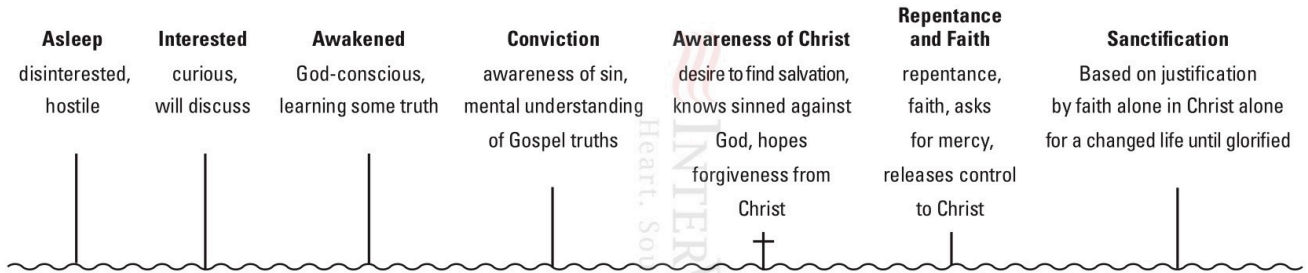


**CONVERSION**

(seen from the human viewpoint)

A process of preliminary inward change towards genuine repentance and faith in Christ (converted)



Timeline: A person's process varies in time and intensity, and may stop before conversion.

**REGENERATION**

(seen from the divine viewpoint)

A point in God's plan when a person is spiritually reborn (regenerated)

*See Rom 8:29-30; Eph 1:3-7, 11-14; 2:4-5, 8-10*

The activity of God underlies what is happening spiritually to a person if they progress to culmination in conversion. The Holy Spirit begins to arouse a person whom God has called; convincing, convicting, creating a desire to turn from self-efforts, trusting in Christ for salvation. There is a point at which regeneration (new birth) occurs. We pass from spiritual death to a new creature in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). The time of a person's profession of faith may or may not coincide with the divine Spirit's justification/regeneration. The validity of our redemption/salvation is evidenced by the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23) and identifying marks (1 John).

Figure 1.