

**Energized for Mission - The Heart of It All**

*Psalm 119:9-16; Acts 2:14-36; John 14:26*

The \_\_\_\_\_ is pretty important. Without it oxygen doesn't get to the brain or the rest of the body. It is \_\_\_\_\_. Without a working heart we die. The heart supports and sustains \_\_\_\_\_.

The "heart" is also a \_\_\_\_\_ for the essential quality, characteristic, goal or emphasis of a person or thing. For example, the "heart" of most of our health problems is diet and exercise. At the "heart" of most marital spats or other relationship issues are poor communication, misunderstandings, or feeling underappreciated.

Today we are looking at Peter's sermon a little more closely. What we see is that at the heart of Christ's mission...the heart of the birth of Christ's Church...the heart of the growth and \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's Church, we see the \_\_\_\_\_. No one can say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor. 12:3)

If we are to be engaged in mission, it is helpful to remember that the Holy Spirit does ALL the heavy lifting. We, like Peter, are merely \_\_\_\_\_ for the Holy Spirit to work in the world.

But what's at the heart of the Holy Spirit and what he does? Based on Peter's sermon it sure looks like it's the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. The Holy Spirit descends, energizes Peter, who then starts quoting Scripture. Jesus said the Holy Spirit, "...will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." (John 14:26) God tells us elsewhere in the Bible that the "\_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit" is the Word of God. (Eph. 6:18)

The Holy Spirit and the Word go together like "peas and carrots." They are \_\_\_\_\_. (Ps 119:9-16) How well have you been studying the Word? Have it memorized? On your lips? Could that be why a \_\_\_\_\_ might feel like they are leading a defeated life?

Something else that seems clear from Peter's sermon is that the heart of the Word is the Word Made \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus Christ. ALL of Scripture is pointing to Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_? Jesus. David and Goliath? Jesus? Psalm 16? Jesus. Psalm 110? Jesus. Adam in the Garden? Jesus. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He has done everything necessary for us to be saved. It. Is. Finished. Anything we \_\_\_\_\_ is in response to what he has \_\_\_\_\_ and is merely meant to point people to \_\_\_\_\_.

What's at the heart of the Word Made Flesh? A love for sinners. That's why he did what he did. But also \_\_\_\_\_. More specifically, the truth that sets sinners \_\_\_\_\_.

That truth has something to say about/to our hearts and we'll have to wait for part 2 next week. For now...

*How is the heart of mission and revival (the H.S.) being neglected in your life?*

*How is the heart of the HS, the Word, being neglected in your life?*

*How is the heart of the Word, Jesus Christ, being neglected in your life?*

*What is God telling you is a helpful solution?*

*What are you going to DO about it?*