

Peter's Proclamation

Acts 2:14-41

PART FOUR

Introduction

Expository preaching includes:

- Scriptural citation
- Accurate, careful explanation
- Biblical instruction
- Well-reasoned, biblically supported, persuasive argumentation
- Bold, clear, unapologetic gospel presentation
- An urgent, impassioned appeal to repentance and reconciliation

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Matthew 22:41-46

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"Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified" (v36).

"Now when they hear this they were cut to the heart" (v37a).

Gk meaning: 'pierced, stabbed.'

The primary work of the Spirit is conviction.

"And when [the Spirit] comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me" (John 16:8-9).

Two visceral responses. No denials.

Acts 5:30-33

Stephen, full of the Spirit, makes a bold proclamation.

Acts 6:9-10, 12

Acts 7:1-2

Acts 7:51-54

"Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him" (7:54).

"But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him" (7:57-58).

"A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred blows into a fool" (Proverbs 17:10).

A word was enough to strike king David: "Nathan said to David, 'You are the man!'" (2 Samuel 12:1-7).

A look was enough to pierce the heart of Peter: "And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.... And he went out and wept bitterly" (Luke 22:61-62).

"He even burned his son as an offering, according to the despicable practices of the nations whom the LORD drove out" (2 Kings 16:3):

2 Chronicles 28:19-23

"Crush a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with crushed grain, yet his folly will not depart from him" (Proverbs 27:22).

It is not the truth of the indictment of guilt, nor suffering affliction as a result that makes the difference in the response to conviction; but that *God must do a work in the heart.*

God alone must grant repentance (Acts 11:18; 2 Timothy 2:25).

"Brothers, what shall we do" (v37b).

3 Elements that lead to Forgiveness and Reconciliation with God:

- 1. Profound Guilt**
- 2. Terrifying Fear**
- 3. Heart-wrenching Grief**

"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn" (Zechariah 12:10).

The conversion of the apostle Paul.

"And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' And I answered, 'Who are you, Lord?' And he said to me, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting' And I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' (Acts 22:7-8, 10).

The conversion of the Philippian jailer. Acts 16:25-32

"And immediately all the prison doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened" (v26b).

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (v30).

“And they said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’ And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house” (Acts 16:31-32).

“receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:21-22).

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit’” (v38).

“repent” turn from your sins and follow Christ.

“be baptized...for the forgiveness of your sins” Gk *eis* is better rendered, ‘because of.’

“But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:8-9).

“For ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved’” (Romans 10:13).

“To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name” (Acts 10:43).

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts” (Hebrews 4:7).

“For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself” (v39).

“And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this crooked generation.’ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls” (vv40-41).