

The Response to God's Word

Acts 2:37-47

Our text opens with a question that comes in response to Peter's message concerning Jesus Christ. The response [*'they were cut to the heart'* (v. 37)] is an anguished cry from people who just came to grips with their desperate need for salvation. These words ("*cut to the heart*") indicate the sharp pain associated with guilt, anxiety, and remorse. Peter preached the truth concerning the fact that these people (and the rest of us, too) were responsible for the suffering and crucifixion of the Lord, Jesus Christ, God's Son. The Holy Spirit was at work and brought conviction upon them and they cried out for help to end their pain and anxiety. Peter's response to their question came to his hearers as the best good news that they had ever heard – far better than they deserved or could have hoped for! These words that they heard required a response on their part and that response to God's Word changed their lives eternally. As we consider these words, we, too, are compelled to respond to them. It is still the best good news that man can ever hear and our response to it brings release from the guilt and shame of our sin, and the fear and anxiety that life brings to us.

What shall we do?

Repent

Be Baptized

Receive the Holy Spirit

The Blessing of Response to God's Word...

Truth – To Continue

Ties – That Bind

Table – To Appropriate

Throne – To Access