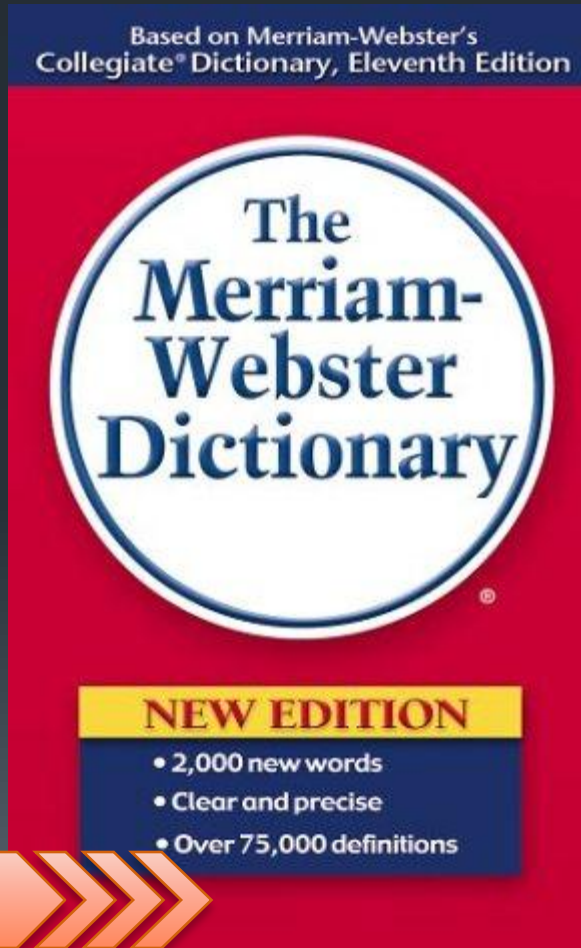


"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

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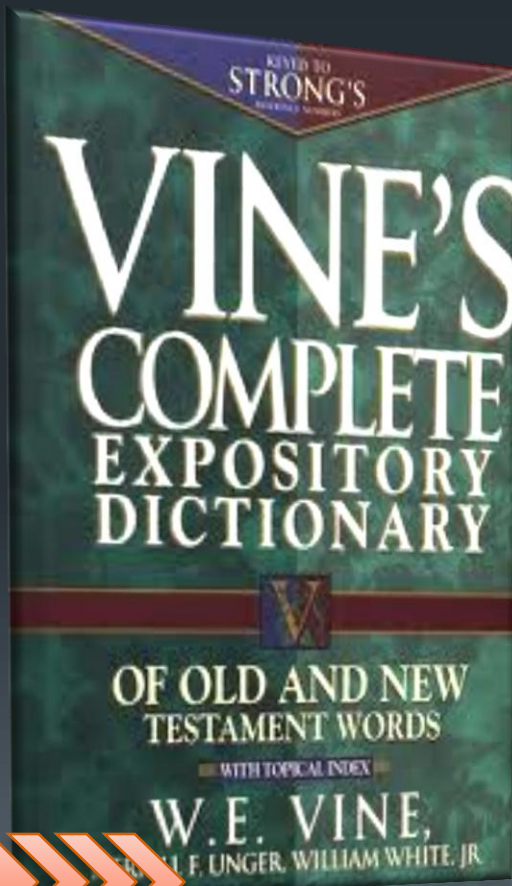
transitive verb

- 1 - a : **to bring over from one belief, view, or party to another** b : to bring about a religious conversion in
- 2 - a : to alter the physical or chemical nature or properties of especially in manufacturing b (1) : **to change from one form or function to another** (2) : to alter for more effective utilization

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Strong's Number: <G4762>

- Original Word: στρέφω,
strephō

Part Of Speech: Verb

"to turn," is translated "be
converted" in Matt. 18:3, AV.

