

Awe: Day by Day in 2016

- A. **Day by day.** That's our congregational focus for 2016. To be "of Christ." Every day. Everywhere. To follow in the footsteps of the earliest Christians—men and women whose lives were powerfully transformed (Acts 2:42-47). How?
1. In the hearts of those who were willing to meekly receive "the word of the cross," alienation from God lead to amazement lead to questions lead to realization lead to conviction.
 2. Conviction through "the word of the cross" produced devotion to "the way of the cross."
- B. Taking the same blueprint to its next logical step, where does devotion lead?

"Awe" Came Upon Every Soul _____

- A. "And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles" (Acts 2:43).
- B. Awe: an overwhelming feeling of _____, admiration, or fear produced by that which is grand, sublime, or extremely powerful.
1. "...the Lord exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel, and they stood in **awe** of him..." (Josh 4:14)
 2. "...when Saul saw that [David] had great success, he stood in fearful **awe** of him" (1 Sam 18:15)
 3. "...the judgment that the king had rendered, and they stood in **awe** of the king..." (1 Kings 3:28)
 4. "...stand in **awe** of him, all you offspring of Israel!" (Psa 22:23)
 5. "...let all the inhabitants of the world stand in **awe** of him!" (Psa 33:8)
 6. "...those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in **awe** at your signs" (Psa 65:8)
 7. "Princes persecute me without cause, but my heart stands in **awe** of your words" (Psa 119:161)
 8. "...they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in **awe** of the God of Israel" (Isa 29:23)
 9. "It was a covenant of fear, and he feared me. He stood in **awe** of my name" (Mal 2:5)
 10. "...they glorified God and were filled with **awe**..." (Luke 5:26)
 11. "...they were filled with **awe** and said, 'Truly this was the Son of God!'" (Matt 27:54)
 12. "And **awe** came upon every soul..." (Acts 2:43)

"Awe" Can (and Should) Come Upon Every Soul _____

- A. "For **you**... See that **you**... Therefore let **us**..." (Heb 12:18-29)

- B. Conviction produces devotion and devotion is fueled by _____.

1. Awe provokes and drives acceptable _____ (John 4:24).

2. Awe inspires and sustains rational _____ (Rom 12:1).

- C. In the _____ of awe, heart's grow dull, ears don't hear, eyes are closed (Matt 13:13-15).

1. What _____ your sense of awe? (Matt 15:8; Rom 1:21)

2. What _____ your sense of awe? (Jer 29:13; Hos 6:3; John 6:35; Psa 40:1-3)