

True Conversion



"Whenever a profession of conversion is not accompanied by holiness of life it must be understood that the person concerned is not yet a Christian."

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PRAY FIRST: THREE IN ONE, ONE IN THREE, GOD OF MY SALVATION, Heavenly Father, blessed Son, eternal Spirit, I adore thee as one Being, one Essence, one God in three distinct Persons, for bringing sinners to thy knowledge and to thy kingdom.

Understanding the Truth

Review

- The first sign that a person is a true believer is that he has been delivered from _____ to _____.
(*Colossians 1:12-13*)
- The second sign that a person is a true believer is that he has been delivered from _____ to _____.
(*Romans 6:17-18, 20-22*)
- The third sign that a person is a true believer is that he has been delivered from _____ to _____.
(*Hebrews 2:14-16; Romans 6:4*)

Sign #4—1 John 2:15; 3:13-14

A true believer is one who has been delivered from a love for the _____ to a love for the _____.

A. According to 1 John 2:16, how does John define the world?

- _____—things you want to do (appetites)
- _____—things you want to have (materialism)
- _____—things you want to be (ambition)

The world is a system of thinking and living, designed by Satan, which seeks to promote independence from God. It consists of values, philosophies, ideas, pleasures, and treasures that are outside of God's will as revealed in Scripture.

B. Read 1 John 2:15. What does John say is true of a person who loves the world?

C. What did James say is true about the person who is a friend of the world? (*Read James 4:4.*)

D. According to John 15:19, what is true of one who is of the world?

E. How can you tell if you are not a friend of the world? (*Read 1 John 3:1, 13.*)

The word "hate" in the Bible could mean: (1) unjustifiable feelings toward others, or (2) a preference of one thing or person over another; to love less (*Luke 14:26; John 15:23-25*).

F. According to Galatians 1:3-4, what does Paul say is one of the reasons that Christ died for us?

"This present evil age" speaks of the time from the fall of man into sin until the millennial period. This is the time during which Satan is the ruler of the world. When Galatians says that we have been rescued from this present evil age, it speaks of being rescued from the power of its ruler and the blindness of its vanity. As believers, we are no longer under the dominion of darkness, but we have been transferred to the kingdom of Christ. (*Colossians 1:12-13*)

G. How do you know if you have been delivered from the love of the world? (*Read Galatians 6:14.*)

H. What is another evidence that you have been truly converted? (*Read 1 John 3:14.*)

I. How does this love look? (*Read 1 John 3:15-23.*)

- Christian love does not harbor _____ against others. (*v.15*)
- Christian love involves _____ and service. (*v.16*)
- Christian love is not _____ toward the needs of others. (*v.17*)
- Christian love is _____ and active, genuine and sincere. (*v.18*)

J. What are the two blessings that come as a result of practicing this type of love?

- vv.19-20: _____
- vv.21-22: _____

K. According to Romans 12:2, what are true believers called not to do?

- What are we called to do? _____
- How? _____
- Why? _____
- What is characteristic of God's will? _____

Embracing the Truth

Knitting the truth of God's Word into our lives



Has there been a change in your orientation, your disposition, or your perspective about the world and what it has to offer?

APPLICATION

Being a doer of the Word

- What: What does God require of me?
- Where: Where does He require it of me?
- Why: Why must I do what He requires?
- How: How can I do what He requires?



ACCOUNTABILITY

Placing yourself in transparent and accountable relationships

How are you doing in the area of **HEALTH** and **WELLNESS**?

- Assess your eating and exercise this past week:

(Unstable) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 (Stable)

Obeying the Truth—Your Mission this Week

Engaging the lost through word and deed with the intention of imparting the Gospel



Partner with another Christian and make a list of christlike characteristics in your lives. Pray individually and together that they might increase.



MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK: 1 John 2:15

"Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."



EXTRA RESOURCES FOR THE VAULT

Alleine, Joseph. *An Alarm to the Unconverted*. Mulberry: Sovereign Grace Publishers. 2002. Print.
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Review

- darkness to light
- sin to righteousness
- death to life

Sign #4—1 John 2:15; 3:13-14

- world to a love for the brethren
- A.
- lust of the flesh
 - lust of the eyes
 - boastful pride of life
- B. the love of the Father is not in him
- C. he is an enemy of God
- D. the world loves its own
- E. the world hates you
- F. to rescue us from this present evil age
- G. the world has been crucified to us (its power over us is gone)
- H. you love the brethren
- I. How does this love look? (*Read 1 John 3:15-23*)
- hate
 - sacrifice
 - negligent
 - personal

J. What are the two blessings that come as a result of practicing this type of love?

- vv.19-20: assurance
- vv.21-22: confidence

K. do not be conformed to this world

- be transformed
- by the renewing of our minds
- so that we may prove what the will of God is
- that which is good, acceptable, and perfect

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