Sir,

In response to the article in your newspaper on Saturday, 6th October, **'I'm a born again Christian - I think people are 'weirded' out by that'**, I have to say that this man's explanation of his 'spiritual experience' is very far removed from what the Bible teaches regarding the 'New Birth'.

Paul said: "Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new," 2 Corinthians 5:17. What this means is explained for us in Hebrews 8:10. "For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people."

There is a thorough change, inwardly and outwardly in the person who receives Christ by faith!

Shane Lynch says of his experience: 'As an older man I decided to accept God into my life, so I decided to get baptised.'

There you have it - baptism is how to 'accept God'. This, along with the fact he is still involved in the ungodly world of 'pop music' and the language he is happy to employ in the article, shows that he is deceived, as so many are, regarding this vital matter.

The nature of true conversion to Christ is set forth in Titus 3:4-7. "But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." Let your readers beware of the deceptions that are abroad today.

Regards,

Ivan Foster, Kilskeery. 6th October 2018.