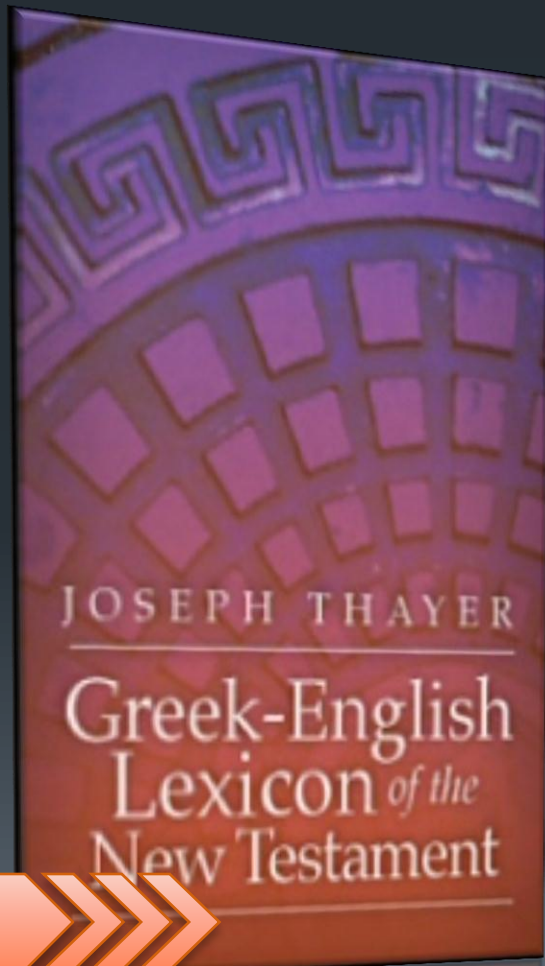
See TURN.



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στρεφω <G4762>:

Passive reflexively, “to turn” oneself: . . .
 . (R.V. they “turned back in their hearts unto Egypt”) i.e. to their condition there, Acts 7:39; absolutely and tropically, “to turn oneself” namely, from one’s course of conduct, i.e. “to change one’s mind” - Matthew 18:3
Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament – pg. 591

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Matthew 18:3-4 (NKJV)

³ and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are **converted** and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

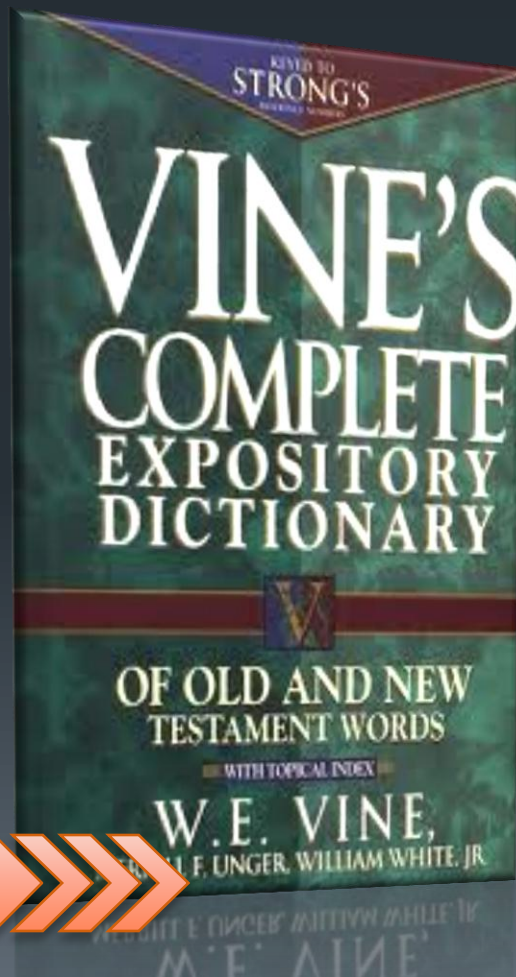
⁴ Therefore **whoever humbles himself** as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.



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Strong's Number: <G1994> - ἐπιστρέφω, epistrephō - Part Of Speech: Verb
Usage Notes: "to turn about, turn towards" (epi, "towards" and No. 1), is used transitively, and so rendered "convert" (of causing a person to turn) in Jas. 5:19, 20. Elsewhere, where the AV translates this verb, either in the Middle Voice and intransitive use, or the Passive, the RV adheres to the Middle Voice significance, and translates by "turn again," Matt. 13:15; Mark 4:12; Luke 22:32; Acts 3:19; Acts 28:27.

