



# "...from DARKNESS to LIGHT..."

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**D**o you know with all certainty that you are a child of God? Do you remember a time, a moment when you were delivered from the **POWER of DARKNESS**, and **TRANSLATED** into God's marvelous **LIGHT**?

The world is filled with "experiences" of people anxious to tell of their emotional testimonies of how they came to Christ, and made him their personal Saviour. But the Word of God is consistent, with **ONE BLUEPRINT** for salvation:

*"For **whosoever** shall call upon the name of the Lord **shall be saved**. How then shall they call on him in whom they have **not believed**? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have **not heard**? and how shall they hear **without a preacher**? And how shall they preach, **except they be sent**?" (Romans 10:13-15).*

All believers are saved the same way, so there is **NO ROOM FOR BOASTING** of any "special" conversions over any other believer. There is just one:

*"And the publican, standing afar off, **would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven**, but smote upon his breast, saying, **God be merciful to me a sinner**." (Luke 18:13).*

**Was your conversion** like the publican above? Were you so burdened with guilt that you dare not lift your eyes to heaven, but simply asked God for mercy?

*"...but to this man will I look, even to him that is **poor** [humbled] and of a **contrite** [dejected] **spirit**, and **trembleth** [reverential fear] **at my word**" (Isaiah 66:2).*

When you were converted, were you filled with humility before God? Did you have feelings of deep sorrow or remorse for having sinned against God? When you heard the word, did the **hearing** of it bring strong conviction of having done wrong?

*"Then went out to him [John the Baptist] **Jerusalem**, and all **Judaea**, and all the region round about **Jordan**, And were baptized of him in **Jordan***

***dan, confessing their sins**. But when he saw many of the **Pharisees and Sadducees** come to his baptism, he said unto them, **O generation of vipers, who hath WARNED you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance**" (Matthew 3:5-8).*

Before you became a Christian, did the word of God **WARN**, or admonish you to flee the wrath to come (Luke 3:7)?

*"Now the works of the flesh are manifest [apparent], which are these; **Adultery, fornication** [harlotry, including adultery and incest], **uncleanness** [impurity; immoral; obscene], **lasciviousness** [morally unrestrained], **Idolatry** [image-worship], **witchcraft** [magic; pretending to cause or control events; supernatural forces], **hatred** [hostility], **variance** [a quarrel; wrangling], **emulations** [jealousy or malice], **wrath** [passion, as if breathing hard], **strife** [partisan conflict within; dissension], **seditions** [the stirring up of discontent; resistance; rebellion], **heresies** [a sect; a religious belief opposed to the orthodox doctrines of a church], **Envyings** [ill-will; jealousy], **murders**, **drunkenness** [intoxication], **revellings** [to drink much alcoholic liquor, having a noisy, merry time], and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, **that they which do such things SHALL NOT inherit the kingdom of God**" (Galatians 5:19-21).*

Do you remember a time in your life when you "**sat in darkness**" (Matt. 4:16) before you became a Christian? Do you remember when you were called "**out of darkness into his marvelous light**" (1 Peter 2:9)? If you don't, you have a "counterfeit, feel good" salvation that will not save you.



The word of God warns: "**Take heed therefore HOW YE HEAR: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he SEEMETH to have**" (Luke 8:18). "...and this is the victory that **overcometh the world, even our faith**" (1 John 5:4).

**We use the OLD King James Version:**

Amos 8:11 "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord."