

From Indoctrinated to Converted

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Conversion / Luke 8:4-8

Central Idea: Let's look at four areas Christians need to be converted, to move from indoctrination to conversion.

FROM INDOCTRINATED TO CONVERTED

Have you been converted?

Luke 8:4-8



Luke 8:4-8 ESV

⁴ And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, ⁵ “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶ And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸ And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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Indoctrination vs. Conversion

Proverbs 22:6 ESV

⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Total Conversion

1. Head Conversion

cf. [Lk. 8:11](#)

Luke 8:11 ESV

¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 ESV

¹³ And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

2. Heart Conversion

cf. [Lk. 8:12](#)

Luke 8:12 ESV

¹² The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

Ezekiel 36:26 ESV

²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

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3. Calendar/ Clock Conversion

cf. [Lk. 8:13](#)

Luke 8:13 ESV

¹³ And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away.

Psalms 27:4 ESV

⁴ One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

4. Cash Conversion

cf. [Lk. 8:14](#)

Luke 8:14 ESV

¹⁴ And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.

Matthew 6:21 ESV

²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

God's Plan of Salvation

GOD'S PART

1. The great love of God for man ([John 3:16](#))
2. He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Saviour ([Luke 19:10](#))
3. Sent the Holy Spirit as a guide ([John 16:13](#))
4. Gave the Gospel as "the power" unto salvation ([Romans 1:16](#))
5. Provided atonement by the blood of Christ ([Romans 5:9](#))

MAN'S PART

1. Hear the Gospel. ([Romans 10:17](#), [John 8:32](#))
2. Believe the Gospel ([Hebrews 11:6](#), [John 20:31](#))
3. Repent of past sins ([Luke 13:3](#), [Acts 17:30](#))
4. Confess faith in Jesus Christ ([Romans 10:10](#), [Matthew 10:32](#))
5. Be Baptized ([Galatians 3:27](#), [Mark 16:16](#), [Acts 2:38](#))
6. Be faithful unto death ([Revelations 2:10](#))

Will you gladly accept His Word?