

**Scripture:** Ten Commandments (Ex. 20) - Acts 8:1-25  
**Singing:** 229:1, 3, 5 – 40:1, 6 – 64:1-3 – 141:1-2 – 84:1-2

Intro: Acts is the record of the Holy Spirit converting sinners into saints  
A. Conversion is the 180-degree change of heart (mind, affections, will)

B. Conversion is *God at work* (Eph. 2:4, 10)

The Five Marks of a True Conversion
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Intro. The context of Acts 8

1. Stephen's death was by no means a loss

2. Chief instruments for the growth of the Church were not the leaders

A. A 1<sup>st</sup> mark of true conversion: *love to Jesus* (vs. 4)

B. A 2<sup>nd</sup> mark of true conversion: *giving heed to the Word* (vs. 6; 16:14)

C. A 3<sup>rd</sup> mark of true conversion: *repentance* (Vs. 9-11; 19:18-19; 1 Thess. 1)

D. A 4<sup>th</sup> mark of true conversion: *faith in Jesus* (vs. 12, 13a; Rom 10:9-10)

E. A 5<sup>th</sup> mark of true conversion: *joy* (vs. 8)