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Acts 3:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Repent therefore and **be converted**, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,



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James 5:19-20 (NKJV)

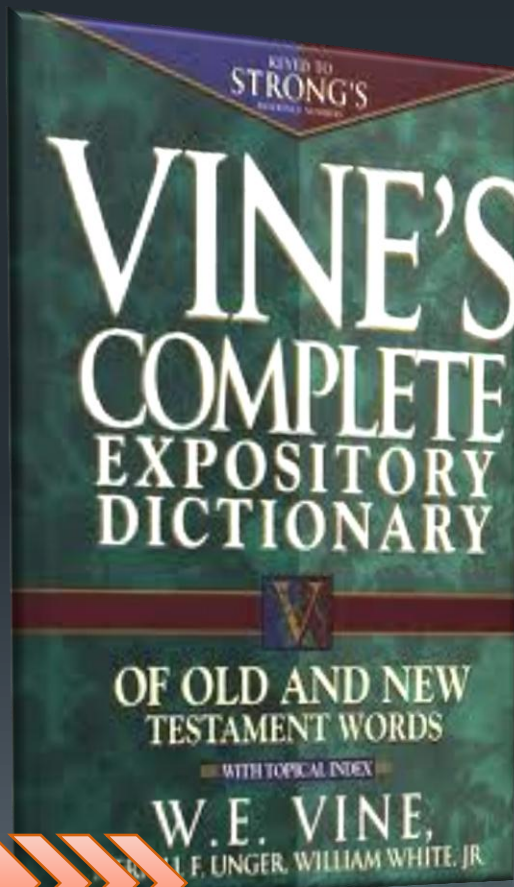
¹⁹ Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone **turns him back**, (*convert him KJV*)
²⁰ let him know that he who **turns** (*converteth – KJV*) **a sinner from the error of his way** will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.



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Strong's Number: <G1995> -
ἐπιστροφή, epistrophē - Part Of
Speech: Noun

Usage Notes: akin to A, No. 2, "a turning about, or round, conversion," is found in Acts 15:3. The word implies "a turning from and a turning to;" corresponding to these are repentance and faith; cp. "turned to God from idols" (1 Thess. 1:9). Divine grace is the efficient cause, human agency the responding effect.—

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1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 (NKJV)

⁹ For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and **how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,**

¹⁰ and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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Luke 15:11-24

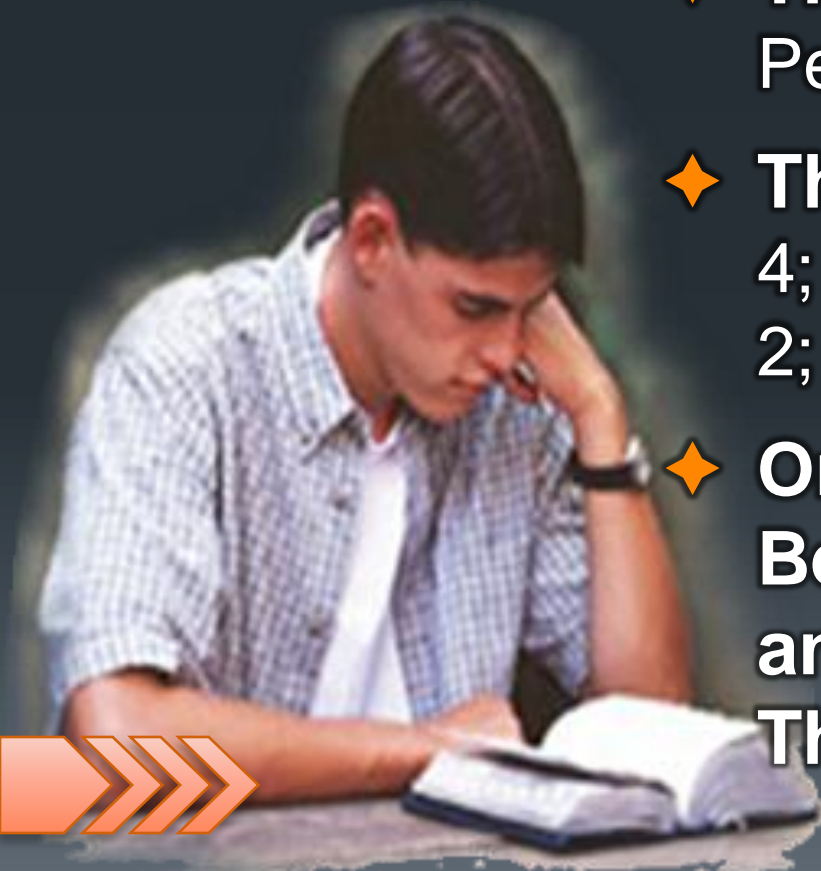
- ✦ Not merely a change in actions –
- ✦ A change in knowledge –
- ✦ A change in conviction -
- ✦ A change in allegiance –
- ✦ A change in thinking & will –
- ✦ A change in commitment – resulting in a change in relationship & identity -
- ✦ A change in who we are – how we talk – where we go – what we do -

