

## **Abstract**

This thesis is aimed on phenomenon of religious conversion to Christianity in the contemporary Czech society. The term of religious conversion is defined here as “conversion” from “disbelief” to “faith”. Conversion is examined under qualitative research, which is based on eight semi structured interviews with converts. Based on the collected data individual trajectories of conversion were created. Further, a generalized model of process of the religious conversion was created. This model consists of phases which are: admission of existence of the spiritual outreach of our material world, "religious seeking", getting into contact with church, religious group or Christian doctrine itself. Afterwards comes either a phase of rational acknowledgment of God's existence or its emotional confirmation (“religious experience”). Then we talk about the actual conversion what is usually followed by baptism. On the basis of data obtained in this research functions that religion has in life of an individual were identified. These functions are ability to handle meaning of life and its transience and fear of death better, it brings the self-acceptance and helps by establishing meaningful rules to conduct own life.