

Conversion

Conversion—Literally a turning from one course or state to another. Conversion in its religious sense is the turning of a sinner from sin to God. It must not be confounded with regeneration, which is the motion of God in the creature, while conversion is the motion of the creature to God, although the turning of the creature is inspired by God. It evidences itself by love of God delight, in his people, attendance upon his ordinances, confidence in his promises, and submission to his authority.

Conversion Coming from God.

The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple. (Psalm 19:7.)

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:44.)

Call to Conversion.

Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. (Isaiah 1:16-18.)

And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Matthew 3:2.)

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Matthew 4:17.)

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2:38.)

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent. (Acts 17:30.)

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded. (James 4:8.)

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