

What are you trying to do, convert me?

Acts 16:16-36

Conversion

- To turn and change one's heart and mind about something or someone
 - Repentance followed by Faith in Jesus Christ
 - Wholeheartedly turning from sin and trusting in Jesus Christ as Savior & the Leader of your life
 - Turning away from evil deeds and false worship and turning toward serving and worshiping God
 - Acts 26:18 "I am sending you to the Gentiles to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God's people, who are set apart by faith in me." (Jesus spoke these words to Paul)
 - Sinner to Saved
 - Lost to Found
 - Condemned to Forgiven
 - Spiritually Dead to Spiritually Alive
 - Hell Bound to Heaven Bound
1. Born Again
 2. 2. Becoming a Christian
 3. 3. Accepting Jesus as Savior
 4. Establishing a personal relationship with God

Are you converted? Have you had a conversion experience? What will it take for you to be converted? What will it take for your pre-Christian friends, family, co-workers & neighbors to be converted?

Basics of ACTS

- A sequel to the Gospel of Luke
- A history of the New Testament Church
- A history of the power of the Holy Spirit in the early church
- Author: Luke (Gentile historian & physician)
- Theophilus: a wealthy new Christian who funded this research project
- Theme verse: Acts 1:8

- Based on many eye witness testimonies (including Luke's)
- Accurate historical detail
- Literary excellence

Background to Acts 16: 16-36

- The apostle Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey
- Paul & Silas returned to churches they established then planted new churches in Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea and Corinth

Components of Conversion

#1 a Christian _____

"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them." Acts 16:25

#2 An Act of _____

Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. Acts 16:26

#3 A turning _____

²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:27-30

#4 The _____ message

³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. Acts 16:31-32

#5 An act of _____

then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household. Acts 16: 33b,34

#6 A _____ life

^{33a} At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds;.....

^{34a} The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them.....

³⁶ The jailer told Paul, “The magistrates have ordered that you and Silas be released. Now you can leave. Go in peace.” Acts 16: 33, 34, 36

**What are you trying to do, convert me? YES, I am!
Jesus will positively change your life FOREVER!
(just ask the Philippian Jailer)**