

# ***FAITH: THE PROOF OF CONVERSION***

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## **INTRODUCTION**

A few weeks ago we talked about when someone becomes a Christian it is because God called them into a relationship with himself, He changed their heart enabling them to be converted.

How do you know if that has happened to you? How are you to respond to God's call of salvation?

- Last week we saw from the Bible that conversion takes sinner from a life that leads to eternal wrath from God to one of being a child of God, cherished and loved.

**This week we will see the other response necessary for conversion, faith where a sinner accept, receive, and rest upon Jesus and Lord and Savior, for life now and eternal life when they die.**

## **The Command to believe in Jesus as your Lord**

The fact is this - all people everywhere are commanded to believe in Jesus as their Lord.

(Important to note that the words faith and believe are synonymous.)

*1 John 3:23 And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ*

This places everyone in one of two categories: Believers (obedient) or Unbelievers (rebellion)

**So the question for us tonight is what is faith, what does it mean to believe?**

READ LUKE 5:1-11

1. Jesus putting Peter into a position to learn (v.1-3)

2. Who is your lord/master Peter? (v. 4-5)

Here we find the position of Peter in unbelief

- Polite to Jesus
- Respectful and courteous - willing to be put out by Jesus yet **disobedient** heart
- He doesn't believe in Jesus as the Lord of all life, creation, judgment & eternity
- He believes in himself and his knowledge and skill of fishing and the sea.
  - In Peter's eyes he out ranks Jesus.

3. Jesus reveals that He is the Lord (v. 6-7)

4. Peter believes in Jesus as his Lord

- Humbled as he sees his sin
- Confesses the Lordship of Christ
- Confesses his own unworthiness
- Places his entire life into Jesus' hands by leaving everything

## **Conclusion**

All those who are genuinely converted into Children of God display faith in Jesus by placing their entire life and eternity in Jesus' care.

- Those converted are enabled by God to believe in Jesus for salvation.
- The act of saving faith is
  - Accepting that Jesus is God, the Lord over all, and the only savior
  - Receiving into your life as your Lord and you as his submissive servant
    - John 1:12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,
  - Resting upon Christ alone
    - to be made right with God
    - to become the kind of person God wants you to be
    - for eternal life in heaven

TONIGHT, if you sense God calling you into a relationship, respond by believing in Jesus and repenting.