## Christian Beliefs Week 13: Questions Ch 13: What Does it Mean to Become a Christian?

Intro: Any steps of faith to share?
What is the difference between the gospel calling or general calling and the effective calling?
What are the elements of the gospel call?
What are the facts concerning salvation?
How is the call received?
Which member of the Trinity causes regeneration?
Regeneration comes before saving faith.
Genuine regeneration must bring results in life.
How is the call responded to? What is involved in coming to Christ?
What is conversion?

What is required for true saving faith?
How can people grow in trust?
Why are both repentance and faith necessary?
<ul> <li>Repentance means a conscious decision to turn away from your sins, and faith means turning to Christ to forgive those sins.</li> </ul>
Genuine repentance will result in a changed life.
Repentance and faith occur together.
When Jesus encountered people personally in the Bible, He required them to turn from their sin before they could follow Him.
What is the "Free Grace Movement"?
What is promised for those who come to Christ?
Should people pray to receive Christ?

## Discussion:

- Can you remember the first time you heard the gospel and responded to it? Did you feel sincere sorrow for sin? Was repenting of sin part of your initial conversion?
- How does someone become a Christian theologically? What does God do? What do they do?
- How are repentance and faith connected?
- Can you explain what it means to truly believe in Jesus?
- What does it mean to truly repent of sins?
- How does your life show evidence of a regenerated heart?
- How are you telling people the gospel? In your explanation of the gospel, have some elements been missing? Why do you think it's important to add them?
- What steps can you take to make this more of a priority in your life?