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SERMON NOTES:

WORD and SPIRIT

The means to save the lost.

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God...’ – 2 Timothy 2:15
The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This truth is one of the purposes why we wish to offer you these sermon notes which are to be used while listening to the sermon.

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INTRODUCTION

Today we will seek to grow in our understanding of the relationship between the Spirit and Word in the work of biblical conversion.

ROAD MAP FOR vv.37-39

1. v.37 The Spirit's piercing.
 - a) It Functions with the Word.
 - b) It Effects the 'heart'.
 - c) It Liberates the will.

2. v.38 The Apostle's command.
 - a) Repent.
 - b) Be Baptized.

3. v. 39 The Blessed promise.
 - a) Unbiased salvation.
 - b) God calls and completely saves.

(I) v.37 The Spirit's piercing.

KJV "Now when they **heard this**, they were **pricked in their heart...**"

NASB "when they **heard this**, they were **pierced to the heart...**"

ESV – "when they **heard this** they were **cut to the heart...**"

Strong's G2660 "they were pierced" - κατανύσσω katanýssō

I. to prick, pierce

II. metaph. to pain the mind sharply, agitate it vehemently.
esp. of the emotion of sorrow

- a) It Functions with the Word. "when they **heard this...**"

The call of the Spirit comes through the word.

- The Spirit Convicts – (John 16:8), The Preached Word convicts (2 Tim.4:2).

- The spirit Calls – (Rev. 22:17), The word Calls (2 Thess. 2:14).
- The Spirit produces faith (Galatians 5:22,25), The word produces faith (Romans 10:17).

The Spirit regenerates us through the word.

- The Spirit gives life (John 6:63), The word gives life (John 6:63, Psalms 119:50)
- Born again of the Spirit (John 3:5), Born again of the word (1Peter 1:23)

The Spirit sanctifies and saves through the word.

- Washed by the Spirit (1Corinthians 6:11), Washed by the word (Ephesians 5:26)
- Sanctified by the Spirit (1Corinthians 6:11), Sanctified by the word (John 17:17)
- Justified by the Spirit (1Corinthians 6:11), Saved from wrath by the word (James 1:21)

The Spirit empowers us through the word.

- Made free by the Spirit (Romans 8:2), Made free by the word (John 8:32)
- Strengthened by the Spirit (Ephesians 3:16), Strengthened by the word (Acts 20:32)

b) It Effects the heart “...they were pierced to the heart...”

Strong's G2588 – “heart” καρδιά kardía :

- A. that organ in the animal body which is the centre of the circulation of the blood, and hence was regarded as the seat of physical life
- B. denotes the centre of all physical and spiritual life
 - i. the vigour and sense of physical life
 - ii. the centre and seat of spiritual life
 - a. the soul or mind, as it is the fountain and seat of the thoughts, passions, desires, appetites, affections, purposes, endeavours
 - b. of the understanding, the faculty and seat of the intelligence
 - c. of the will and character

of the soul so far as it is affected and stirred in a bad way or good, or of the soul as the seat of the sensibilities, affections, emotions, desires, appetites, passions.

c) It Liberates the will. "...Men and brethren, *what shall we do?*"

Ref. Acts 16:29-33

(II.) v.38 The Apostle's Command.

A) Repent.

B1) Be Baptized – a *Metonym*.

METONYM is a figure of speech in which a concept is referred to by the name of something closely associated with that thing or concept.

Example: " The PEN is mightier than the WORD".

Example: "During the English Civil War the Royalists gave their allegiance to the CROWN".

➤ Ref. Rom.6:3-7; Ref. Gal.3:27

B2) Be Baptized – *in the name of Jesus Christ*.

B3) Be Baptized *for remission of sin and the gift of the Holy Ghost*.

(III.) v.39 The Blessed promise.

a) Unbiased salvation.

b) God calls and completely saves.

CONCLUSION:

When we as Jesus' church faithfully share the truth of His Word and the good news of His gospel we ought not be surprised when the Spirit powerfully converts the hard hearts of the unsaved.

Furthermore, we find comfort that the salvation of the lost doesn't depend upon our '*clever techniques*' or our '*evangelism methods*'.

Rather, salvation is granted by the Spirit when we faithfully share His Word with those around us. How does today's message encourage you to tell others about Jesus?