

Title: **What is Conversion?** Continued...

His resurrection power. This faith is about absolute trust in God, obedience and submission in all areas of our lives.

**Teaching point 2 : - “ What does Conversion do?”**

**Conversion opens the way** for Jesus’ death to make us right personally before God. (justifies us) Through faith in Jesus and trust in what he has done for us, we are completely forgiven by God for the wrong things that we have done. We are declared not guilty and the sin which separates us from God, causing spiritual death and judgement before God is taken away. As a result the Christian faith is about reconstructing a new personal relationship with God through faith in Christ.

**Conversion involves a new birth**– John 3 v 3 – 5, Romans 6 v 1 – 14 When we give our lives to Jesus, this spiritual part of us that was dead and unable to sense or experience God suddenly bursts into new life. This spiritual birth opens our lives up to experience a real relationship with God and enables us to experience provision for our lives. In every sense we take on are given a new identity.

**Through Conversion**

All our sins are washed away by the blood of Jesus – we are completely forgiven and our sins no longer exist before God. **We become a new creature** - through the new birth experience. In every sense we become a **child of the One True God** – a child of His kingdom, with God Himself as our spiritual Father and King. **The Holy Spirit comes to live within us** opening up intimacy with God, confidence of our salvation and releasing all the provision of heaven in our lives.

**Famous Quote**

“ When travelling to another country by aeroplane, it isn’t knowing about the aeroplane – time, costs, routes etc, that gets you there. You have to act on your knowledge – exercise FAITH - get on the aircraft and trust it to take you where you want to go. Similarly if you believe what God has done for you and you want to accept His offer of eternal life, then you must act on your belief and trust Jesus Christ alone. There is no other way.” (Evangelism Explosion – Just Grace Tract..)

**Teaching point 3 : - “ How do I become a Christian?”**

Becoming a Christian is about putting Jesus at the centre of our lives. Instead of letting our own desires, pleasures or whims direct our lives, we submit ourselves to the direction and will of God. Jesus in every sense takes the steering wheel of our lives and directs and leads us down the paths that he wants us to go. This is the cost of being a Christian:- Learning to say **NO to Self** and **YES to Christ**. This means a life long commitment to trust and obey God in all areas of our lives. If we say Yes to God and give our lives fully over to him, he promises to give us his power to help us live our lives for him.

**What the Bible says:-**

Romans 10 v 9 – 13

“ That if you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the scripture says, “ Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

John 5 v 24

“ I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.”

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