

JCBC 7 PM Bible Study – 10/21/2026

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 – Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. [NKJV]





JCBC PURPOSE STATEMENT

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Last Week's Opening Discussion

- What is conversion? What does conversion mean to you?
- Why is conversion included in the JCBC Purpose Statement?
- Who is responsible for implementing the “conversion” part of the Purpose Statement?
- How has the church as a whole, or how have you individually, facilitated the conversion process for someone you knew after they accepted Jesus Christ?

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- **OBJECTIVES**

- ▶ *To understand the meaning of conversion in the Bible and JCBC's Purpose Statement*
- ▶ *To determine and fulfill our roles and responsibilities after leading people to Jesus Christ*
- ▶ *To develop spiritual guidance for new followers of Jesus Christ to support the growth of their relationship with God and conversion to Christlikeness*



What is conversion?



Galatians 5:16 - I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. [NKJV]

Romans 8:5 - For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. [NKJV]

The process whereby the natural tendency to gratify the sinful human nature is resisted and replaced by one's decision to follow the Holy Spirit's guidance and obey God's Word.



What is conversion?



Romans 12:2 [NKJV]

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

The process of becoming less conformed to the world (i.e., the ungodly society around us) and becoming more like Jesus Christ, as the mind gets renewed (changed) through learning God's Word.

Becoming
A New Person

What is conversion?

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Homework

Ephesians 4:20-24 >> someone please read

Colossians 3:9-10 >> someone please read

- *What do these passages say about conversion?*
- *After we lead people to Jesus Christ, do they have a choice or responsibility in the conversion process?*

Homework

Examples of conversion



Luke 19:1-9 >> Zacchaeus

Acts 9:1-6,19-22 >> Saul of Tarsus

Acts 16:11-15 >> Lydia

Acts 16:23-34 >> Philippian jailer

Examples of conversion



Your Hope Story®

>>

(your name here)

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Homework

Can you share an example of how God's conversion process has changed at least one aspect of your life?



In every true conversion, the will of man comes into line with the will of God.

The converted person will love the good he once hated, and hate the sin he once loved.

Signs of Christian Conversion

ACTS 3:19 – Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord. [NKJV]

1 JOHN 1:9 – If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [NKJV]



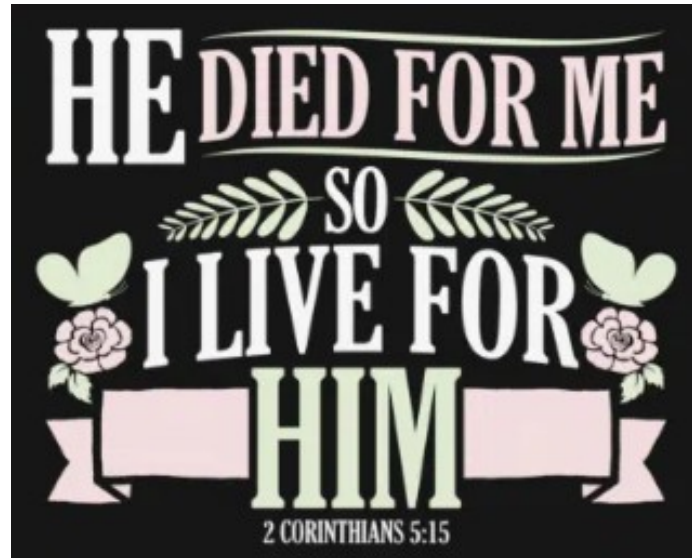
HEBREWS 6:1 – Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God. [NKJV]

ISAIAH 55:7 – Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. [NKJV]

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LIVING FOR CHRIST

MATTHEW 6:33 – But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. [NKJV]



2 CORINTHIANS 5:15 – and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. [NKJV]

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LUKE 9:23 – Then He said to them all, **If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.** [NKJV]

GALATIANS 2:20 – I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. [NKJV]

Signs of Christian Conversion

GALATIANS 5:19-21

FRUIT OF THE FLESH VS OF SPIRIT (GALATIANS 5:19-23)	
WORKS OF THE FLESH	FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT
 Sexual immorality	 Love
 Impurity	 Joy
 Idolatry	 Peace
 Hatred	 Patience
 Jealousy	 Kindness
 Fits of rage	 Goodness
 Selfish ambition	 Faithfulness
 Dissensions	 Gentleness
 Drunkenness	 Self-control
Those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God	Against such things there is no law.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

What happens if there's no conversion ?

Matthew 13:5-7
and 21-22

Matthew 7:24-27

Revelation 3:15-16



Luke 8:13

Mark 7:6

Titus 1:16

Ezekiel 33:31

2 Timothy 3:2-5

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1)

Life Saving Card

My Desire
To bring one friend to heaven with me who does not yet know Jesus.

My Commitment
"Jesus, I will do whatever it takes to bring my friend, _____, to heaven with me."

My Strategy
Pray daily for my friend and Tell my friend about Jesus

Signed _____ Date _____



Pray for the names on our Life Saving Cards

Reach out to others with our testimony to introduce others to Jesus

Pray the 3-open prayer and respond to God's assignments

2)

CLASS PROJECT: Develop a discipleship outline that mature disciples of Christ can use to help a new believers become rooted in the basics for spiritual development.



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- *As part of conversion, what are six very important spiritual principles or disciplines new believers need to learn in order for their relationship with God to grow and mature?*
- *Search for resources that are designed to support conversion and spiritual growth for newly committed followers of Jesus Christ.*
- *If you were involved in discipling a new Christian, how would you go about it? (specify your timeframe and topics emphasized)*