

Scripture: Acts 2:33-47

Singing: 228:1-3 – 337:1-4 – 254:3-5 – 401-4

**If HS pricks your heart, you need to respond
appropriately, immediately, and follow His directions**

I. It is Holy Spirit who pricks your heart through His Word

A. 'Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their hearts' (vs. 37)

1. What pricked their hearts: *the truths Peter preached*

2. Where are you in the sermon Peter preached?

B. If God's truths do not to prick your heart, then you are hardening (Heb. 3:7-13)

II. The way you respond to Spirit's prick will influence how He acts further

A. Scripture reveals that Spirit's ministry is tied to your response to Him

1. OT examples: 1 Sam. 16:14; Judges 16:20; Is. 63:7-9; Ex. 23:20-22

2. NT examples: Eph. 4:30; 1 Thess. 5:19; Heb. 10:26-31

a. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of grace who comes to bless you (Acts 3:26)

3. Positive NT examples: John 14:15-17; 21 (communion) – Rom. 8:13 (life) – 2 Cor. 3:16 (freedom)

a. Peter's message outlines this positive response of the Holy Spirit

● pricked – repent – believe – blessing of Holy Spirit

III. The Spirit calls for your appropriate response in following His directions

A. As God uses pain for our gain, so Holy Spirit causes pain to prompt you to act

B. What are the appropriate responses? (vs. 38-41)

1. to repent is to *turn away* and to *turn to* (vs. 37)

2. to believe is to receive God's offered hand of grace (vs. 38, 40)

3. to obey in keeping His commandments (John 14:21)

Reflect and Act:

A. Are you coming to hear God's Word or confirm your own thinking?

B. If you are pricked, will you respond appropriately and immediately?

Gems of Truth about the Holy Spirit

A Christian may not always be conscious of the Holy Spirit's presence,
but none would be a Christian in His absence.

It is the Spirit's ministry to bring the sinner to the Savior
and to make the sinner like the Savior.

The presence of the Holy Spirit is not excitement or orthodoxy.
It is a transformed character and way of life.

The Holy Spirit is the heavenly Lover's engagement seal given to us.

There is no better evangelist in the world than the Holy Spirit.

Before Christ sent the church into the world, He sent the Spirit into the church.
The same order is needed today.