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Must Receive Correct Information

- ♦ **The Truth!** - John 8:32; 17:17; 1 Peter 1:22; Rom 2:8; 2 Thes 2:10
- ♦ **The REAL Gospel** – 1 Cor 15:1-4; Rom 1:16; Mark 16:15,16; Acts 2; Acts 8; Acts 16:30-34; 19:1-5
- ♦ **One Cannot Be Taught Error – Believe Error – Obey Error and Be Converted By and To The Truth!!** – Mat 15:14



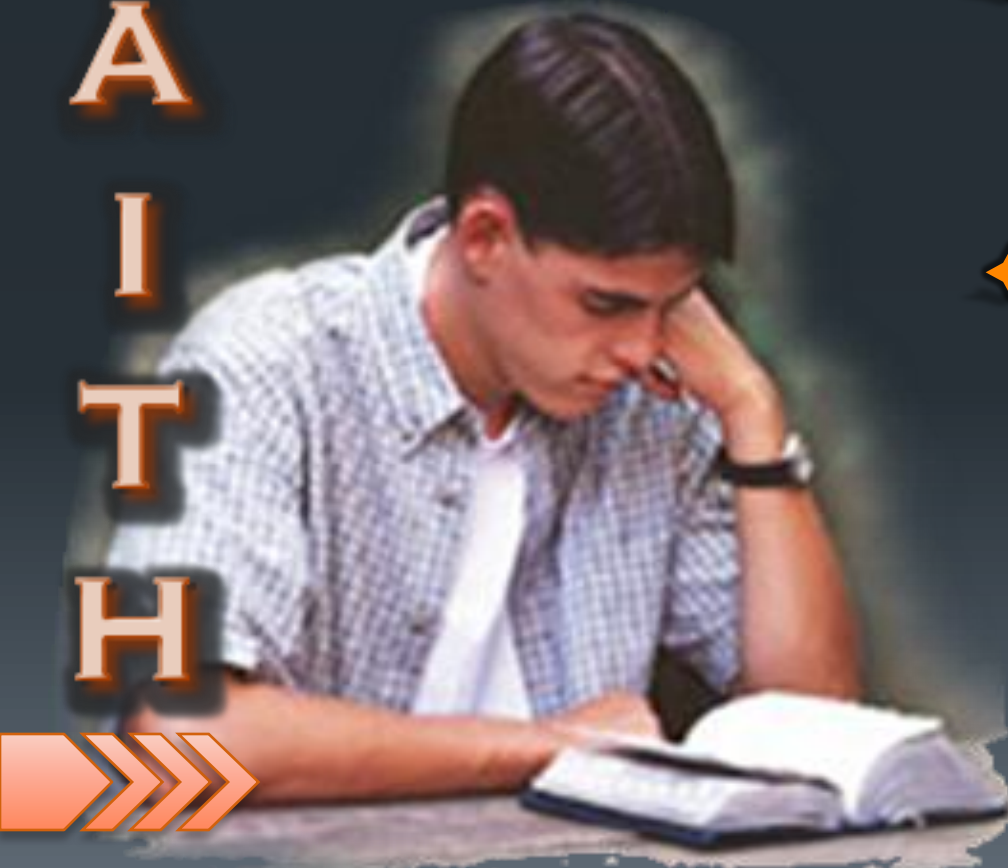
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A Change of Conviction

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- ✦ Impossible to please God without FAITH – Hebrews 11:1,6
- ✦ Faith comes by hearing God's word – the truth – Romans 10:14-17; Acts 17:11,12; 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:30,31



