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A genuine conversion experience has as its primary characteristic a divine illumination of the sinner's conscience brought about by a supernatural message: The Gospel, from a supernatural book: The Bible. The primary focus of the devil's energies on this earth is to keep the supernatural light of the gospel from impacting upon the darkened conscience of those who have never believed.

2 Corinthians 4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

One tool that the devil has developed to allow people to go through life religious but unconverted are man-made clichés. Man-made clichés like "ask Jesus into your heart", "surrender to Christ" or "ask for forgiveness" are just a few of the many man-made clichés which people can perform, apart from illuminating power of the gospel, upon which they believe they can hang the eternal destinies of their souls. They are things that people can DO, instead of hearing and believing a messaging concerning something that the Lord Jesus has already DONE concerning their sins.

In considering the event which causes people to pass from death unto life, there is no substitute for the illuminating power of the gospel impacting a receptive human conscience to illuminate a person to the point of being able to believe unto life. No man-made clichéd response to God will EVER substitute for such an event in a person's life. It is only the illuminating power of a properly articulated gospel impacting a sinner's receptive conscience which can function as the illuminating power of God unto salvation.

Do not fall for one of the devil's counterfeit conversions. Seek out a place where you will hear the gospel, exposure your heart to its supernatural power and believe it. There is no other way to pass from death unto life.

Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.