**

Conversion verses (4 Times in the NKJB; 5 times in the NASB)

- **Psalm 19:7; Psalm 51:13; Matthew 18:3; Acts 3:19.**
- **Psalm 51:13; Matthew 18:3; John 12:40; Romans 16:5; 1 Timothy 3:6.**

I. Conversion Involves Listening To God’s Word.

- The seed is the word of God: **Luke 8:11; 1 Corinthians 3:6; 1 Peter 1:23.**
- It brings us to faith in Jesus: **Romans 10:17; Rom. 1:16-17.**
- It gives the necessary commands, requirements, & blessings of conversion:
Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 10:24,33.
- Only those who listened to God’s word were saved in the book of Acts:
Acts 2:40-41; 8:5-8,13; 13:42-51; 14:1-7; 16:14-15. 17:29-34.
- Why? **John 6:44-45**

II. Conversion Involves A Realization That I Am Lost.

- Many act as if they don’t feel they are in a lost condition **Romans 3:9-12, 23.**
- But God’s word convicts us of our sins **Isaiah 58:1; John 16:8.**
- God’s word is a mirror that helps us see our spiritual condition **James 1:23-25.**
- We need to see that our sins condemn us before God:
Acts 2:32-37; Acts 9:1-9; Acts 16:25-30; Acts 24:24-27.

III. Conversion Involves Knowing God’s Way Of Salvation.

- We cannot do what we do not know: *“What shall we do?” “What must I do?”*
Acts 2:37-38; Acts 9:6—22:16; Acts 16:30-34.
- Hearing, Faith, Repentance, Confession, & Baptism:
Acts 16:31; Acts 17:30; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 2:38; Acts 10:48.

IV. Conversion Involves Doing All Of What God Says.

- Why Faith Alone WILL NOT WORK! Many are teaching it!
It excludes Repentance, Confession, Baptism!
- If repentance saves, **Acts 11:18.** Also, **Romans 10:10.** And, **1 Peter 3:21.**
- Can one turn, or be changed without repentance? **Gal. 3:26-27—2 Cor. 5:17.**

V. Conversion Involves Man’s Part And God’s Part.

- God has extended grace, mercy, long-suffering, the atoning sacrifice in preparing the Way of salvation: **John 3:16-17.**
- Man must *“Call upon the name of the Lord”* in answering God’s call:
Romans 10:12-16—1 Corinthians 3:5-7
- God saves/blesses/born again/reconciled by Jesus’ blood: **Colossians 2:10-12.**