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# LIVING AS WITNESSES

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Pray, Meet People, Tell Them About Jesus

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*Conversion – How does a person receive salvation?*

A person is converted when they choose to believe in Jesus' death and resurrection for salvation from their sins (Acts 16:31).

God's Part in Conversion:

1. God's Spirit works in a person (John 3:3-8, Romans 8:30).
2. God's Spirit works through His Word (Romans 10:13-17, 1 Peter 1:23).
3. God's Spirit enables a personal choice: belief (Jn. 1:12-13).
4. God's Spirit enters, gives life, and bears fruit! (Romans 8:11)

Our "Part" in Conversion: Belief.

Understanding Faith that Saves

- Saving faith is placed in Jesus (John 3:16).
- Saving faith believes the gospel - that He is the Savior who died for our sins and rose again (1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Romans 1:16).
- Saving faith chooses to trust Jesus (John 3:14-15; Romans 4:20-22).
- Saving faith involves a change of thinking (repentance) (Mark 1:15; Acts 3:19).

	OLD PERSPECTIVE	NEW PERSPECTIVE
Self	I'll live how I want; I've got this on my own.	I'm lost without God; his way is the only way to live.
Sin	I'm pretty good overall. If I do have sin, it's no big deal.	I am dead in my sin and deserve God's eternal wrath.
Savior	I have no need of a Savior. I've got this.	I trust Jesus, who died for my sins, and rose again, for cleansing and righteousness.

### Confusion about Conversion

- What does a person have to believe? (1 Cor. 15:1-2; Rom. 1:16)

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- What is "belief"? (Jn. 3:14-15; Rom. 4:20-22)

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- Are there specific words that must be said? (Lk. 24:39-43)

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- Do they have to pray?

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- Is repentance required?

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