

True Conversion: Converts to Disciples

Lesson 3

Take a moment and refresh yourself on what ***sin*** is.

Our sin came from Adam, the first man. Because of the fall of Adam we too have fallen short of the glory of God¹ because of the inheritance that we have in Adam. The fact is the sin of Adam has corrupted us all and therefore we have a separation from God, because God by virtue cannot be near anything that is sinful! So God had to do something miraculous to change the current state of our sinfulness.

Now, take a moment and remind yourself what the ***Gospel*** of Jesus Christ is.

There are four basic things that are included in the good news Gospel.

Today we are going to discuss what it means to truly accept the Gospel of Jesus Christ and apply it to our lives. To know what it takes to become true Disciples of Christ.

Matt. 11:28-30 say “***Come to Me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give your rest. All of you take up my yoke and learn from Me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for yourselves. For My yoke is easy and burden is light.***

These few verses really truly sum up for us what we are to do to accept the Gospel of Christ. First we are to _____ . When we come to Jesus he takes our sins. This process of coming and Jesus is called ***repentance***.

Repentance is _____ .

Coming to Jesus causes you to turn away from whatever you are doing and to embrace Him. If you do not wholly *commit* yourself to repentance, Jesus will not give you rest. Now, when you come to repentance, there is a second thing that happens almost simultaneously and that is ***Faith***. True ***Saving Faith***² is _____ .

¹ Romans 3:23-25: For all have sinned and all short of the glory of God. They are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. God presented him as a propitiation through faith in His blood, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His restraint God passed over the sins previously committed

² There is a difference between saving faith and faith. Faith is just trusting in some idea or thought without fully committing oneself to the ideal of that thought. James 2:18 say “*you have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith without works, and I will show you my faith from my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. The demons also believe—and they shudder.*” Saving Faith is the trust + the action of repentance. We have to trust in Jesus for our salvation but we have to be committed to turning from our sin and wholly following Jesus as our Lord.

Again, if you do not wholly *trust* in Jesus as the one who has taken away our sins through the cross, Jesus will not give us rest.

Your acceptance of the Gospel of Jesus hinges on two things, _____ and _____ . Our commitment to Christ is hard sometimes. Just because you are committed to Christ, it doesn't mean that you and I do not struggle with sin or even succumb to it. Same with your faith, you have to trust, but sometimes it is hard to trust in what God is doing. But there is something of the utmost importance in understanding our salvation in Christ: We learn, trust, commit ourselves more to Christ today than we did yesterday, but not as much as we will tomorrow. We have to understand we are to live holy and sanctified lives if we are to truly accept the Gospel of Jesus!

Now, Remind yourself of what *sanctification* is.

This takes us to the end of those verses we just read... take my yoke upon you. We have to take on the teachings of Christ and apply them daily. We have to wake up each morning and live out our faith in Christ or we are not practicing saving faith in Christ.

With that being said, what implications does this have for our lives?
