


THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SIN AND SICKNESS



IS SICKNESS
FROM GOD?



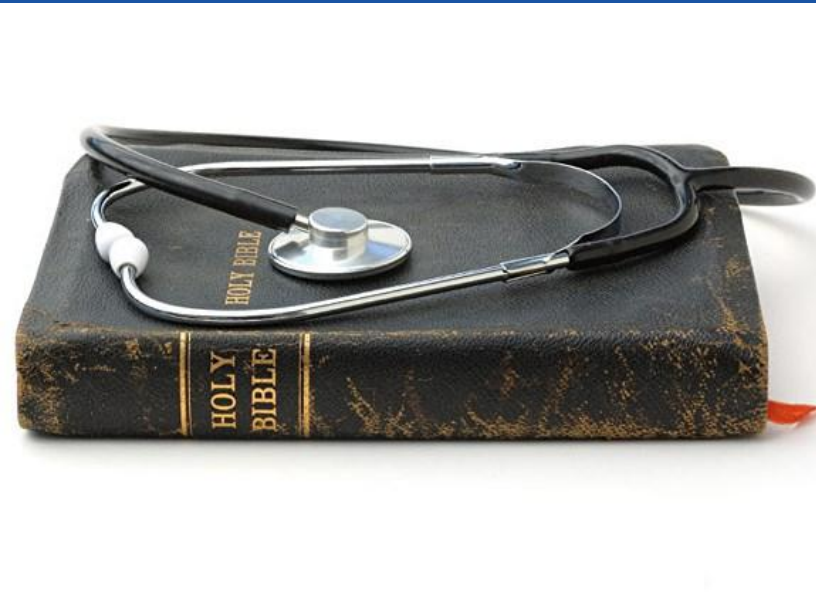
Receiving the
Wholeness
of God

- John 5: “...*stop sinning or something worse may happen....*”
- John 9: “...*blindness is due neither to his sin nor that of his parents....*”
- It is NOT: steal a car, get the measles. Commit Adultery, get cancer.
- Sin = lack of wholeness
- God wants to restore wholeness to humanity
- The means to restore wholeness is REDEMPTION!
- 2Cor.5:8

THE HEALING DILEMMA



- In Christ's day doctors were viewed with suspicion
- Medical healing and faith healing were seen as incompatible
- Jews began to see medical healing as a gift from God
- Medical + faith seen as the answer by some Jews, especially in the Diaspora
- Peter and John were seen as faith healers
- They quickly dispelled that notion by giving the Lord the credit



FATHER AND SON

- Peter is talking ONLY to Israelites, not to gentiles
- Peter says the power to do miracles belongs only to YHWH
- However God has glorified His Son Yeshua
- Father gives power to son as an agent, but does not give up the power
- Yeshua wrongly cast into a Greek mold
- Greek gods would give power to sons, thus losing that power for themselves
- Result: Jesus seen as relevant, His Father as irrelevant



SON OF ZEUS





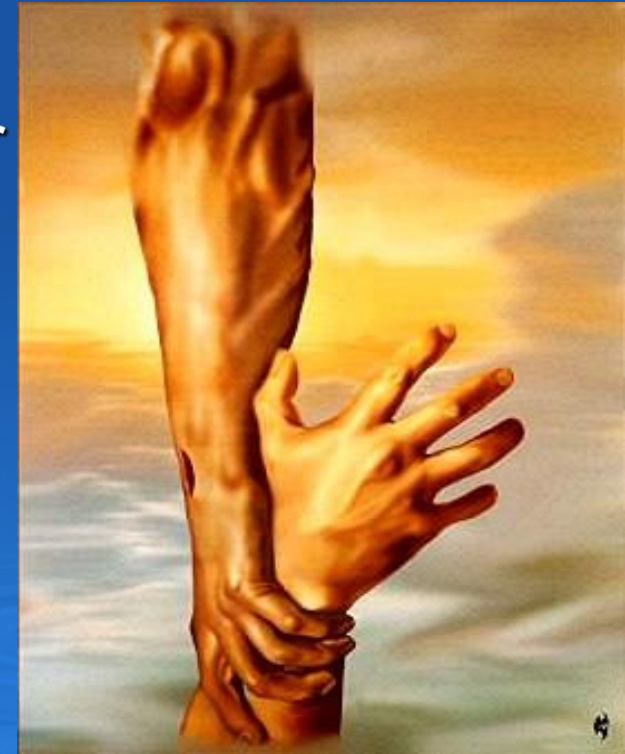
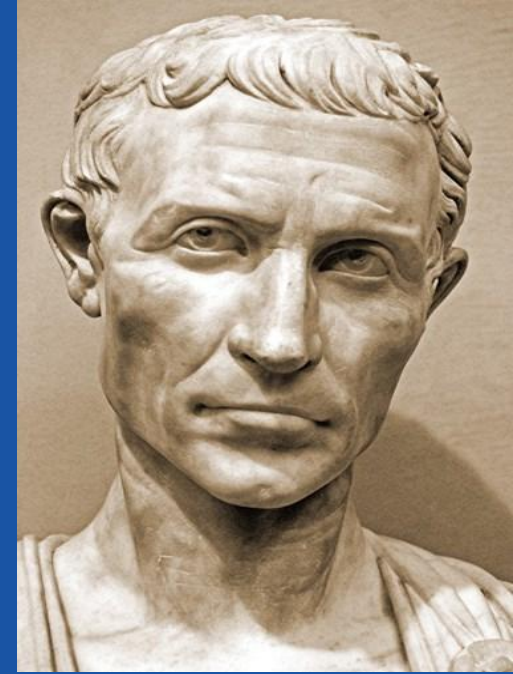
CHRIST IS GOD'S *SHALIACH*