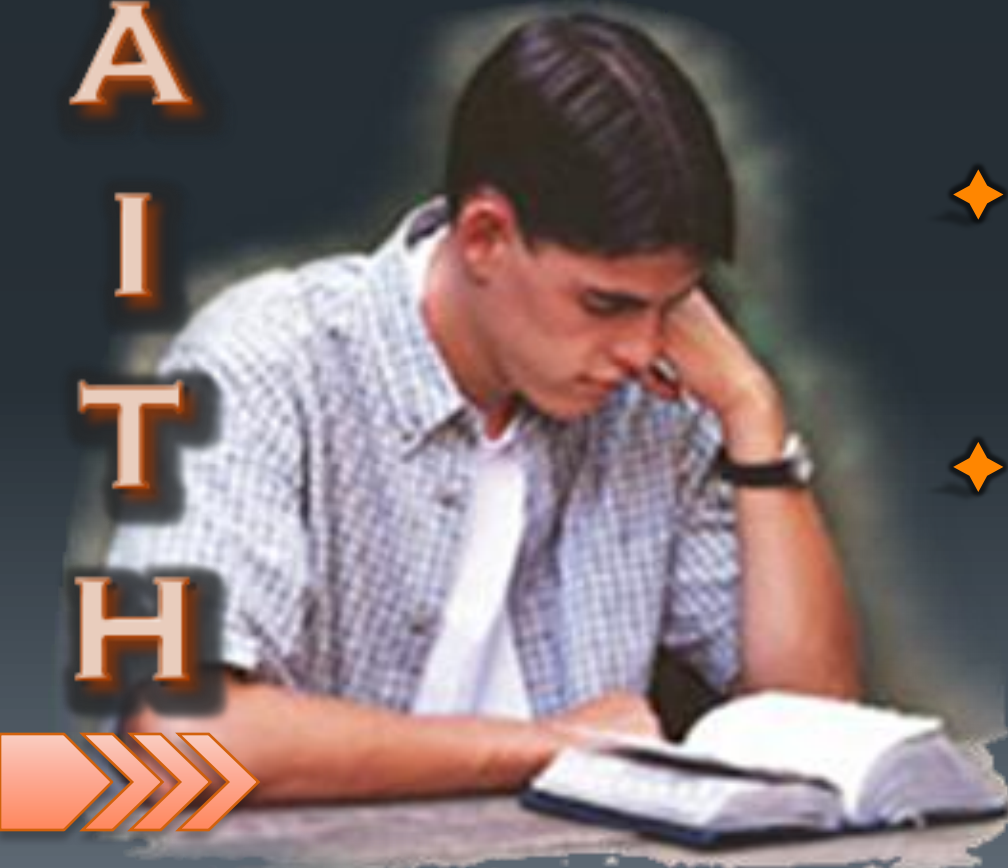


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- ✦ Who God Is & What He Has Done For Us – Acts 17:23-31; Jn 3:16; 8:24
- ✦ Who Jesus Is & What He Has Done For Us – Heb 2:9-18; Phili 2:5-10
- ✦ Who We Are, What We Have Done, & What We **MUST** Do – Eccl 12:13; Rom 3:23; Is 59:1,2; Jn 8:24; Heb 11:6; Acts 2:38;



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A Change of The Will

- ◆ Something We Must Do - (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
- ◆ Repentance Requires Radical Change – (Eze. 18:20-32)
- ◆ Something God wants us to do - (Rom 2:3-6; 2 Peter 3:9)



Luke 15:17-20 (NKJV)

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A Change of The Will

- ◆ **Recognition** – (i.e. Acknowledgement of Sin)
- ◆ **Remorse** – (Regret & Grieving Over Sin)
- ◆ **Resolve** – (i.e. A Change of Mind & Will)
- ◆ **Reformation** – (i.e. A Change of Lifestyle)
- ◆ **Restitution** – (i.e. Make Amends As Far As Possible)

