

# Conversion and a Biblically Shaped Church

1 Timothy 1:8-17

## Part 1: The Law and Conversion (1 Timothy 1:8-11)

Premise: The Law is \_\_\_\_\_, until it is \_\_\_\_\_ and/or \_\_\_\_\_.

What makes the Law "good"?

Do we need the Law today (as Christians?)

The purpose of the Law is not to \_\_\_\_\_ the conduct of \_\_\_\_\_ people, but to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the conduct of \_\_\_\_\_ people.

Galatians 3:23-4:7 – The **primary** purpose of the law in Galatians:

Romans 7:7-25 – The **primary** purpose of the law in Romans: \_\_\_\_\_

The application of the Law should be used "in accordance with the Gospel" (v. 11)

How?

### Romans 8:3-4 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

\_\_\_\_\_ righteousness ...

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## Part 2: Transformation and Conversion (1 Timothy 1:12-17)

At the heart of conversion is the concept of \_\_\_\_\_.

We're *not* \_\_\_ according to the Bible. The Bible presents us as \_\_\_\_\_ in sin, the objects of God's righteous \_\_\_\_\_, and foolishly deceived into being \_\_\_\_\_ to sin. (Eph. 2:1-3, Col. 2:13, John 3:36, Titus 3:3)

This is our condition according to the Bible – *enslaved, condemned, and dead*. Clearly, change is needed.

The change we need is a \_\_\_\_\_ (Ez. 36:26-27, Rom. 3:19-20).

God's \_\_\_\_\_ is what makes change possible.

Our conversion comes at God's \_\_\_\_\_.

Our \_\_\_\_\_ is met by His gracious \_\_\_\_\_!

God's \_\_\_\_\_ is the catalyst to His grace!

His mercy reveals His \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_.

God shows mercy because of our \_\_\_\_\_ ...

God shows mercy because of His \_\_\_\_\_ ...

Conversion is a \_\_\_\_\_ work!

Conversion has two confirmations: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Some implications** of a right (i.e. biblical) understanding of conversion:

1) On me *personally*:

I didn't make a *decision*. I've been made a \_\_\_\_\_!

My life is marked by \_\_\_\_\_.

I have a new \_\_\_\_\_.

2) On me/us in *community*:

I became a \_\_\_\_\_ first. But then I became a \_\_\_\_\_.

I have a new (corporate) \_\_\_\_\_.

Thru \_\_\_\_\_, I/we ...

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3) On us in our *culture*:

Our lives are \_\_\_\_\_ from the world's ...

We are \_\_\_\_\_ to call sinners to repent of sin and trust in Christ ...

We \_\_\_\_\_ on God in all our efforts ...

**All to the glory of God!**

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