

Key - 5, What God requires of us, 2 pgs

continuation of Christ's Work

J. Circumcision: cutting away of sin; undergoing a change of heart; separation to the household of faith. Circumcision in the flesh was (is) a type of regeneration or circumcision of the heart.

*Col.2:11-12, You were circumcised in Him with a circumcision made without hands by putting off the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with Him in **baptism**, in which you were also raised with Him ...*

See Approaching the Bible with Prejudice <http://pop.eradman.com/>

K. Sanctification: making holy, setting apart to God. It is most often associated with growth as a Christian, progress in the Christian life as we *work out* our salvation [see True Spirituality, p. 78-89]. However it is also used to describe God's definitive work at conversion, the inception of our new lives as believers.

*1 Cor.6:9-11 ... wrongdoers, sexually immoral, idolaters, adulterers, homosexuals, thieves, greedy, drunkards, slanderers, swindlers will not inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what **some of you were**. But you were washed, sanctified, [and] justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

2 Thes. 2:13, God saved people through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

Therefore sanctification is like salvation in that both refer to the work God has begun in us that He has not yet completed.

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L. Conversion: turning (even to the point of reversal), implies reassessment of truth; drives the question from what to what, or to whom?

Mt.18:1-4, You will never enter the kingdom of heaven unless you turn and become like children [In what way? > humility]

1 Thes.1:9, you turned to God from idols [?] to serve the living and true God

Acts 11:21b, a great number who believed turned to the Lord

*Acts 26:17-18, I will rescue you [Saul] from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them to **open their eyes** and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me [Jesus]*

Isa.55:6-7, Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord that He may have compassion on

*him and to our God **for He will abundantly pardon.***

Old Testament examples: Rahab; Ruth

M. Repentance: turn, change one's mind [attitude]

Mt.4:17, Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand

Mk.1:15, Repent and believe in the Gospel

Repent was the repeated call of the prophets to Israel.

Ex.33:18-19; 34:5-7, Israel was encamped near and unable to approach God in his holiness (**Ex.19**). While Moses was on the mountain receiving the law to sanctify the Israelites as God's own possession, many of the people turned away from God by worshiping a false god and engaging in other pagan practices.

Ezek.18:23, 32, *Do I take pleasure in the death of the wicked? declares the Sovereign Lord. Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways [repent] and live? **33:11** As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live.*

See The Holiness of God, cassette by R.C. Sproul; What is the Gospel by Greg Gilberty