

James 4:10 - 12 (NASB)

¹⁰Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

¹¹Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge *of it*.

¹²There is *only* one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?

- The Lord associated forgiveness of sins with conversion when he said "lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them" Mark 4: 12.
- Peter said, Repent you therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" Acts 3: 19.
- Repentance, forgiveness of sins and refreshing from the presence of the Lord accompany this change in a person's life which we all call conversion.
- When the Lord spoke of conversion He used a word which meant "to turn around, revert, or to come again". The definition suggests that persons who are converted are changed and are set on a different course or direction.

There MUST be a clear, distinctive change-----

Zaccheus:

Luke 19:2 - 10 (NASB)

²And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich.

³Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature.

⁴So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way.

⁵When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

⁶And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly.

⁷When they saw it, they all *began* to grumble, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."

⁸Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much."

⁹And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham.

¹⁰"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Lydia:

"And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, (of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God), heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended to the things which were spoken by Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us saying, 'If you have judged me faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there'" Acts 16: 14,15.

New you. New season:

1 John 2:3 - 6 (NASB)

³By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.

⁴The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

⁵but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:

⁶the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)

¹⁷Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

Titus 2:14 (NASB)

¹⁴who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Ephesians 2:10 (NASB)

¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

- *A short time later, Paul was imprisoned in Philippi because he was falsely accused by those who opposed the Gospel, and was able to teach the Gospel to the jailer with the result that the jailer and his household heard, believed and obeyed.*
- *"And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, and he and all his, straightway" Acts 16: 30-33.*

MONDAY MORNING MOMENT: Action Step

"Does your salvation experience match the Bible blueprint? If not, you need to be saved!"

Acts 26:20 (NLT)

I preached first to those... Gentiles, that all must repent of their sins and turn to God—and prove they have changed by the good things they do.

Philippians 2:12 (NLT)

¹²Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.