- *Shaliach* = agent, proxy
- Father does not surrender power, but makes his son an agent of that power
- Peter characterizes Christ NOT as an equal, but as God's servant
- Peter lays the same charge of killing God's Messiah on the crowd near the cripple
- The author of life was given the death sentence!



PONTIUS PILATE

- 5th in the series of governors to rule over Judea
- Came into power in 26 A.D.
- Rigid, reckless, ruthless
- Removed from power by Caesar in 36 A.D.
- So we have a 10 year date range for the ministry of Christ and when this incident with Peter occurred
- **Holoklerian** = perfect healing = wholeness
- It is Yeshua who restores humanity to wholeness





FATHER,
FORGIVE THEM
FOR THEY KNOW NOT
WHAT THEY DO.

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LUKE 23:34

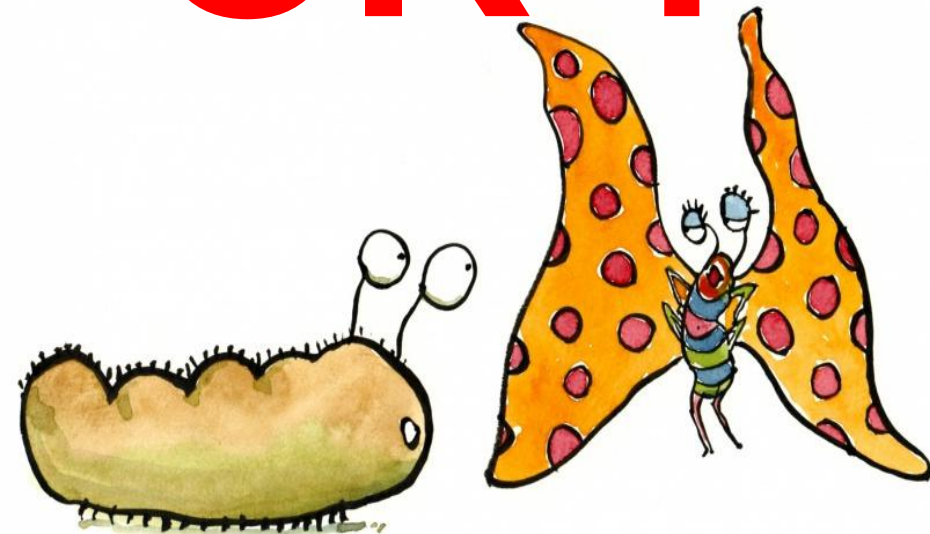
- Acts 3:17 Peter invokes essentially THE same words as Christ on the cross: forgiveness for His fellow Jews, due to the ignorance of their actions
- The ONLY Gospel we find “*Father forgive them..*” is in Luke; so that’s why we find Peter’s words to the same effect in Acts
- The solution for their guilt is always the same: **REPENT !**

