

# **Conformed and Converted by the Spirit**

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**CONFORMED: shaped or adjusted to be like something else.**

**28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.**

**CONVERTED: To change direction, go  
another way, return.**



**31 “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” 33 But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.” 34 Jesus answered, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.”**

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you will deny three times that  
you know me."***

# Ezekiel 36:16-28



**16 Again the word of the Lord came to me:**

**17 "Son of man, when the people of Israel were living in their own land, they defiled it by their conduct and their actions. Their conduct was like a woman's monthly uncleanness in my sight.**

**18 So I poured out my wrath on them because they had shed blood in the land and because they had defiled it with their idols.**

**19 I dispersed them among the nations, and they were scattered through the countries; I judged them according to their conduct and their actions.**



**20 And wherever they went among the nations they profaned my holy name, for it was said of them, 'These are the Lord's people, and yet they had to leave his land.'**



**21 I had concern for my holy name, which the people of Israel profaned among the nations where they had gone.**

**22 “Therefore say to the Israelites, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: It is not for your sake, people of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone.**

**23 I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Sovereign Lord, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes.**



**24 " 'For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land.**

**25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.**



**26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.**

**27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.**

**28 Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.**

**Israel's Conduct #1: Like a woman's  
monthly uncleanness (v. 17).**

**Israel's Conduct #2: They shed blood and defiled the land with their idols. (v. 18)**



**Israel's Conduct #3: They 'profaned' the  
Lord's name. (v. 20-21)**

**20 And wherever they went among the nations they profaned my holy name, for it was said of them, 'These are the Lord's people, and yet they had to leave his land.'**

**21 I had concern for my holy name, which the people of Israel profaned among the nations where they had gone.**

**PROFANE: *deseccrate, pollute, violate;  
dishonor.***



**19 I dispersed them among the nations, and they were scattered through the countries; I judged them according to their conduct and their actions.**



**GOD is concerned about the holiness of  
His Name**

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**21 I had concern for my holy name, which the people of Israel profaned among the nations where they had gone.**

**If we should put a capstone on this  
we simply say the People of God  
should Sanctify His Name. God is Holy  
therefore His people should be holy.**



**22 “Therefore say to the Israelites, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: It is not for your sake, people of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone.**

**44 You will know that I am the Lord, when I deal with you for my name's sake and not according to your evil ways and your corrupt practices, you people of Israel, declares the Sovereign Lord.' "**

**There is a Work happening on the inside  
that should be obvious to others. (v. 23)**



**23 I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Sovereign Lord, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes.**



**22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;**

**23 to be made new in the attitude  
of your minds;**

**24 and to put on the new self,  
created to be like God in true  
righteousness and holiness.**



**17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.**



# God Cleanse/Sanctifies (v. 25)

**25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.**

**God by His Spirit Change our Hearts (v.  
26)**

**26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.**



**22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.**

**23 For you have been born again,  
not of perishable seed, but of  
imperishable, through the living  
and enduring word of God.**

**24 For, "All people are like grass,  
and all their glory is like the  
flowers of the field; the grass  
withers and the flowers fall,**




**25 but the word of the Lord  
endures forever.” And this is the  
word that was preached to you.**



**God Gives His Spirit to Move and Shape Us  
into What He Wants Us to Be. (v. 27-28)**

**27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. 28 Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.**



**3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." 4 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" 5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**



**8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”**



**If you are Converted  
your steps are guided  
by the Spirit**



**If you in step with the Spirit you are  
being Conformed to the image of Christ.**

**17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.**