

Breaking Through to an outstanding life

1Peter 2:9

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for possession, so that you might speak of the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light;”

Most people could define an *outstanding life* as a life of famous such as actors, singers or football players. It sounds quite right, it could be.

Indeed, an outstanding life is not a privilege just for famous people, but everyone as ordinary people can live a remarkable life and also do extraordinary things. Jesus has called us from the ordinary people to become an extraordinary people, to do great things and mark our generation with our skills and gifts. We can not be lazy or resistant for changes. Sometimes we need to review ourselves and make right changes and become an extraordinary people and also be used by God to touch our generation.

How can we achieve our goal?

Acts 3:19 **blotted out: Reduced to nothingness**

“Therefore repent and convert so that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.”

1. Repentance – This is a personal decision after it’s been given thought

- This is the most important decision in our Christian life
- God is always willing to receive our decision
- Repentance precedes to remarkable living

2Peter 3:9

“The Lord is not slow concerning His promise, as some count slowness, but is long-suffering toward us, not purposing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

2. Convert – This is an attitude by the personal effort

- Conversion means an experience of changing your religion or beliefs
- Greek word, Metanoia that means *changing someone’s mind*
- It’s a 100% transformation of our mind, heart and behaviour

Matthew 18:3

“and said, Truly I say to you, Unless you are converted and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven.”

3. Refreshment – This is a reward sent from God

- God doesn’t delight on me when I’m proud and selfish
- When I allow God to change me I receive compensation
- God has pleasure in seeing us refreshed and comfortable

Proverbs 3:7-8 (NIV)

7. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.

8. This will bring health to your body and nourishment (feeding) to your bones.
