

THEOLOGICAL DEFINITIONS

13. “Conversion”

“To turn to God from our sin”

“To change from a sinner to a saint”

This may be one of the most misunderstood of theological terms. Conversion is the human side of the experience in which regeneration is the divine side. In other words, God regenerates our spirits and we have a conversion experience.

Conversion is the outward act of a changed person. When we experience conversion, we do two things. (1) We repent, and (2) we forsake our sin.

- Positive Element: Turning to Christ
- Negative Element: Turning from sin

**The difference between the terms “Born Again” and “Conversion” is this:
God does “Born Again.” We do “Conversion.”**

14. “Grace” (Ephesians 2:8, 9)

“Grace is all the goodness of God, just waiting for your time of need.”

*(Ephesians 2:8-9 NKJV) “For **by grace** you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is **the gift of God**, {9} not of works, lest anyone should boast.”*

- Grace is always based on the quality of His loving character – never on the quality of our human failings!
- Grace always draws you closer to Him, placing you in the secret place of the Most High, under the shadow of His wing (Psalm 91).
- Grace gives you the unlimited benefits of His presence and His power.
- Grace is the very thing you need but could never bring about.
- Grace is the perfect expression of the agape-love of God, which is fully validated and eternally insured by the blood of Jesus (which is its ultimate and eternal expression).

Finally, grace is the anointing and God-given ability to do what you need to do... ought to do and get to do!

Notes 

BUZZ WORDS

1. Human side
2. We do it

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1. Goodness of God
2. Perfect love from God

New Living Translation of Ephesians 2:8, 9

“God saved you by his special favor when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God.”