

## CUT TO THE HEART #1

After the apostle Peter preached the truth about Jesus of Nazareth on the day of Pentecost, thousands of his fellow Jews realized they had unwittingly murdered the long awaited Messiah. Here's their response to this news as recorded in Acts 2:37, "Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Brethren, what shall we do?'" When they finally understood how wrong they had been they were truly sorry and sought forgiveness through obedience to God.

Unfortunately, when the Sanhedrin Council of the Jews heard the very same message from the apostles, they reacted in the exact opposite manner. They were told they had put the Son of God to death on the cross and we read how that affected them in Acts 5:33, "But when they heard this, they were cut to the quick and intended to kill them."

In both cases, people were told the truth, however, one group was motivated to repentance and righteousness and the other to anger and even more sin.

So when we learn truth from the Bible and it convicts us of sin in our own lives, we must not allow that to drive us further away from God. Instead, we should let His word touch our hearts and lead us to faithfully doing what it teaches so that we can be in a right relationship with our Lord.