

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

WEEK 5 - SOTERIOLOGY (PART 2)

CONVERSION - THE SALVATION EXPERIENCE

DEFINITION OF CONVERSION: to turn around in reaction to God's grace

TWO ELEMENTS OF CONVERSION: (MARK 1:15)

1. REPENTANCE - involves godly sorrow, turning from sin to God, conviction, change in attitude towards God, and change in conduct (2 Cor. 7:9-10).

2. FAITH - involves placing your complete trust in God, being totally committed to Him, completely dependant upon Him, and governing your actions by Him (Prov. 3:5; John 5:24; Col. 1 :22-23).

FOUR ASPECTS OF SALVATION:

1. REGENERATION - being born again , renewed ,made alive; spiritual resurrection into a new life with God through Jesus Christ (John 3:3-8).

FIRST BIRTH

- of sinful parents
- corruptible
- carnal
- slave to Satan
- object of God's wrath

SECOND BIRTH

- of God
- incorruptible
- spiritual
- free in Christ
- object of God's love

2. JUSTIFICATION - God declared those who trust in Jesus Christ to be "not guilty", and treating them as being righteous; God sees them through the righteousness of His Son (Rom. 3:24-28).

3. ADOPTION - refers to someone becoming God's child; whereas regeneration gives someone the nature of a child of God, adoption gives them the position of a child of God (Rom. 8: 15-16).

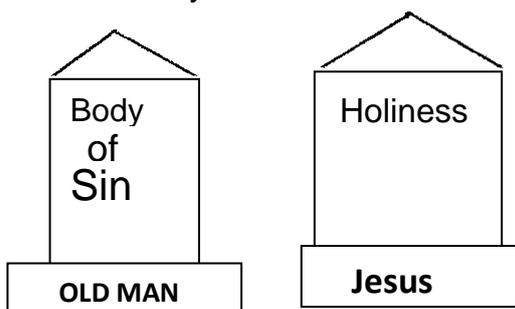
4. SANCTIFICATION - Separation from sin unto God, being made holy, set apart, for God, dying to sin and living to righteousness.

THREE ELEMENTS OF SANCTIFICATION:

1. PAST (at time of conversion) - separation from the penalty of sin ... made holy (Heb. 10:10).
2. PRESENT - separation from the power of sin ... ongoing process (Col. 3:3-5).
3. FUTURE - separation from the presence of sin ... completion of the process in heaven (1 Thess. 5:23).

QUESTION: If we are sanctified at conversion, how can sinfulness still be a part of our lives?

ANSWER: When we are saved, the old man is dead (crucified with Christ-Rom. 6:6), but we are always struggling with our sinful nature, because it is an attribute of our bodies -- we are fallen human beings with an inclination to sin; although we are sanctified positionally in Christ (seen as holy through Him), we must become sanctified progressively (made more like Him every day) ... the process of sanctification involves putting to death the sinful attributes day by day until eternity.



At conversion Jesus removes the foundation of the old man, replacing it with Himself; then brick by brick the body of sin is replaced by holiness and righteousness.