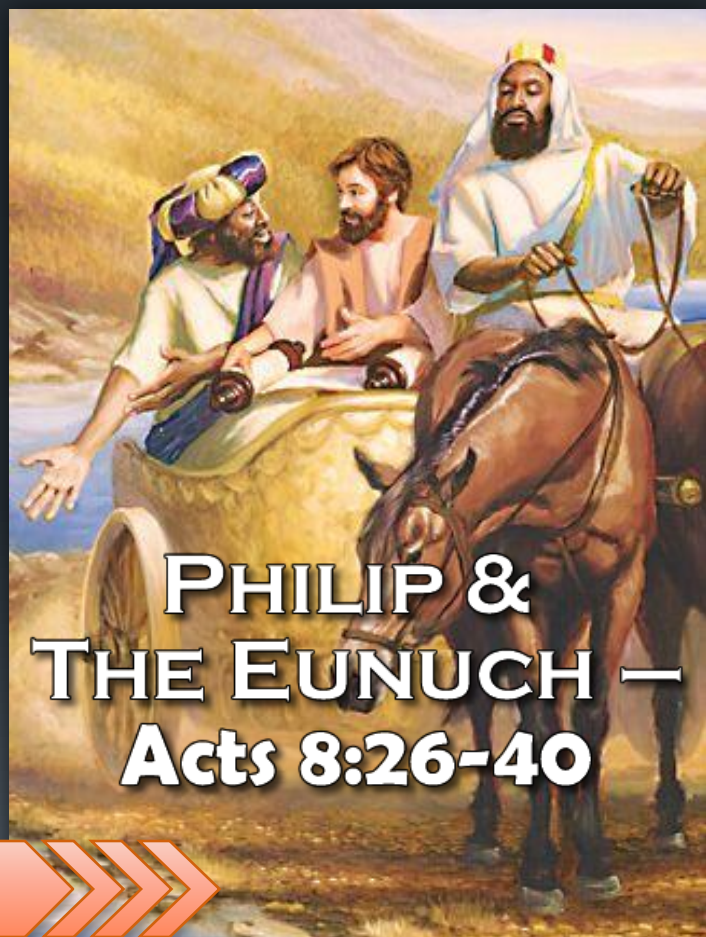


Luke 15:17-20 (NKJV)



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A Change In Allegiance



**PHILIP &
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Acts 8:26-40**

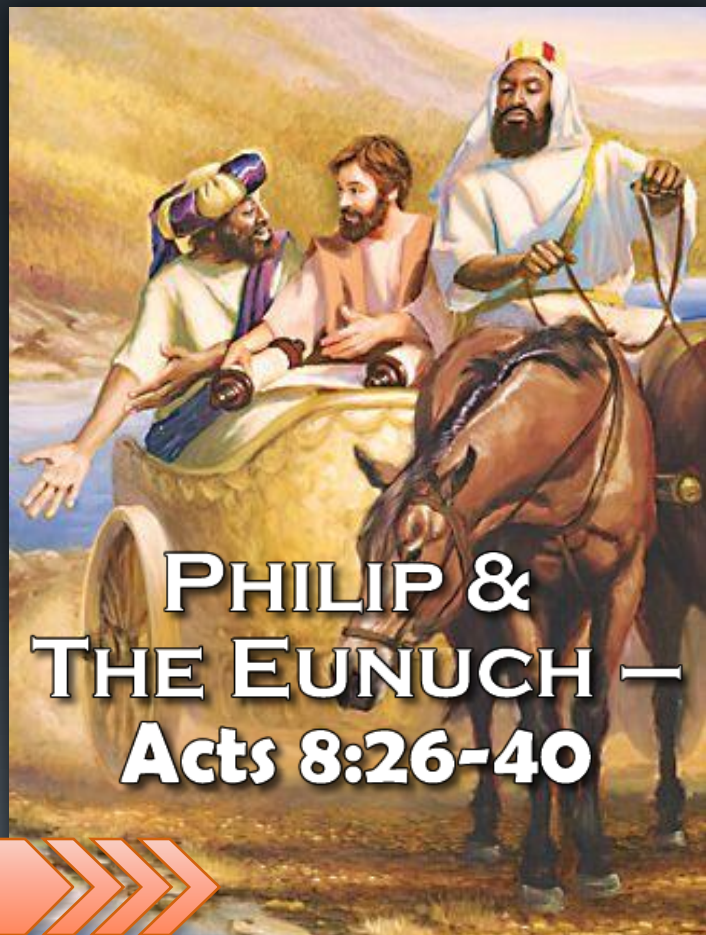
- ♦ (c) "to declare openly by way of speaking out freely, such confession being the effect of deep conviction of facts," Matt. 7:23; Matt. 10:32 (twice) and Luke 12:8 . . . "conveys the thought of "confessing" allegiance to Christ as one's Master and Lord, . . .—Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words





