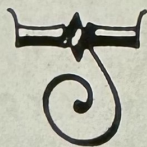


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WE HEAR many ideas of what constitutes **conversion**. Many feel that they can point to the day and the hour when they were converted and with others it has been a gradual process, a growth into a new life. To be converted is to have a spiritual and moral change accompanying a change of belief. Just how this happens and why it is necessary is the subject of this study.

1. Perhaps the first thing one must realize is that he needs conversion, and from what he must be converted. To some, conversion means *giving up* everything they believe worth while. There are two ways one may go. Matt. 7. 13-14. The unconverted man may be on the way of death Prov. 14. 12. Which **is** the way to life? John 14. 6, Deut. 5. 33; 8. 1; Prov. 4. 4; Ps. 119. 144; Matt. 4. 4. Anyone, then, not living by the laws of God needs conversion. In what state is the natural mind? Rom. 8. 7; Eph. 2. 11-12.

2. Who is the author of conversion? Do we merely make up our mind to be converted? I Kings 18. 37; Ps. 19. 7; 78. 34-35; Prov. 1. 23; Jer. 31. 8-11; John 6. 44; Acts 3. 26; Acts 11.

19-21. If it is God who causes us to be converted what should be our attitude toward the unconverted? Rom. 11. 18-22; I Cor. 10. 12.

3. Does God make the start or does he wait for us to make the first move? Isa. 1. 16-20; Matt. 3. 1-2; Acts 2. 38. Is there something we must do also? Jas. 4. 7-10; II Chro. 7. 14; Lam. 5. 21; Eze. 34. 11-16. God shall yet plead for all his people Joel 3. 1-2; Eze. 20. 33-38.

4. Is there any difference in our life after true conversion? Rom. 6. 4; 7. 6; II Cor. 5. 17; Gal. 6. 15; Eph. 2. 10; Gal. 5. 16-25.

5. Is conversion an end in itself or is it merely the first step in a new life? After one is converted then what? Luke 22. 31-32; Rom. 6. 4; 7. 6; I Cor. 6. 9-11; Eph. 2. 1-7; I Pet. 1. 13-16; Phil 2. 5.