



REFLECTION ON LENTEN CONVERSION

“To repent or to convert is to change direction in the journey of life: not by means of a small adjustment, but with a true and proper about turn. Conversion means swimming against the tide, where the “tide” is the superficial lifestyle, inconsistent and deceptive, that often sweeps us along, overwhelms us and makes us slaves to evil or at any rate prisoners of moral mediocrity. With conversion, on the other hand, we are aiming for the high standard of Christian living; we entrust ourselves to the living and personal Gospel which is Jesus Christ. He is our final goal and the profound meaning of conversion, He is the path on which all are called to walk through life, letting themselves be illumined by His light and sustained by the power which moves our steps. In this way conversion expresses His most splendid and fascinating Face; it is not a mere moral decision that rectifies our conduct in life, but rather a choice of faith that wholly involves us in close communion with Jesus as a real and living person. Repentance is the total “yes” of those who consign their whole life to the Gospel.”

Pope Benedict XVI