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Today's Scripture Reading

Acts 2:37-41



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What cuts to the heart? Hebrews 4:12



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1 Corinthians 1:16

16 (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.



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Acts 10:43-45

43 To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." 44 While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. 45 And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.



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Acts 13:38-39

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Acts 20:20-21

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Conclusions

- Baptism is important but is not a necessity for the forgiveness of sin
- 2. The spiritual act of repentance and belief in Jesus is needed for salvation



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"Lord make our Pneumatology..."

- 1. Theologically Responsible
- 2. Unbridled
- 3. Expectant



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