

What is Redemption? Lesson 9 – Conversion

Introduction:

- Conversion is our willing _____ to God’s effective call in the Gospel, in which we sincerely repent of our sins and place our trust in Christ for salvation.
- Christian conversion is turning to Christ in _____, and from sin in _____.

1 Thess 1.9 *For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you **turned to God from idols** to serve the living and true God.*

1. True conversion requires genuine _____.

- Genuine faith must include several things in order for it to be genuine faith:

A. Genuine faith includes _____ of the truth of the Gospel.

- It’s absolutely _____ know that Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and rose again.

Rom 10.14 *How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? **And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard?** And how are they to hear without someone preaching.*

- But just knowing the _____ about Jesus are not enough to be saved.
- Many people know _____ Jesus, but refuse to have genuine faith in Him.

Luke 22.67 *“If you are the Christ, tell us.” But he said to them, “If I tell you, **you will not believe***

Rom 1.21 *For although they **knew God**, they **did not honor him** as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*

- The _____ believe in God yet are condemned.

James 2.19 *You believe that God is one; you do well. **Even the demons believe -- and shudder.***

B. Genuine faith includes _____ with the truth of the Gospel.

- You must agree that you are a _____.
- You must agree that you deserve God's _____.
- You must agree that Christ _____ for sinners.
- You must agree that Christ's sacrifice _____ the penalty for sin.
- You must agree that your only _____ is in Christ alone.

Matt 15.22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon."

Matt 15.26–28 And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the **dogs**." ***27*** She said, "**Yes, Lord**, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ***28*** Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, **great is your faith!** Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

C. Genuine faith includes personal _____ in the promises made by Christ in the Gospel.

- Saving faith is trusting in Jesus Christ as a living _____ to forgive your sins and give you eternal life with God.
- Trusting in Jesus means placing the full weight of your hope and _____ in Him to save you, and _____ in His promise and ability to do that for you.

John 3.16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever **believes in Him** should not perish but have eternal life."

- God didn't just send us a message, he sent us a _____ to believe in.

Acts 16.30–31 Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ***31*** And they said, "**Believe in the Lord Jesus**, and you will be saved,

John 6.37 All that the Father gives me will **come** to me, and whoever **comes to me** I will never cast out.

John 7.37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him **come to me** and drink."

Matt 11.28-29 *Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

- Saving faith involves not only trusting that you will receive promises from Him, but that you will be _____ by Him.
- Saving faith is entering into a personal _____ with a living person.

Rom 9.25–26 *As indeed he says in Hosea,*

“Those who were not my people I will call ‘my people,’ and her who was not beloved I will call ‘beloved.’”

26 *“And in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’”*

2. Genuine conversion requires genuine _____ from sin.

A. Genuine repentance _____ sin as sin.

B. Genuine repentance has a heartfelt _____ for sin.

- Genuine repentance is not merely feeling sorry for the _____ of sin.

Heb 12.16–17 *that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. 17 For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he **found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.***

- Genuine repentance involves a deep sense that the worst thing about your sin is that it has _____ a holy God.

2 Cor 7.10 *For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.*

Acts 2.36–38 *Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” 37 Now when they heard this **they were cut to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” 38 And Peter said to them, “**Repent** and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

- Having a _____ over your sin is a sign of true repentance.

Psa 51.17 *The sacrifices of God are a **broken** spirit;
a **broken and contrite heart**, O God, you will not despise.*

C. Genuine repentance is a _____ of our sin.

Acts 3.19 *Repent therefore, and **turn back**, that your sins may be blotted out,*

- Remember: Faith is turning to the Lord, and repentance is turning _____ sin.

Acts 20.21 *“how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of **repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.**”*

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D. Genuine repentance results in walking in _____ to God.

Acts 26.20 *but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should **repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance.***

Luke 9.62 *Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and **looks back** is fit for the kingdom of God.”*

- That does not mean that those who repent will never sin again, but that they are no longer in bondage to old _____ of sin.

Rom 6.6 *We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would **no longer be enslaved to sin.***

E. Repentance is a _____ from God.

Acts 11.18 *When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also **God has granted repentance** that leads to life.”*

2 Tim 2.24–26 *And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. **God may perhaps grant them repentance** leading to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.*

Conclusion:

- **When God works faith and repentance in our lives, He completely changes us!**
 - **God changes our _____.**
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Heb 12.1–2 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also ***lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely***, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ***2 looking to Jesus***, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.