



The Worker

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Baptism for the Remission of Sins

In the religious world today there is much controversy over the subject of baptism. Some believe it is necessary to obedience and one may not refuse to submit, but it is not essential to our becoming a child of God. Others believe it is not necessary at all while others believe it is a prerequisite in becoming a Christian that baptism is for the remission of sins.

What do the Scriptures Say?

Peter was asked by those assembled on Pentecost, "What should we do?" (Acts 2:37). He replied, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). The expression, "for the remission of sins" is literally "into (to, unto, with a view toward) the remission of sins." Also note that inspiration puts **(1)** repent and **(2)** baptism before **(3)** "remission of sins."

Argument over the Word "For"

Some in the religious world argue that the word "for" before "remission of sins" is translated from the Greek word "eis" and means "because of." In other words, one is to repent and be baptized "because" his sins have already been forgiven.

First, that would be a strange interpretation putting repentance after one becomes a Christian rather than before. Can one be saved without repentance (Luke 13:3,5; Luke 24:47; Acts 17:30-31)? Secondly, it is also interesting that Jesus himself tied baptism with belief (faith) in Mark 16:16. He also put "saved" after both belief and baptism. If one is saved before repentance and baptism, then the same would hold true of belief (faith) in Mark 16:16. Is one saved before he believes that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God?

The Greek Expression "Eis" and a Similar Passage

Does the Greek expression "eis", rendered "for" in Acts 2:38 mean "because of?" If the expression means one is already saved before he repents and is baptized, it would have that meaning in other passages where it is used. If it does not mean that in other passages, it cannot mean that in Acts 2:38.

When Jesus instituted His supper, he stated in the latter part of Matthew 26:28, "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Who will argue that we are saved before Jesus shed his blood (Hebrews 9:22)? If the expression, "for the remission of sins" means one is saved before what is described prior to the expression in Acts 2:38, then that interpretation must also apply in Matthew 26:28.

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When You Read the Scriptures

Paul said, "Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ" (Ephesians 3:4). The Bible can be understood if we will learn how to study. A few simple rules will help us as we study.

Read the Bible knowing that it is inspired of God. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16). The Scriptures are authoritative. Christ has all authority (Matthew 28:18).

When reading Scriptures, ask, "Who is doing the speaking?" In Genesis 3:4 we can read, "Ye shall not surely die." If I know the Devil said this, then I will have no trouble understanding that this is not a true statement.

We need to know to whom the message is spoken when we read the Scriptures. Sometimes the Bible speaks to the Jews as under the Law of Moses, sometimes to the man, sometimes to the woman, sometimes to elders of the church, or the deacons. Some passages have their application in the life of the individual, like in the story of the Good Samaritan, and some to the church as a group.

One must love the truth when he reads the Scriptures. Paul said that some "perished because they received not the love of the truth" (2 Thessalonians 2:10). Truth cannot be handled carelessly. If one loves the truth, he will study and accept the truth as it is without trying to pervert it.

When reading Scripture read the context. This simply means read the passage before and after the one you are trying to understand.

Read all on a given subject. You will not understand the truth unless you read all that God has said about a given topic. When you study the subject of faith, you should read every passage on the subject of faith. No passage contradicts another, but all Scriptures harmonize one with another. John said, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand" (Revelation 1:3).

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning *Satan's Lair - Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17*
 Sunday Evening *The Shortest Distance between Two Points is a Zigzag*

Leadership

Elders Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey
Deacons Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr,
 Robby Stocksdale, Joe Sweeney
Pulpit Minister Eric Welch
Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

Panama Missions

Evans Campbell Pablo Sanchez

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Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service		PM Service		AM & PM Services	
Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Song Leader	Clint Smith Jr	Announcements	Harold Tinch
Opening Prayer	John Keaton	Bible Reading	Ethan Welch	Lord's Supper	Leon Stocksdale
Scripture	Fin Burton	Selection	40	Offering	Greg Blanton
Sermon	Eric Welch	Prayer	Rick Martin	Usher	Art Patrick
Lord's Supper		Sermon	Eric Welch	Count Offering	Joe Sweeney
Message	Kevin Blalock	Closing Prayer	Jerry Montgomery	Assist Count	Hank Tinch
Attendant	Brandon Montgomery	Last Sunday			
Attendant	Marc Owens	<i>If you are unable to serve,</i>		Contribution	Attendance
Closing Prayer	Robby Stocksdale	<i>Call Art Patrick 502-819-9481</i>		\$2998	121
		<i>Or Harold Tinch 288-5956</i>			

Inspection Time

Eric Welch

In the summer of 1993, I worked briefly at Wendy's in Sanford, North Carolina. I remember when managers announced times for inspection by the district manager, someone we didn't know. This announcement made the workers scurry to get everything spic and span for the inspection and to start treating customers a bit nicer than normal. Generally speaking, the A rating that you see posted in a restaurant means that for at least one day, the store was thoroughly clean. However, wouldn't inspections serve their purpose better if they were unannounced? An unexpected inspection would compel the restaurant managers to keep the restaurant clean all the time. The restaurant managers should be motivated, not by a barely passing A grade, but by the safety and health of its customers and employees.

When Jesus returns, He will not make an announcement of His coming. Jesus told his disciples that as they go about their daily lives, He will come again when we least expect him. They should be motivated, therefore, to live pure and holy before Him (2 Peter 3:11). The only sign that Jesus gave of His return was His own resurrection that foreshadows our resurrection. This sign did not announce the time of his coming but the surety of it. His His resurrection foreshadows the resurrection of all men at the Day of Judgment. He is the "first fruits of those who are asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Therefore, our resurrection will follow.

We are given assurance that one day he will judge all men (Act 17:31). When Jesus comes again for the great inspection will he find faith on earth (Luke 18:8)?

"Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect" (Matthew 24:44).

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It would make Jesus saying His blood was shed for many because their sins were already forgiven. Just think, you and I were saved before Jesus shed His blood! If we were, then we were saved by something other than the blood of Jesus!

Conclusion

If the phrase "for the remission of sins" in Matthew 26:28 means Jesus' blood was shed "in order" that you and I might receive the remission of our sins, then the same expression in Acts 2:38 means you and I repent and are baptized "in order" to receive the remission of sins.

<http://gewatkins.net/baptism-for-the-remission-of-sins-2/#sthash.y6sz0QBY.dpuf>

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls." Acts 2:36-41

Prayer Requests

Please remember all those who serve in our military and the first responders (police, fire, medical) who serve in our communities.

Military Service: Stephen Blanton, Cody Felker, Scott Viers, Zach West

Hamburg Pike Happenings

Please plan to attend and pray about our Vacation Bible School; here are a few details:

- Theme: "Marvelous Moses"
- Date: Sunday July 20th through Wednesday July 23rd.
- Time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm each night
- Lessons: "Drawn from the Water", "Take Off Your Shoes", "Let My People Go", "Manna, Quail / Milk, Honey"
- Classes are planned for all ages including adults.
- Activities each evening include: crafts, snacks, songs, prayer and a "BIG" Bible character.
- Snack time Wednesday will be "Make your own ice cream sundae"

Our first congregational fellowship meal in our new facility was a great success. We had about 120 in attendance for the dedication ceremony. Thanks to all those who prepared food, setup the tables/chairs, prepared the beautiful center pieces and served in other ways to make this a special occasion. Thanks to the fellowship group leaders for organizing the dinner. Special thanks to Clint Sr for his good work serving as chairman of our building committee. The Lord has and continues to bless the Hamburg Pike congregation.

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