

True Conversion



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If conversion of heart is a *must*, then a *true* conversion is critical. Jesus said that our hope of Heaven depends on our heart being converted to one that is willing to trust God in child-like faith. Two brothers wanted special positions in the kingdom, so Jesus asked Matthew 20:22 *"Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"*—referring to the conversion of heart as being reborn to a new attitude that wants to trust God in faith no matter what trial or difficulty is met. Matthew 18:3 *"Verily I say to you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."*

The Holy Spirit will enlighten anyone to understand what is meant when Jesus said John 3:3 *"Verily, verily, I say to thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."* It is a spiritual conversion and a true change of heart toward God—like a child depending on a parent for everything. Adults are often anxious about paying financial obligations, but children are at peace with no such worries. That child-like attitude is to be *our* attitude after a true conversion of our heart.

God never goes bankrupt, always has infinite power, and He wants what is best for us. God is on earth in the presence of His Spirit, so His power, love, and resources are available to us in *this* life—while we wait for the promised *eternal* life. If a child has confidence in its par-

ents and never worries about things, then we are to have confidence in God and not worry about things—because God is waiting to give what we ask for—if we will ask in faith *and* in Jesus' name.

All through Scripture, God states His love for us, so there should be no fear in the present and no worry about the future. We are to 1 Peter 5:7 *"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."* Philippians 4:6 *"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray [earnestly] about everything. Tell God what you need [unreservedly made known to God], and thank him for all he has done."* The attitude of a *child* is the attitude of a *believer*. All requests are placed before God—then His peace will be enjoyed 7.

The divine power of God and all the resources at His disposal are waiting to be given to the believer who will trust Him in child-like faith. A loving parent will do everything possible to make life pleasant for their children. Matthew 7:11 *"If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"*

If anyone professes to be a child of God, they will have to live up to that profession. We do not reach that place all at once, but we must be *willing to learn; to increase in knowledge, and to grow in faith*. This child-like trust is the standard by which we are to conduct our life of faith. It is God's will that we do, and He provides His Holy Spirit to empower us and to guide us into His full Truth.

Jesus would not tell us to become *like a child*—concerning faith and trust on God—if it were impossible—Matthew 19:26 *"Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible"* Genesis 18:14; Matthew 19:26. The sacrifice of Atonement, and the resurrection to life, *makes*

all things possible; and the Holy Spirit enables our attitude to be like a child toward a parent.

Children of wealthy parents have everything the human heart could desire, so if we are a true child of God, then we have access to all that a believer would desire—spiritual light, good health, divine healing, protection, money, and victory over Satan's influence or power.

God is waiting to lavish on His children anything that would make us happy and contented. If a loving parent would do that for a trusting child, *"how much more will your Father in Heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"* Matthew 7:11. All these gifts are supplied to believers on earth while God prepares our home in heaven.

If we are stubborn, self-willed, rebellious, and refuse the guidance of His Spirit, God is not able to help us, and His prepared place will be given to those who *will learn and will accept* the guidance of His Spirit. Hebrews 3:7-8 *"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert."* It is spiritually fatal to be stubborn and headstrong, because Hebrews 3:11 *"I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.'"*

The eternal fate of anyone who will not be converted in heart to the attitude of a child is too dreadful to contemplate—they will *by no means enter the kingdom of heaven*. God cannot change that final *sentence* after this life, because everyone has a free-will *choice* in this life. Hebrews 2:3 *"How shall we escape if we neglect [ignore; are indifferent to] so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord [Jesus], and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him."*

There is a huge contrast between a false *professing* Christian and a true *possessing* Christian. Many *say* they are a child of God,

but very few give solid evidence of a converted heart that is trusting God in child-like faith for real-life issues. There is a total lack of trust on God for divine healing. A child will go right to a parent when they are ill, but a false Christian goes right to the doctor and the emergency room when physical problems arise.

The professing Christian world today does *not* trust God in child-like faith for real-life issues. God is present on earth in the presence of His Spirit—who is the working member of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit was the creative power that made Adam, Eve, and everything else in heaven and on earth, and He is present now to heal, deliver, and supply whatever is needed—for free, if we will believe and trust God in faith.

Multitudes *call* themselves a Christian, but most reject the divine power of God to heal them which would give evidence they really are *not* a believer. Instead of trusting on God's power for help, they trust on medical plans and pills—like the world. Such acts of no trust on God are rebellion in the sight of God, and opposite to the attitude of a true child of God. James 2:14 *"What good is it, my brethren, if a man professes to have faith, and yet his actions do not correspond?"*

To *say* one thing, but *not do* what we said makes us a hypocrite. Jesus called the Pharisees *hypocrites* because they *looked* religious, but their *actions* did not correspond. Matthew 23:27 *"Alas for you,"* He said; *"the outside of which pleases the eye, though inside they are full of dead men's bones and of all that is unclean."* Matthew 23:33 *"Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"*

Anyone who professes to be a child of the Father will have to live up to that profession. If they fail to act in faith, they label themselves a hypocrite. Jesus stated the issue clearly Matthew

18:3 *"Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."* That is the situation facing everyone!

This trusting attitude of a child concerns money and everything else. If we will take that attitude, God will supply every need—as they are met. If we will take a scriptural attitude toward God, He will be quick to respond to our need. If the answer to prayer is not received for money, food, employment, healing, or anything else, there is something on our part blocking the answer.

God is with us every moment, and we have a divine right to live a victorious Christian life of faith. The Atonement of Christ paid for good health, divine healing, protection, peace, and provisions. 2 Corinthians 9:8 *"God is able to bestow every blessing on you in abundance, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."*

It is our blood-purchased right to enjoy health and strength; peace and cooperation in the home; loved ones controlled by His Spirit; all the money we need, and victory over Satan's power. To the extent that we are converted to the attitude of a child, is the extent we receive those Atonement rights in Christ Jesus.

There are millions going to church, paying their tithes, giving to the poor, and being honest in dealing with people—and most are preached into heaven when they die. The truth is, however, if anyone does not really *know* God, and was never converted in heart to trust God in faith for things in this life, they are on their way to Hell—*not* Heaven—because *"Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven"* Matthew 18:3.

That is *not judging* people, but is *warning* everyone Ezekiel 3:18. False teaching must be ex-

posed for what it is. 99% truth on trust is not what God requires, but *"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father who is in heaven is perfect"* Matthew 5:48.

Jesus told the young man Matthew 19:21, *"If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions [you are trusting on] and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."* Perfection of our faith in Him, and of our trust on God, is the requirement.

If we fall short of *that* standard of faith God has set, we will *by no means enter His kingdom*. God does *not* promise to supply our needs through a certain person; thru welfare, or by some human source, but Philippians 4:19 *"My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."*

We have an inexhaustible account in Heaven that can never be overdrawn, so instead of being short, we should be in prayer, on our knees, and *claiming* our Atonement rights for what is needed *"according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."*

Receiving answers to prayer by looking only to God in faith, and ignoring all human possibilities or impossibilities, enables us to receive an abundant spiritual blessing and a plentiful supply of finances. *That* is a true conversion of the heart, and *that* is becoming a true child of God—going to our heavenly Father for everything—eternal life is at stake!



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