

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

MORNING MESSAGE

“The First Sermon of the Church – The Invitation”

Acts 2:37-41

- I. THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE (v.37)
 - A. The people were convicted (v.37a)
 1. “Pricked” means to stab or pierce
 2. It was the preaching of the Word that pierced them
 3. It was the preaching of the cross that pierced them
 - B. The people were confounded (v.37b)
 1. The people asked, “What shall we do?”
 2. There can be no real conversion without real conviction
- II. THE REPLY OF THE PREACHER (vv.38-40)
 - A. There was a personal reply (v.38)
 1. You need to repent (v.38a)
 - a. “Repent” means to have a change of mind that leads to a change of conduct
 2. You need to be baptized (v.38b)
 - a. “Baptize” means to bury or put under
 - b. The Greek preposition translated “for” is better translated “because of” or “on the occasion of”
 3. You need to receive the Holy Spirit (v.38c)
 - a. Those who place their faith in Jesus receive the gift of the Holy Spirit
 - b. It is impossible to be saved without the Holy Spirit
 - c. Romans 8:9, “If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his”
 - B. There was a promised reply (v.39)
 1. There is no such thing as Jewish Christianity or Gentile Christianity, male Christianity or female Christianity, black Christianity or white Christianity
 - C. There was a persuasive reply (v.40)
 1. There was an urgency in Peter’s heart
 - a. “Testify” means to present a solemn witness
 - b. “Exhort” means to come alongside
 - c. “Untoward” means perverse, crooked, evil, unrighteous, ungodly generation
- III. THE RESULT OF THE PLEA (v.41)