



Saved
Only By
The Blood
of Jesus!

The Evangelist! Pricked In Your Heart!

If You Died
Today
Would You Go
To Heaven?

Issue 3

The word for your day is **"Pricked"**.

This exact word is only used 2 times in the entire King James Version of the Bible. It is used **Once in Acts 2:37** and **once in Psalms 73:20-22**. It means: **to pierce thoroughly, that is, (figuratively) to agitate violently ("sting to the quick")**: - prick. **Someone might say today, "you have hurt or touched me very deeply"**.

In both following verses, it is talking about the convicting power of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were **pricked** in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

Psalms 73:20-22 As a dream when *one* awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image. (21) Thus my heart was grieved, and I was **pricked** in my reins. (22) So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee

The Apostle Paul was also being "pricked" by the Holy Spirit as Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus. Our Lord Jesus said to Paul:

Acts 9:4-5 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?** (5) And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, **I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.**



Here the word **"pricks"** is used as one who is in the process of being poked with a sharp object many times. When I was a boy on the farm, we would sometimes use a pointed stick—called a **"Goad"**, to poke a large, unruly animal such as a cow. In the livestock pins they use an electronic prod to make an animal move. Either one of these methods does not really injure the animal, but it does get their attention. As a one time farm boy, I know that the "Goad" can cause a stubborn cow to move. The Apostle Paul, before he gave his heart to Jesus, **was a very stubborn religious man.**

Religious people have a hard time in trusting Jesus as their Savior, because they are "arrogant know-it-alls". Jesus said this about these kind of people when He talked about the Scribes and Pharisees.

Matthew 23:15 **Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him two-fold more the child of hell than yourselves.**



We say that in order to get a religious person saved, you first had to help them see that they are lost. Now, **this is not a job for humans, it is a job for God's Holy Spirit.** If you and I try to make them see that they are lost, they often just get angry. When we pray for the Spirit of God to move upon them, then God's Holy Spirit **"Pricks"** their hearts. **This will often manifest it self as a broken and contrite heart. — Sometimes there will be much tears and a whole lot of sorrow over our sins.**

John 16:7-11 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. (8) **And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:**

(9) Of sin, because they believe not on me; (10) Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; (11) Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.



Have you ever been pricked in your heart by the Holy Spirit? I can assure you, it is not a pleasant thing. God's Spirit can give us a case of **Heart Burn** that not even Roloids can help. But, wow, once we have confessed our sin and pleaded for divine cleansing, then there comes this awesome awareness that we are on the same page with God and that everything is just fine!.

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