

## Sermon Notes – February 10, 2019

### The Power Of Love (*Acts 2:37-41*)

#### I. Conviction precedes Conversion. (*Vs. 37-38a*)

\*Conversion is when you begin to love the things you used to loathe and loathe the things you used to love. (*John Phillips*)

A. The reality of sin and guilt.

B. The reality of the need for a Savior.

C. The reality of Repentance.

1. “False repentance dreads the consequences of sin; true repentance dreads sin itself.” –Albert Barnes (*Barnes Notes*)

#### II. Conversion precedes Baptism. (*Vs. 38, 41a*)

A. Public identification with Jesus.

B. Public profession of forgiveness of sins.

C. Public profession of new life in Christ.

1. Reception of the Holy Spirit. (*Ephesians 1:13*)
2. Reality of new life in Christ. (*2 Corinthians 5:17*) (*Romans 6:1-4*)

#### III. Baptism precedes Membership.

A. The church consists of the called out ones. (*Ekklesia*)

1. The gift of life. (*Ephesians 2*)

2. The gift of repentance/belief. (*Philippians 1:29*)

B. The church consists of the separate ones.

1. Be holy, for I am holy. (*8 times*)

2. Distinctively Christian. (*2 Corinthians 6:14-17*)

C. The church consists of the accepted ones.

1. Accepted in the Beloved. (*Ephesians 1:6*)

2. Accepted into the body of Christ. (*Romans 12:5*) (*I Corinthians 12:12-27*)

3. Accepted as the bride of Christ. (*Revelation 19:7-9*)