

SCRIPTURE: Ten Commandments (Ex. 20) – Acts 3:1-26

SINGING: 394:1-3 – 172:2-3 – 212:1-3 – 142:1, 3 – 420:1-2

A. The occasion & fruit of Peter's Acts 3 sermon

B. None of fruits were the acts of apostles or their hearers (6, 12)

1. Acts refers 51 times to Holy Ghost or Spirit: *He is the secret of the Church*

2. Yet He is barely mentioned in *public preaching* of apostolic preaching!

3. Though conversions vary, there are always the essentials: Acts 20:21

GOD'S MESSAGE TO SINNERS

I. In a double call II. In a triple promise

I. God's message to lost sinners among us in a double call

A. You are confronted with your sins against God's anointed: vs. 12-15; 22-23

1. You don't just sin against a man (Num. 14:27; Heb. 13:17)

2. You don't just sin against the Christ God sent (vs. 14-15)

3. You sin against Him Who sent Jesus Christ: *the God of our fathers* (vs. 13)

a. though your sins may not look as dramatic as vs. 14-15

b. according to vs. 22-23 they are not less sinful (Heb. 3:7-19)

c. don't think that 'ignorance' is an excuse (vs. 17)

B. God's call is clear: *Repent ye therefore, and be converted* (vs. 19)

1. Don't plead innocence

2. Don't plead ignorance

3. Plead guilty

a. repent is when you *own your sins as the horrible offence against God*

b. repent is to *turn resolutely (convert) away from every known sin*

4. Don't ignore God's pricking of your conscience (Acts 2:37)

D. God has a double call: ***believe but what?*** (Mark 1:15; Acts 3:16)

1. That He is not here to *condemn you* but to *bless you* (vs. 26)

2. That He has opened the way for reconciliation in His Son (2 Cor. 5:20-21)

3. That He will not cast you out if you take your refuge to Him (Ps. 31:1)

II. God's message in a triple promise (to all who repent and belief His Gospel)

A. The instant and full blotting out of your sins (vs. 19)

B. The refreshing (rest) shall come from the presence of God (vs. 19)

C. The restoration shall come when your Jesus shall return (vs. 21)

Sayings on Repentance and Faith

Repentance is the tear in the eye of faith in Christ.

God has nowhere undertaken to forgive a sin that man is not prepared to forsake.

Repentance and faith are the twin graces received from God.