

Your Conversion, Call & Commission

Your Conversion Experience

Introduction: Conversion is not simply a shift in status before God. Conversion is a much larger reality in which our restored relationship with God begins to touch and change every area of our lives.

The full experience of Conversion includes seven elements; four are primarily internal and three are primarily external. These seven elements don't necessarily occur in the same order nor are they to be conceived of as hoops to jump through. But a Christian conversion will include all.

The internal elements of Christian conversion:

1. Belief. A person needs to understand and agree with some basic facts about Jesus.

Describe your basic beliefs about Jesus:

2. Repentance. Conversion means a change of mind and of direction. Repentance is not the same as sorrow or remorse. It is a radical and unequivocal rejection of the way of sin and the pattern of life that leads to sin.

Describe the changes that have occurred in your pattern of life as a result of your conversion and repentance:

3. Trust and Assurance of Forgiveness. Responding to Jesus also touches our affections. A converted person will begin to grasp on an emotional level that God loves them and has forgiven them. This complements the more cerebral experience of “belief.”

Provide 2 – 3 examples of how your trust in the Lord has affected your life:

4. Commitment, Allegiance, and Devotion. As we encounter and get to know Jesus, we develop a determination to live for him in the world. Following him becomes more important than any other call on our lives.

Describe how you live out the directions of Jesus in Matthew 16:24 (“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.”):

The outward or external elements of Christian conversion

1. Baptism. This doesn’t place us in a relationship with God, but it is the formal outward symbol of our faith in Him.

Describe when and where your baptism occurred and the manner in which it was conducted:

2. The Gift of the Spirit. Our relationship with God ceases to be a relationship purely with an external reality. Instead, the Holy Spirit comes and takes up residence inside us.

Describe how you discern the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in you:

3. Incorporation into the Local Church. It is essential that Christians become fully participating members of a local Church.

Describe your current church membership by answering the following questions:

- a. Date you became a member: _____
- b. Please indicate how you became a member in your current church:
 - Baptism
 - Letter
 - Christian Experience
- c. Describe your current areas of service in your local church:

If you were a member of another church prior to your current church, answer the following questions:

- a. Dates of membership in your prior church home:
From: _____ To: _____
- b. Please indicate how you became a member in your prior church:
- c. Baptism
- d. Letter
- e. Christian Experience
- f. Describe your areas of service in your prior church:
- g. Please describe how you left that church:

Have you had periods of non-membership that exceeded 3 months? If so please describe:

Your Call into the Gospel Ministry

Introduction: Every licensed minister of the gospel should be able to clearly communicate their “call” experience both verbally and in writing. It demonstrates the minister’s ability to discern and respond to the voice of God, it positions the minister to exercise his gifts to benefit the body and it encourages other believers to respond to the voice of God in their lives. Even though every person’s experience is unique there are common elements that every minister of the gospel should be able to defensibly articulate. Please read each section and write your experience relative to each section in the space provided.

1. The Discernment of God’s Call: This section is about God (John 10:27)

Describe how you were able to discern the voice of God and what He said to you.

2. The Response to God’s Call: This section is about you (Isaiah 6:8)

Describe how you have responded to God’s call.

Articles of Faith

Please indicate your agreement with the Baptist Articles of Faith as set forth below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you believe in the Divine Trinity , that God is one, but is manifested in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you believe that Man was created in holiness, but by voluntary transgressions Fell from that holy and happy state; and therefore is now under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you believe that the Salvation of Sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in him is Justification ; which includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you believe that Salvation Is Made Free to all by the Gospel; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own voluntary rejection of the Gospel?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be Regenerated , or born again?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you believe that Repentance and Faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you believe that Election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you believe that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you believe that only real believers endure to the end; that their Persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you believe that the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arise entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator is one great end of the Gospel ?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you believe that that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by his laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer to demonstrate death to sin and resurrection to a new life; and the Lord's Supper commemorates the dying love of Christ?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath , and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you believe that Civil Government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you believe that that there is a radical and essential difference between the Righteous and the Wicked ; that only through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you believe that the Scriptures teach that the End of the World is approaching; that at the last day, Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave for final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy?

By my signature below, I indicate my complete agreement with the Articles of Faith as described above:

Signed: _____ Date: _____