

Rethinking Conversion I

To Convert means to **bring over** from one belief, view, or party to another.

Conversion can be miraculous.

Conversion can be sudden.

Conversion can be gradual.

Conversion can be incremental.

I

Unconcerned

NKJV Luke 17:26 **And as it was in the days of Noah,** so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷ They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸ **Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot:** They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; ²⁹ but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. ³⁰ **Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.**

- Existence
- Survival
- Thriving

Concerned

^{KJV} **Mark 10:17** And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

Some have knowledge

Some have awareness

Some are afraid

Some Procrastinate

II

Convicted

^{Amp} **Acts 2:37** Now when they heard this, **they were cut to the heart [with remorse and anxiety]**, and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what are we to do?"

The law gives a knowledge of sin.

^{KJV} **Romans 3:20** Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: **for by the law is the knowledge of sin.**

The law is holy and just.

^{KJV} **Romans 7:12** Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

It shuts every mouth and leaves everyone guilty.

^{KJV} **Romans 3:19** Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, **that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.**

Repentance

^{Amp} **Acts 2:38** And Peter said to them, "Repent [**change your old way of thinking, turn from your sinful ways, accept and follow Jesus as the Messiah**] and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ because of the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Repentance is a result of...

Godly interaction

^{KJV} **2 Corinthians 7:10** For **godly sorrow worketh repentance** to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

Human response

Make a decision to change

III

Faith

Faith comes by hearing

^{KJV} **Romans 10:17** So then **faith cometh** by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Faith is seen in the action, not just in the words

KJV **James 2:26** For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works is dead also.**

Faith is a daily walk, not just an event

KJV **Hebrews 10:38** Now the **just shall live by faith:** but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

Faith is a gift from God

KJV **Romans 12:3** For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as **God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**

Let's move people from unconcern to concern, to convicted, to repentance, to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Some people are not converted in one giant step.

However, everyone can step up to life.

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