

The Power of the Word of God: Conviction and Conversion
Acts 2:37-41
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How does one become a Christian?

Conversion is faith and repentance, believing the gospel what makes a Christian. It is a complete change of mind and heart about sin, and the savior.

What is Conviction?

It is piercing the heart, being wounded in conscience.

When your own heart condemns you. When sin becomes sin.

When you know that you have sinned against God. (Psalm 51:4)

There is great variety in our experience of conviction

Conviction alone is not conversion

Knowing your sins is not coming to the Savior.

Northampton 1734-5

Conviction of sin leads to repentance unto life.

(Westminster Confession 15:2)

We deal with sin as a condition, not merely with individual sins.

The Terrors of a Guilty Conscience.

Remember when you felt it?

What must we do?!!! A plea of desperation.

Conversion

Conviction of sin drives us to repentance and conversion.

What is repentance?

“By repentance we are to mean, not merely sorrow for and hatred of sin, but also the inward turning away from it to God, with full purpose of new obedience.” BB Warfield

Why were they baptized?

Be baptized

Baptism is a rite of initiation into the body of Christ.

Baptism symbolizes the washing away of sins through faith in Christ.

They now identified with the one they crucified.

For the forgiveness of sins

Faith and repentance leads to forgiveness of sins and the reception of the Holy Spirit.

God's Word Calls you to Repentance.

The call goes out to all, the covenant people, those far off - gentiles, and even all their children.

The good news is for you. Save yourselves from this crooked generation.