I. Convert

A. Note both a noun and a verb.

B. Definition—to turn around; transform

1. From a belief system

2. From physical nature or properties

3. From form and function

C. Examples

1. From gas to electricity

2. From 110v. in US to 220v in Europe

3. People. Nb. People who convert can become converters.

D. The Bible is full of conversion stories.

1. Nb. In modern translations of the Bible, “convert” is no longer vogue.

a. See: Psa. 19:7; 51;13; James 5:19,20; Matt. 13:15; Lk. 22;32

Acts 3:19; 28:27

E. In our own conversion stories, we see that a distinct process is in place. Agree?

II. The conversion of Darius the Mede is found in Daniel 6

A. Remember chapter two predicted these episodes in world history.

B. The lay of the land: 120 satraps (governors) and 3 administrators (Daniel) over them.

C. Life lessons in conversion fill these verses.

1. Daniel knows how to witness nonverbally as well as verbally. See v. 3

a. Profession success is redefined.

2. Opposition arises at God-granted success.

a. People of faith have inherent vulnerabilities.

b. Jealousy in ever present — from Cain until today.

3. Daniel’s response to opposition is clearly instructive as well as descriptive.

III. Darius epitomizes the birth pangs of conversion.

A. He discovers Kingdoms in Conflict.

1. A Union top and a Confederate bottom get shot at from both sides.

B. Conversion can often involve a dark night of the soul.

IV. Theology 101 issues forth from Darius’ mouth.

A. What is the bottom line declaration that has become his “catalytic converter?” v. 20

B. Let’s examine his theological decree in verses 26-27.

C. If this were a key to our own test what grade would we make? What difference?

**It Is Well With My Soul**

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| **1**. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)  **2**. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  (Refrain) | **3**. My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! — My sin, not in part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  **4**. And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, Even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain) |

**Refrain:** It is well – with my soul,

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