THE CONVERSION ERROR

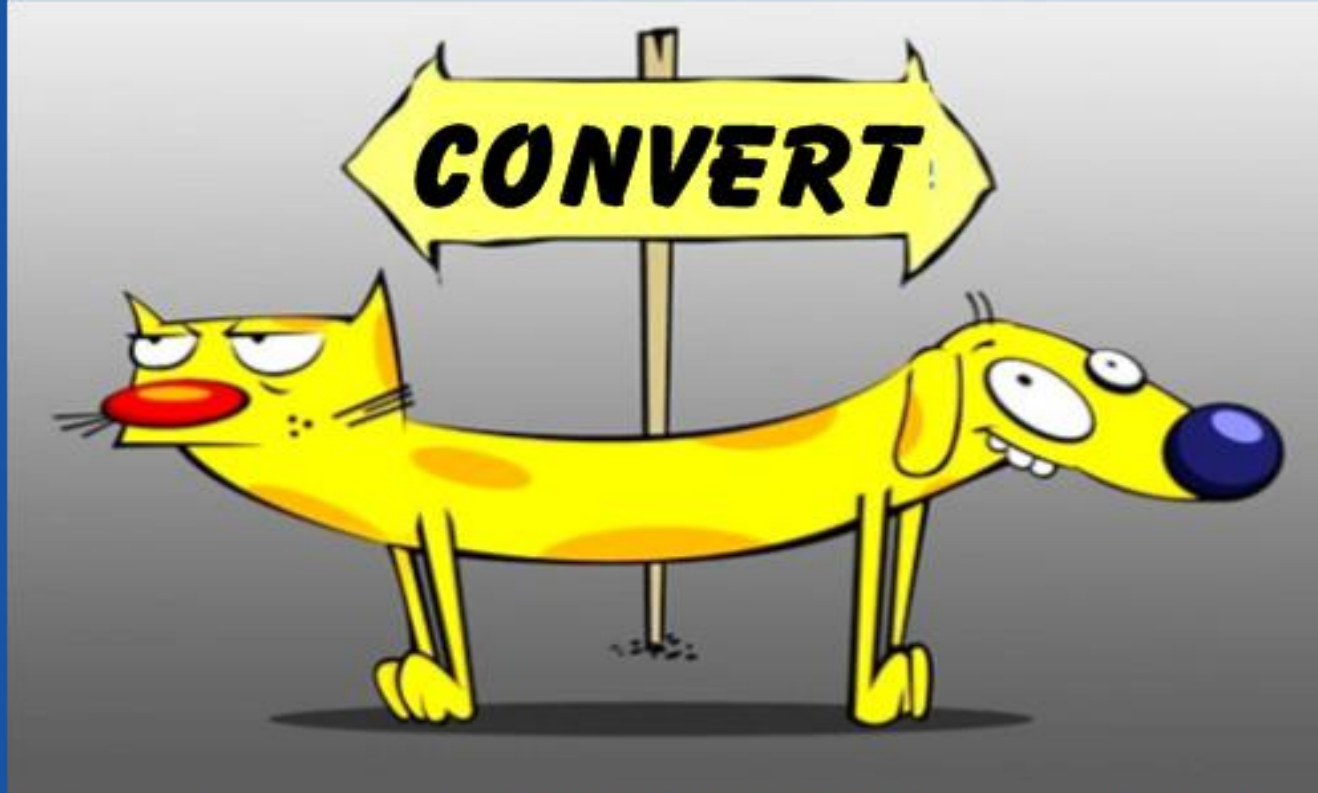


DANGER
WRONG WAY
TURN BACK

OR ?



- CJB vs.19 “...*repent and turn...*”
- KJV vs. 19 “...*repent.. and be converted....*”
- Peter did not make a call to convert, he made a call to TURN
- Convert = metamorphose or change to something else
- Turn = rotate, pivot
- Understanding the original languages and associated cultures are the keys
- What it meant to Bible authors is what it should mean to us



- The word and concept of CONVERSION needs to be removed from Believers' vocabulary
- The concept is NOT in the Bible, nor is the word
- Paul was a “convert”?
- A.D. Nock says that conversion is a great change whereby the old is wrong, and the new is right
- Thus the Hebrew religion of the Torah and Tanach was wrong, and the gentile Christian religion of the NT was right

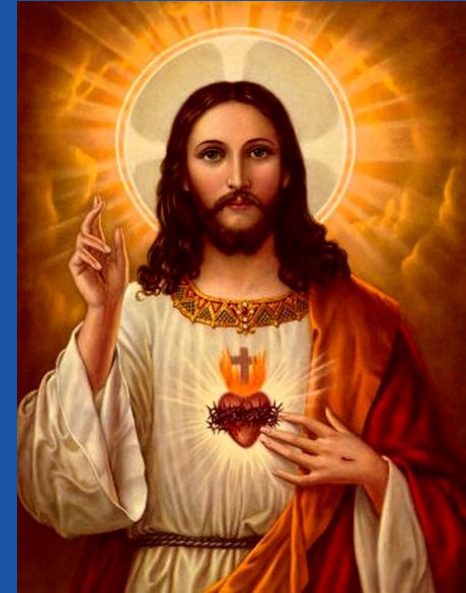
DID PAUL CONVERT?



FROM
THIS



TO
THIS



- Krister Stendahl urged his fellow Christians to stop using the term conversion and instead use “call”
- He said it was clear that Peter and Paul continued to see themselves as part of Judaism
- If Peter and Paul converted, then why did they continue to go to the Temple? Celebrate the Biblical Feasts? Continue in vow offerings?

PAUL'S WORLDVIEW



- Some gentiles had become God-fearers: followed the God of Israel but did not become national Jews
- Paul was against those who demanded that gentiles had to become Jews to worship Christ (convert)
- Convert makes it that Christianity was created by Christ for something for people to convert to



A NEW SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

- *Strefo* = having something to do with turning
- 1Thes.1:9 “*You turned to (epistrefo) God from idols*”
- Epistrefo > converso > convert
- Roman adoption
- Adopted person makes a mutual commitment to the family
- No blood ties, but family imputes family status on the adopted person
- Romans 2:25 – 3:6

ADOPTION

