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If these have been your thoughts, please consider the following Bible account of the **IMPOSSIBLE CONVERSION.**

All three of the above statements would have reflected Saul’s thinking.

Saul, educated and a great thinker, was convinced that Christianity was an evil cult. In fact, Saul was actively involved in suppressing these deceived Christians.

Saul chased down Christians, jailed them, and supervised at their executions.

But God, in His unlimited love, chose to have mercy and give to Saul His grace (undeserved, unearned, and generous blessing).

- 1 *Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest*
- 2 *and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.*
- 3 *As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.*
- 4 *He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"*

- 5 *"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied.*
- 6 *"Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."*
- 7 *The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone.*
- 8 *Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus.*
- 9 *For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.*
- 10 *In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"*
- 11 *"Yes, Lord," he answered. The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying.*
- 12 *In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."*
- 13 *"Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem.*
- 14 *And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."*
- 15 *But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel.*
- 16 *I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."*
- 17 *Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord – Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here – has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."*

- 18 *Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized,*
- 19 *and after taking some food, he regained his strength.*  
*(From Acts, chapter 9, NIV)*

Saul was NOT seeking to be converted.

Saul was NOT necessarily interested in being converted.

Saul did NOT pray a “sinner’s prayer” or “make a decision for Christ.”

But, Saul was indeed converted!

Read on in your Bible and find Saul preaching Jesus, testifying to the greatness of the One he sought to suppress. In fact, this Saul later was re-named Paul and God used him to write most of our New Testament!

**You see, a person can convert to any religion in the world, but no one can convert to Christianity. No, you must be converted to Christianity!**

Becoming a Christian is not a work of man.  
*(John 1:13)*

Becoming a Christian is a work of God!

No one is NATURALLY attracted to Jesus Christ. No, the NATURAL attraction is away from Jesus!

Jesus said, *“I am the light of the world”* (John 9:5). And, *“This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed”*  
*(John 3:19-20).*

The NATURAL attraction is AWAY from Jesus. The only reason anyone is attracted or even interested in Jesus is because God is choosing to have mercy and give His grace – His undeserved, unearned, and generous blessing.

This is GOOD NEWS! This is the GOSPEL!  
("Gospel" means "good news.")

This is GOOD NEWS especially for those of us who have thought the same thoughts as stated at the beginning of this brochure.

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God's grace (His undeserved, unearned, and generous blessing) is independent of our feelings or even our logic.

So, if you're experiencing some unexplained "interest" or "attraction" for Jesus Christ, I suggest taking His advice:

**Jesus said, "The time has come! The Kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the Gospel!"**  
(Mark 1:15)

**Repent** means to turn away – and continue turning away – from the sinful ways of the world!

**Jesus also said, "Unless you repent, you will perish!"**  
(Luke 13:5)

To believe the Gospel is to put your faith in the GOOD NEWS that

**"...Christ died for our sins just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and He was raised from the dead on the third day..."**  
(1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:3-4)

Faith in the Gospel is  
**LIFE-CHANGING FAITH !**  
Those God converts WILL change!

So, before entering into a faith relationship with Jesus Christ,

## COUNT THE COST !

**Jesus said, "Unless you repent, you too will all perish."**  
(Luke 13:3)

You MUST repent! You MUST turn away from your sins – and keep turning away for the rest of your life! In fact, repentance is the lifestyle of a healthy Christian!

At times, it will be **HARD!**

Hard or not, acceptance or refusal of this GOOD NEWS will determine your destiny.

**"He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."**  
(John 3:36)

- ♥ Thank Jesus for dying for your sins,
- ♥ Declare that you're turning from your sin and turning to Him,
- ♥ Thank Jesus for rising from the dead so you can have a new life, and
- ♥ Believe on Jesus, trust Jesus, and receive Him into your life and be your Lord (your Master) and your Savior.

If you do these things from a sincere heart, I know God will honor your sincerity. The only thing you'll regret about it is that you didn't respond to Christ sooner!!

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Luke 18:27

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