



From Conversion to Commitment

CONVERSION

Acts 9:1-6 (KJV)

¹ And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

² And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

³ And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

⁴ And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

⁵ And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: *it is* hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

⁶ And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

Conversion takes place when there is total change in one's direction in life or moral orientation. It's a change of mind about your sin, and it's a change of mind about Jesus Christ. It's when you see your need to be born of the Spirit. Conversion is a turning *to* someone, a commitment of one's whole life to Christ.

Acts 3:19 (KJV)

¹⁹ Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

COMMITMENT

Committed Christians are faithful.

Acts 9:26 (KJV)

²⁶ And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

Committed Christians are followers.

Matthew 9:9 (KJV)

⁹ And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

John 8:31-32 (KJV)

³¹ Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;

³² And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Committed Christians are willing to forsake all.

Luke 14:25-27 (KJV)

²⁵ And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,

²⁶ If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

²⁷ And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

Committed Christians are fruitful.

Matthew 4:19 (KJV)

¹⁹ And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

CONCLUSION

Have you truly been converted?

Are you growing as a Christian by making greater commitments to Christ, His Church, and His Word?

Acts 18:23 (KJV)

²³ And after he had spent some time *there*, he departed, and went over *all* the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.