

To What Am I Converted? Luke 22:31-34

Converted – Turn Again

I wonder sometime just to what some people were converted because their actions show that it was not to Christ

Certainly in most instances, there was a change that took place in their lives, but what brought about the change?

Conversion Involves Changes In Three Areas

A Person's **Mind** Is Changed By **Faith**

Word produced change on Pentecost - **Romans 10:17; Acts 2:36-41**

Hostility turned to humility

Anger changed to anxiety

Wrath to willingness to do God's will

Their minds changed by believing what Peter said

A Person's **Practice** Is Changed In **Repentance**

Repentance is a change of mind brought about by godly sorrow, which leads to a change in one's conduct - **2Corinthians 7:10; Matthew 21:28-29**

In repentance we change from doing our will to doing will of God

A Person's **State** Is Changed By **Baptism**

Mind and practice may change and one still be in sin - **Romans 3:23; 1John 1:8**

Baptism is "for" the remission of sins - **Acts 2:38**

Baptized into Christ; then made free from sin - **Romans 6:3,17-18**

When one obeys God, his state is changed from guilty to being pardoned (innocent)

What Brought About The Change In Your Life?

Some were converted to a particular system of worship

Taught do this, this and this in worship, so that's what they do.

They do this without really knowing why they do it

There must be a system of worship - **John 4:21-24**

Some were converted to a particular organization

Were taught church has elders, deacons, preachers and members

Elders are rulers, whatever they say is right and must be obeyed

A scriptural organization - **Philippians 1:1**

Elders do have "rule" but not "legislative rule". - **Hebrews 13:17**

Some have been converted to a particular preacher

They act in a particular way because that is what the preacher said

Or they simply like the way he speaks or maybe he has that special charisma that makes you want to follow him

Paul warns of the danger of thinking more highly of men than we ought to think - **Romans 12:3;**

1Corinthians 3:4-9

Some have been converted to a particular building

Maybe because of its physical beauty

Or maybe because of its geographic location

We must assemble and this necessitates place, however place just incidental to carrying out command and of no more importance

Real Question: To 'Whom' Are We Converted

Who or what is our Lord; our Master?

Converted to above things, they become our master - **Romans 6:16**

Christ must be our Lord if we are to be saved - **Acts 2:36; Matthew 28:18**

Jesus is Lord over all - **Acts 10:36; 1Timothy 6:15**

We must be converted BY and TO Christ - **Romans 6:3,11; 2Corinthians 5:17**

When one confesses Christ they are saying that Jesus Christ is now going to be my Lord and Master - **Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10**

Because He is Lord, then we make sure we worship as he directs

Involves providing a place and is important only to that degree

Because He is Lord, the organization of the local church is based on His teaching and is important only to that degree

Preacher is important only in that he is teaching the Lord's will.

Converted To The Lord

We must remember that Jesus is Lord and it is to Him and by Him that I am converted

Therefore, I must be involved in doing His will - **Matthew 7:21**

I must realize this is basis for system of worship, organization, place of assembly, preacher, etc.

They are not ends within themselves, the Lord is. He should be and is all in all.

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