

God's Law Is Perfect, Converting the Soul
(Psalm 19:7a)

Introduction:

1. Wednesday night we studied Psalm 19.
 - a. In vs.1-6 David showed how God's creation declares His existence.
 - b. In vs.7-11 David showed how God's Word declares His will for man.
 - 1) David gave a beautiful description of God's Word.
 - 2) He also listed a number of blessings that God's Word provides.
2. In our lesson we are emphasizing the information given in vs.7a.
 - a. David described God's law as "*perfect.*"
 - b. David continued by showing how God's perfect law provides a special blessing -- "it converts the soul."

Discussion:

- I. LET US FIRST CONSIDER WHY WE NEED TO STUDY THESE PRINCIPLES
 - A. Today, much is being said about which lives matter.
 - B. According to Acts 17:22-29, "all lives" matter to God.
 - C. More important, "all souls" matter to God.
 1. Acts 17:30-31
 2. 2 Peter 3:9
 - D. Because all souls matter to God, we need to understand how God's law converts the soul.
- II. LET US NEXT CONSIDER HOW GOD'S LAW IS DESIGNED TO CONVERT ALL SOULS
 - A. In Acts 2, a great crowd of Jewish people were converted (vs.5, 36-41).
 - B. In Acts 8, many Samaritans were converted (vs.5, 12).
 - C. In Acts 8, a man from Ethiopia in Africa was converted (vs.26-38).
 - D. In Acts 9, Saul [a persecutor of the church] was converted (vs.1-6; Acts 22:16; Acts 9:18).
 - E. In Acts 10, Cornelius [a Gentile] was converted (vs.48).
 - F. Other people who were converted by God's law include:
 1. Lydia (Acts 16:14-15)
 2. the jailer in Philippi (Acts 16:32-33)
 3. the Corinthians (Acts 18:8)
 4. the Ephesians (Acts 19:5).

Conclusion:

1. God's law tells the perfect story of His love in sending Jesus.
2. God's law tells the perfect plan of salvation (Mark 16:15-16).
3. Those who hear, understand, and obey God's perfect law will be converted.
4. According to Acts 3:19, conversion is involved in:
 - a. having our sins blotted out
 - b. being prepared for the Lord's return.