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Fruits of Emotionalism

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 - Acts 2:36-38
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"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

37 Now when **they heard this**, **they were cut to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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"You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. 52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And **they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers,** 53 who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it." 54 When **they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth.**

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Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, **preached Jesus to him.** 36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" 37 Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "**I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**" 38 ... Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. 39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and **he went on his way rejoicing.**

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Now as **he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid** and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."

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- Social Gospel (John 6:26)
- Aids or Additions
- Packaging the Message

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