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## CONVERSION - SANCTIFICATION

- 1. A Definition: What Is Conversion?** It means *change*. When an accountable *alien sinner* obeys the gospel (Gal 3:27) he *puts on* Christ in baptism and is *changed* from a non-believing sinner to a *new* creature (Jn 3:1-5). He is re-born *spiritually*, completely washed from all *past* sins. He was an alien (ie: stranger) to God. Without conversion he cannot be saved. Why? His *past sins* cannot be forgiven. Compare: Acts 3:19 to Acts 2:38. The counterpart to “*converted*” in 3:19 is \_\_\_\_\_ in 2:38. It is simple! Sins → Baptism (Conversion) → No sins.
- 2. A Definition: What Is Sanctification?** Sanctification has to do with the condition of a baptized believer remaining separated (ie: set apart) from the past *sinful* way of life. All humans are susceptible to temptations (Jas 1:13-15; 1 Jn 2:16) but Christians (1 Jn 2:1) are commanded to “\_\_\_\_\_.” The best of Christians err. When a child of God sins, he is *errant*, meaning he has *strayed off course*. This makes him an *erring sinner*. Unless he is cleansed of these sins they will accumulate and he would be just as lost as he was before his conversion. Faith + Repentance + Confession + Baptism is the remedy for the *alien sinner*. God’s law of pardon for the *erring sinner* is plain: (Acts 8:22; Jas 5:16). Jesus is the Christian’s \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Jn 2:1) with the Father.
- 3. Conversion: A Change In Relationship** A converted man is a *changed* man. (Rom 6:17) “*But God be thanked, that ye were the \_\_\_\_\_, but ye have \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ that form of \_\_\_\_\_ which was delivered you.*” Doctrine means teaching. What doctrine had they obeyed? \_\_\_\_\_ (V18) “*Being then made \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, ye became the \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness.*” What *frees* man spiritually (Jn 8:31-32)? \_\_\_\_\_ When does *the truth* free man? \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor 5:17) “*Therefore if any man be \_\_\_\_\_, he is a \_\_\_\_\_: old things are \_\_\_\_\_; behold, all things are become \_\_\_\_\_.*”
- 4. Conversion: A Change In Conduct** A converted man first had to repent. Repentance is a change of attitude. This prompts a change of conduct. (Eph 2:1-2) “*And you hath he \_\_\_\_\_, who were \_\_\_\_\_ in trespasses and sins: Wherein \_\_\_\_\_ ye walked according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of this world..*” (Col 3:8-10) “*But \_\_\_\_\_ ye also \_\_\_\_\_ all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, \_\_\_\_\_ out of your mouth. \_\_\_\_\_ one to another, seeing that ye have put off the \_\_\_\_\_ with his deeds; And have put on the \_\_\_\_\_ man.*” Who is the “*old man*”? \_\_\_\_\_ The “*new man*”? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Conversion: A Change In Belief** Paul spoke of his former beliefs in the “*tradition*” of “*the Jews' religion.*” (Gal 1:13-14) “*For ye have heard of my \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ religion, how that \_\_\_\_\_ I persecuted the church \_\_\_\_\_, and wasted it: And \_\_\_\_\_ in above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of \_\_\_\_\_ of my fathers.*” (1 Cor 2:2) “*For I \_\_\_\_\_ not to know \_\_\_\_\_ among you, save Jesus Christ, and him \_\_\_\_\_.*” Most Jews rejected Jesus Christ (Jn 1:11).