Pierced To The Heart

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INTRODUCTION

- Now, when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart. They inquired further. Men and brethren, what shall we do?
- If we can only get people here, everything else will follow.
- The Greek phrase carries the idea of the heart being ripped in two parts.

1 What Prevents Being Pierced to the Heart

1 John 2

- The problem is a heart that's going in the wrong direction. That's why people don't get here.
- They are enthralled with what they see. They are enthralled with themselves. They are enthralled with the world.
- They're not pierced to the heart because they do not care. Their heart is misguided.
- Admittedly, it's a challenge to be passionate about what you cannot see when we are so mesmerized by the appeal of what we can see.
- Don't love the world. He who does the will of God abides forever. The world doesn't last.
- What we invest in our souls far exceeds and transcends everything else.

2 An Informed Heart Overwhelmed by God's Mercy

Ephesians 2; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Corinthians 10:11

- An informed heart is one that is overwhelmed by God's great mercy. That's how you get to the point that you are pierced to the heart.
- Unless there is guilt over your misdeeds, you won't get here.
- I'm standing before the court and I'm guilty. And yet God is extending his mercy. That's what's going on in Acts chapter two.
- Though you have sown to the wind, you don't have to reap the whirlwind.
- He who knew no sin became sin on our behalf. He bore the curse of sin for us.
- Perhaps we need to think regularly about the facts of our condition. So that our heart stays tender and humble and dedicated to our God.

3 An Informed Heart Leads to an Obedient Heart

- That informed heart leads to an obedient heart. Committed to godliness and goodness. That's the natural response.
- Not only were they not getting what they deserve, but they are getting something undeserved. Whatever you want me to do, Lord. No request is too great.

- Save yourselves from this perverse generation was the appeal. And they gladly received his word.
- Conversion to the Lord is from bankruptcy to prosperity.
- But these things have to be spiritually understood and appraised.
- God knows the true value of things, and we are faring as God's people far better than that, but we will not perceive it if we are misguided and misinformed.

THE CHALLENGE

Guilty. But we have received the mercy of God. Have you? Will you say all to Jesus?

MY NOTES