

Conversion

(Acts 3:19)

- Introduction:
1. Acts 2:38 is a parallel passage to Acts 3:19.
 2. Baptism is the time and place where we are converted, (at least our legal standing before God), but note:
 - a. Baptism is not that to which we are converted, rather it is when and when we are converted to Jesus!
 3. But our conversion involves more than just our legal standing before God; it involves a change in our conduct, attitude, priority, and purpose.
 4. Ever hear someone say that “so and so would make a good Christian. All he needs to do is get baptized?” That just isn’t true.
 5. Getting dunked in water is not the only difference between good moral people in the world and children of God.
 6. The difference between the two is conversion.
 7. Let’s examine what conversion entails.

I. Conversion Entails A New Master

- A. (1 Thessalonians 1:9).
- B. Note: They didn’t just turn from idols to God. They turned from idols to “serve” God!
- C. Have you experienced this conversion/change? Are you serving God?

II. Conversion Entails A New Purpose

- A. (Romans 6:20-22).
- B. Prior to one’s conversion, they were “free” in regard to doing righteousness, but after conversion, they are now “slaves” to bear fruit to holiness.

III. Conversion Entails A Change In Perspective

- A. (Philippians 3:4-8).
- B. What we once valued, we no longer do, and what we once did not value, that now means the world to us.

IV. Conversion Entails A Change In Destiny

- A. (James 5:19-20).
- B. Conversion saves a man from Hell, and puts him on the path to Heaven.

- Conclusion:
1. So you see, there’s more to conversion that just getting wet in baptism.
 2. One in the world is not the same as one in the church except for the baptism.
 3. There’s a major difference between the two, and that difference is conversion and how it impacts every part of our life.
 4. Do you need to undergo a conversion?