

Series: Systematic Theology Part 3
Title: Conversion
Purpose: To examine true repentance and saving faith and the difference between Jesus as Savior and Jesus as Lord
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- I. True saving faith includes knowledge, approval, and personal trust
 - A. Knowledge alone is not enough
 - B. Knowledge and approval is not enough
 - C. I must decide to depend on Jesus to save me personally
 - 1. Saving faith is trusting in Jesus as a living person for forgiveness of sins and eternal life
 - 2. Not just belief but personal trust
 - 3. Salvation includes more but this is the start
 - 4. The unbeliever comes to Christ seeking to have sin and guilt removed and to enter into a genuine relationship with God that will last forever
 - D. Faith (trust) should increase as our knowledge increases
- II. Faith and repentance must come together
 - A. Repentance is heartfelt sorrow for sin, renouncing it, and a sincere desire to forsake it and walk in obedience to Christ
 - B. Threefold process
 - C. Over time, the continued decisions to follow Christ will lead to a life that demonstrates the fruit of repentance
 - D. Mere sorrow or deep remorse do not constitute repentance
 - E. Both occur at the same time
 - F. Not salvation by works
- III. Both faith and repentance continue throughout life
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 - B. Matthew 6:12 - forgive us as we also forgive others
 - C. 1 Corinthians 13:13 - faith continues throughout our lives
 - D. Galatians 2:20 - I now live by faith

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