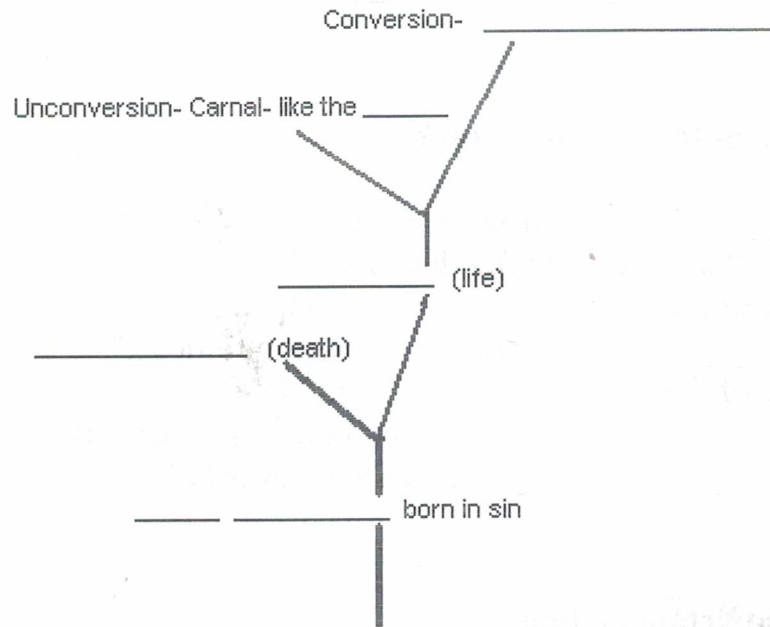


Living in Virtue-- a *CONVERTED* life

Virtue is the WAY of life that follows entrance through the GATE of life

Luke 22:32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art **converted**, strengthen thy brethren.

Converted - turned about, having its use changed



Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Deny _____

Live _____

I Peter 2: 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

II Timothy 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. 22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

II Peter 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

What is Virtue ?

- the first major _____ after we begin a life of faith
- making the decision to walk the “ _____ ”
- _____ excellence
- _____ of Divine power and influence

Why commit ourselves to a life of Virtue?

1. _____ - “...grow in grace...” II Peter 3:18
2. _____ - “...because He first loved us...” I John 4:19
3. For the sake of the _____ - “...example...” I Timothy 4:12
4. For our _____ sake - “...visit iniquities...” Exodus 20:5
5. For the sake of the _____ - “living letters” II Cor. 3:2-3
6. To _____ - “...vessel unto honor...master’s use” II Timothy 2:21
7. For our _____ - “...ye shall never fall...” II Peter 1:11

Virtue involves 3 important actions:

- open identification ⇒ _____
- separation ⇒ _____
- sanctification ⇒ _____

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