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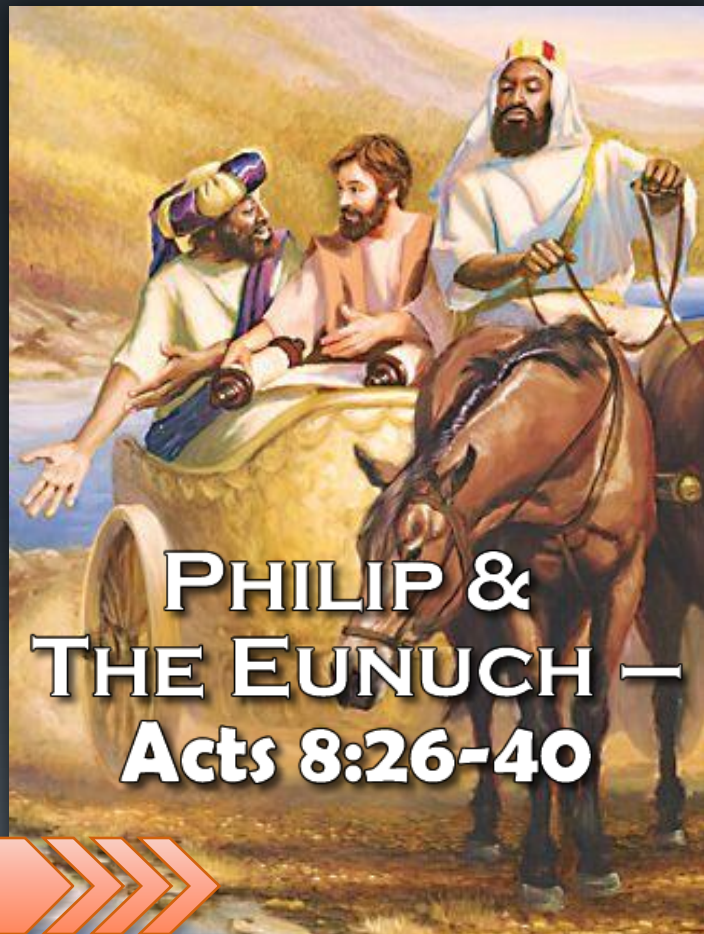
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Matthew 10:32-33 (NKJV)
32 "Therefore whoever
confesses Me before men,
him I will also confess
before My Father who is in
heaven. 33 But whoever
denies Me before men, him
I will also deny before My
Father who is in heaven.



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Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV)
9 that **if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus** and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and **with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

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A Change In Commitment



- ✦ **United with Christ in His death – (Romans 6:3-6)**
- ✦ **Submitting to the authority of Christ – (Receiving the remission of sins – Acts 2:38)**
- ✦ **Becoming a child of God by faith – (Gal. 3:26,27)**
- ✦ **Cleansing the conscience – (1 Peter 3:21)**



CONVERSIONS IN ACTS

Examples	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Baptized
Pentecost – 2:14-41	Implied	✓ 37,38	Implied	✓ 38,41
Samaria – 8:5-13	✓ 12	Implied	Implied	✓ 12,13
Eunuch – 8:35-39	✓ 36,37	Implied	✓ 37	✓ 38
Saul – 9,22,26	Implied	Implied	Implied	✓ 22:16
Cornelius - 10:34-48	✓ 43	Implied	Implied	✓ 48
Lydia – 16:13-15	✓ 14	Implied	Implied	✓ 15
Jailor – 16:30-34	✓ 31	Implied	Implied	✓ 33
Corinthians - 18:8	✓ 8	Implied	Implied	✓ 8
Ephesians - 19:3-5	Implied	Implied	Implied	✓ 5

Psalm 19:7 (NKJV)

⁷ The law of the LORD *is* perfect,
converting the soul; The testimony
of the LORD *is* sure, making wise
the simple;



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Acts 26:16-18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. ¹⁷ I will deliver you from the *Jewish* people, as well as *from* the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, ¹⁸ **to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'**



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Acts 2:38-47 (NKJV)

³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. . . . ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.



Acts 3:19-26 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,
²⁶ To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities."

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2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is a new creation*; old things have passed away; behold, *all things have become new*.

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Colossians 3:1-4 (NKJV)

¹ If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² **Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.** ³ **For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.** ⁴ When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

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Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV)

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.*

² And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**

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1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 (NKJV)

... ⁶ And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. ⁸ For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. ⁹ For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.



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- ✦ Not merely “have you changed your actions”
- ✦ But have you been changed in your convictions, allegiance, thinking, will, commitment, and relationship with God through a knowledge of the truth –
- ✦ True conversion results in a change in who we are – how we talk – where we go – what we do – “proving what is that acceptable and perfect will of God” in our lives -

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