



THE TRUTH: KNOW, BELIEVE, SHARE, DEFEND

What is conversion, and what is discipleship?

“The question has been discussed: which is prior, faith or repentance? It is an unnecessary question and the insistence that one is prior to the other futile. There is no priority. The faith that is unto salvation is a penitent faith and the repentance that is unto life is a believing repentance ... The interdependence of faith and repentance can be readily seen when we remember that faith is faith in Christ for salvation from sin. But if faith is directed to salvation from sin, there must be hatred of sin and the desire to be saved from it. Such hatred of sin involves repentance which essentially consists in turning from sin unto God ... It is impossible to disentangle faith and repentance.” (John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*)

Conversion

- _____ involves a changing of our mind with respect to God and ourselves (Mark 1:14-15, Luke 24:46-47, Acts 2:37-38, 20:21).
- _____ is an acceptance of the good news about Jesus Christ (John 1:12, John 3:16, John 6:47, 11:25, 14:1, 17:20, 20:31).

Hard Truth about Conversion

- Many who think they are converted will be _____ to discover they are not (Matthew 7:21-23).
- Those who do not _____ in faith to the end were not truly converted (1 John 2:19).
- There is a kind of faith and repentance that does not lead to _____ (John 2:23-34, 1 Corinthians 15:1-2, 2 Corinthians 7:10, James 2:14-17).

The Four C's of Conversion

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Evangelism and Discipleship

- The "Great Commission" is a call to make _____, not just _____ (Matthew 28:18-20).
- By definition, a disciple is a _____ and a _____.
 - Discipleship involves _____ (John 2:11).
 - Discipleship involves _____ (Matthew 5:1ff).
 - Discipleship involves _____ (Mark 8:27).
 - Discipleship involves _____ (Luke 6:40).
 - Discipleship involves _____ (Matthew 12:49).
 - Discipleship involves _____ (Matthew 16:24).
 - Discipleship involves _____ (John 8:31).
 - Discipleship involves _____ (John 13:5ff).
 - Discipleship involves _____ (John 13:35).

"In appraising the tragic condition of affairs today, we must not become frantic in trying to reverse the trend overnight. Perhaps that has been our problem ... Here is where we must begin just like Jesus. IT will be slow, tedious, painful, and probably unnoticed by people at first, but the end result will be glorious, even if we don't live to see it ... We must decide where we want our ministry to count – in the momentary applause of popular recognition or in the reproduction of our lives in a few chosen people who will carry on our work after we have gone." (Robert Coleman)