

MIDWEEK EQUIP

Gospel Guide [Chapter 2, The Gospel Believed]: Handout & Discussion Questions

SUBJECT: The doctrine of **Conversion**.

WHY IS A RIGHT UNDERSTANDING OF *CONVERSION* IMPORTANT?

A church that does not **rightly** understand conversion will...

1. Offer non-Christians false assurance
2. Confuse Christians about what it means to be a Christian.
3. Misrepresent God to everyone!

Definition of *Conversion*: *Biblically, conversion means a turning—
a spiritual turning away from sin in repentance and to Christ in faith.*

Psalm 23:3

The State of Man

Romans 3:10-11, Ephesians 2:1, John 3:7

1689 Confession:

[Chapter 14: 'Of Saving Faith', Paragraph 1]

The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts, **1** and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word; **2** by which also, and by the administration of baptism and the Lord's supper, prayer, and other means appointed of God, it is increased and strengthened. **3**

1 2 Corinthians 4:13; Ephesians 2:8

2 Romans 10:14,17

3 Luke 17:5; 1 Peter 2:2; Acts 20:32

HOW DOES ONE *BELIEVE* AND BECOME *SAVED*?

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[Chapter 2, Paragraph 3]

If the true desire of your heart is to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and to commit yourself to Him as your Lord and then as your Savior, **such a desire can only be placed in your heart by the Spirit of God. (Romans 8:5-8)**

OVERVIEW OF ROMANS

(Chapters 1-10)

PUTTING ON CHRIST
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[Chapter 2, Paragraph 11]

Christians who have genuinely repented seek to live in the light (**1 John 1:5–7**) and avoid ungodliness because repentance requires not only forsaking sin but also putting on Christ (**Romans 13:14**). It *demand*s that we turn away from debauchery and turn toward God by putting on Christ (**Colossians 3:1–17**).

[Chapter 2, Paragraph 12]

Practically, putting on Christ involves serving the Lord and others, and studying God’s Word. Putting on Christ means increasing fellowship, singing, praying, and setting our mind on the things above, primarily through fellowship in our local church. This process will take time, and we’ll continue to make missteps. But, when God brings someone to repentance, the fruit will be evident over time (**Luke 6:43–45**).

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

[Q1] What challenged and/or encouraged you in tonight’s talk on Conversion?

[Q2] Have you personally walked through the gospel; repented and believed upon Jesus (trusting in Him) for salvation?

[Q3] If you have made a confession of faith have you talked with a pastor, church elder or fellow believer to affirm and celebrate this with you?

[Q4] Why is the last section on “putting on Christ” so important right after conversion?

*(If you have time to discuss... why is that intimately tied to the local church?)

[Closing Prayer] (If you are a believer), thank God for His Gospel and saving grace through Jesus Christ. Thank Him that it depended on Him and not on you. Pray that God would give you courage and comfort in sharing this good news.

RESOURCES:

Listen to Pastor David’s sermon on Ephesians 2:8-10 from the series “The Dearest Place On Earth” or his sermon on John 3:1-15 from the series “That You May Believe” at redeemersw.com/sermons.

View the 1689 Baptist Confession online at the1689confession.com.